



Neosho National Fish Hatchery

NEWSLETTER

May and June 2014

We are privileged to work in such a beautiful place!



Springtime is baby time at the hatchery!





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May is a busy time for our outreach program. We have many groups come to tour the facilities, and we are asked to give presentations at schools and other places.



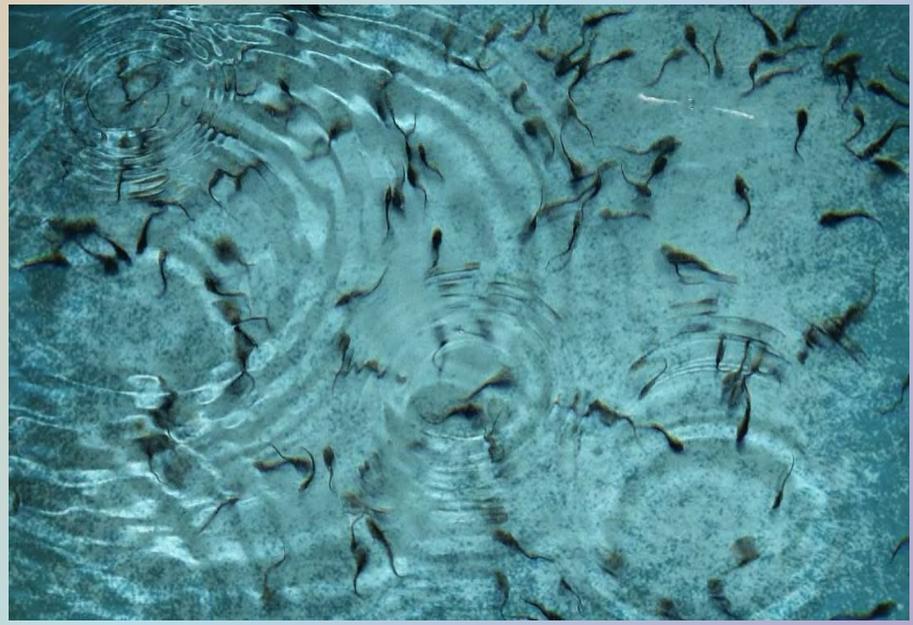
All kids love to look at the aquatic macroinvertebrates!



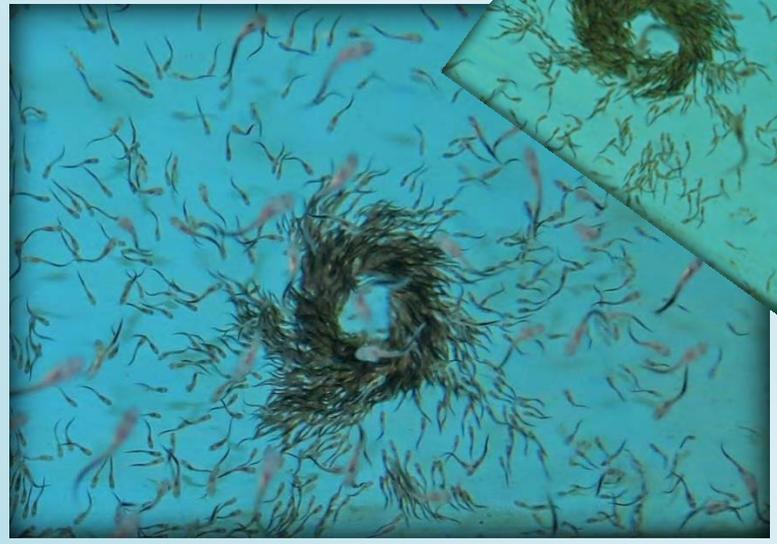


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May is also the most exciting time for our pallid sturgeon program. Early may is spawning time, and just look at all these happy, healthy little sturgeon tykes!



For some unknown reason, the tiny sturgeon fry would spontaneously start this spiraling behavior. This was only observed for a few days.





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Scute removal and PIT tagging on the pallid yearlings.



All Hands on Deck for the Sturgeon Tagging!



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In May, on the Memorial Day weekend, we hosted a veterans event to raise money and awareness for the Wounded Warrior project. It featured bands and booths from noon until 9pm.

Local artist Jeffery Jones unveiled his latest hatchery painting that will be printed on four large panels and displayed in our visitor center.



Can you believe this sunset?! Great way to end the event.





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The first Friday each June is our Kids Fishing Derby. We had right around 400 kids register and enjoy themselves! Congressman Billy Long even joined us for the event.





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In early June, staff from the Neosho hatchery traveled up north to more than a half dozen sites along the Missouri River to release yearling pallid sturgeon as part of our endangered species restoration program.





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Outreach in Kansas City for inner city kids:



Fish signs painted anew by local artist and Friends member Jack Sours:



New pond papershell mussels and more baby pallid sturgeon:



The Final Word, from hatchery manager David Hendrix.



Hi Everyone ☺,

The staff here at the Neosho National Fish Hatchery is very proud to serve our nation in the field of conservation. Our goal is not to re-invent the wheel, but, to make the wheel better and we do that by networking and building relations with our partners as well as our communities on a daily basis. We dare to make a difference and every day we strive to make sure everyone's visit to our nation's oldest operating federal fish hatchery is a wonderful and educational experience. We encourage anyone and everyone to visit the Neosho National Fish Hatchery at your earliest opportunity and be ready to have an enriching awakening.

Until Next Time, Take Care ☺!!!!!!!!!!



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