



Potential Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program-funded grassland restoration project south of Winslow, AZ.

**AZFWCO Staff**

**Flagstaff**

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- Mitch Thorson, Fish Biologist
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## Aquatic Species Conservation and Management

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AZFWCO staff (Mitch Thorson, Briana Thorson, John Naugle, Kirk Young, & Jess Newton) participated in the annual multi-agency Mohave Lake Razorback Sucker Roundup. The purpose of this large survey effort is to estimate the population size of razorback in Lake Mohave. AZFWCO's survey area was around Arizona Bay. Using trammel nets, we contacted approximately 43 razorback during the week-long effort. The population is now comprised entirely of reintroduced fish.

Kirk Young met with agency staff to identify criteria and possible facilities to house a second Bonytail Chub refuge population. The recovery effort identified in 2011 was intended to prevent interruption of recovery and catastrophic loss of the species. An evaluation team was developed that will assess and select a new facility to house the 2nd refuge population.

Jeremy Voeltz coordinated with staff

from the Arizona Ecological Services Field Office and Regional Office to continue compiling information for the Species Status Assessment for Roundtail and Headwater Chubs.

Jeremy Voeltz participated in the spring Apache Trout coordination meeting. Priorities for the 2015 field season and future funding ideas/proposals were the main topics discussed.

## Aquatic Habitat Conservation and Management

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Dominic Barrett met with a landowner and Arizona Game and Fish Department Landowner Relations Program staff to discuss a potential Partners for Fish and Wildlife (PFW) Program-funded grassland restoration project south of Winslow.

Kayla Barrett completed and submitted the National Fish Habitat Partnership (NFHP) Performance Measures reports for the Desert FHP.

Jess Newton and Kirk Young continued to engage in conference

calls and meetings on the Glen Canyon Dam Long-Term Experimental and Management Plan (LTEMP) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

## Partnerships and Accountability

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Kayla Barrett coordinated and facilitated the Desert Fish Habitat Partnership (DFHP) bimonthly teleconference.

Dominic Barrett attended a FWS Region 6 PFW meeting in Gunnison, Colorado.

Dominic Barrett participated in the monthly Apache Natural Resource Conservation District meeting in Springerville, AZ.

Dominic Barrett participated in the Intermountain West Joint Venture (IWJV) State Conservation Partnership annual meeting in northern California.

Dominic Barrett participated in the

IWJV Farm Bill Liaison conference call.

Jess Newton, Jeremy Voeltz, and Kirk Young completed the draft FY14 AZFWCO Annual Report and submitted it to the Regional Office for review.

Jess Newton submitted FWS updates for Bureau of Reclamation's annual "Report to Congress: Operations of Glen Canyon Dam Pursuant to the Grand Canyon Protection Act of 1992."

Kirk Young attended the formative meeting for the regional Emphasis Area effort. Kirk is a member of the Mogollon Emphasis Area (MEA) team who's task is to begin to

assess needs and develop objectives for work in the MEA. The team also developed MEA boundary change recommendations for leadership to consider.

## Cooperation with Native Americans

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Jeremy Voeltz continued coordination with the White Mountain Apache Tribe to include summaries of Roundtail Chub data for populations on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation for inclusion in

the Service's Species Status Assessment for Roundtail Chub.

AZFWCO staff participated in the monthly Fishery Coordination meeting among AZFWCO, A-WC

NFH (Alchesay-Williams Creek National Fish Hatchery), & WMAT-WORD (White Mountain Apache Tribe-Wildlife & Outdoor Recreation Division).

## Public Use and Outreach

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Kayla Barrett worked with the graphic designer to draft designs of DFHP water bottle stickers and bumper stickers.

Kayla Barrett continued to highlight native desert fish for #DesertFishFriday on DFHP's

Facebook page. Check it out at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Desert-Fish-Habitat-Partnership/193053497376208?ref=hl>



Did you know AZFWCO had a facebook page? We post

information on our staff, upcoming projects, educational events, and volunteer opportunities across the state. We currently have 527 "likes" from 20 countries. Check us out at [www.facebook.com/AZFWCO](http://www.facebook.com/AZFWCO).



## Leadership in Science and Technology

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Mike Pillow, along with Kirk Young, produced a video montage titled "At a Glance: Fisheries Activities in Grand Canyon" that will be presented at the All-Region Meeting on April 14 in Albuquerque. The video is 10:11 long and divided into three approximately 3-min segments that briefly describe our

primary projects: Little Colorado River Humpback Chub monitoring, Little Colorado River chub translocations, and mainstem Colorado River chub aggregation monitoring.

Dennis Stone finalized and submitted the Humpback Chub

translocation manuscript to North American Journal of Fisheries Management for potential publication.

Jeremy Voeltz submitted an abstract to present at the 2015 Annual American Fisheries Society meeting's "What's New With Western Native Trout?" symposium.

## Workforce Management

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Jennifer Johnson attended the National Conservation Training Center course "GIS Introduction" in Wood River, Nebraska. The course gave participants an introduction to GIS technology and terminology and taught them how to use an existing GIS.

Jennifer Johnson completed the Motorboat Operator (MOCC) refresher course.

Jeremy Voeltz completed interviews for the Apache trout seasonal crew. Selections will be made soon, and

the crew will start in late May or early June.

Vic Scott, AZFWCO's new Administrative Officer, began work at our Flagstaff office on March 9 and is quickly coming up to speed.

Several AZFWCO employees completed the annual FISSA Training (Federal Information System Security Awareness).

Staff and volunteers participating in our April 14-24 Little Colorado River Humpback Chub monitoring trip

completed the required Basic Aviation Safety training.

Staff participated in the AZFWCO bimonthly teleconference.

Kayla Barrett completed the AZFWCO Accomplishment Report for February.

Mike Pillow sent out the notifications to selected volunteers for the 2015 Little Colorado River monitoring field season.

## Workforce Management *continued*

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### Upcoming Events:

Little Colorado River April  
monitoring trip: April 14-24

Little Colorado River May  
monitoring trip: April 19-29

