

Tishomingo National Fish Hatchery

Monthly Report
October 2014



Aquatic Species Habitat Conservation and Management



Arkansas River shiner brood fish were brought to the Tishomingo NFH by the Oklahoma FWCO and Oklahoma Ecological Services Office. These fish were collected during an assessment survey on the Canadian River from Amarillo, Texas, to Norman, Oklahoma. The Arkansas River shiners will be used by the Tishomingo NFH in spawning studies.

Arkansas River shiners.

In October, the final group of 1,340 paddlefish were tagged and released into Lake Eufaula. This brings the total number of year class 2014 paddlefish produced and stocked to 26,241.



Stocking paddlefish in Lake Eufaula.



Tishomingo NFH stocked about 13,500 channel catfish at the Wichita Mountains NWR to replenish three ponds for fishermen. The Refuge reimbursed the Hatchery for the expense it took to raise the catfish.

Outreach

Dickson High School Zoology students toured the Tishomingo NFH in October during their classroom study of fish species. The favorite activity for the 64 students was feeding the channel catfish and watching the feeding frenzy that ensued. Their teacher had been on a tour at the Hatchery when she was in high school; remembering that tour led her into Zoology studies and a teaching career. Therefore, she wanted her students to have the same meaningful experience.



Channel catfish feeding frenzy.

Volunteers

Tishomingo NFH is pleased to welcome Bonnie Farris as a new volunteer starting in October. Ms. Farris is a graduate of Southwestern Oklahoma State University, has worked for Disney World in hydroponics, Noble Foundation in Ardmore, OK, in vegetative testing, and currently is a Naturalist at Lake Murray State Park near Ardmore. She will be volunteering at the Hatchery one day per week to expand her knowledge of aquatic conservation.

Workforce Management

Ralph Simmons and Brian Fillmore assisted Southwest Native Aquatic Resource and Recovery Center with tagging the Rio Grande Silvery Minnow for one week. During their tagging time of three full days, about 94,000 fish were tagged.



VIE tag implanted in Rio Grande Silvery Minnow.

Tishomingo NFH welcomes our new term Animal Caretaker, Scott Oliver. Scott has worked at Sequoyah NWR, and most recently for the National Park Service in Maryland. He also served in the U.S. Air National Guard and Air Force Reserves.



Fall colors at Tishomingo NFH.



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