

Tishomingo National Fish Hatchery

Monthly Report

October 2015



Aquatic Species Conservation and Management

- Juvenile Arkansas River shiners are growing well in glass aquaria. Different types of food are being used to determine the preferred diet.

Arkansas River shiners at right;

Harvesting pond for forage fish, below.



- Two ponds were harvested for forage fish providing additional food for alligator snapping turtles before their metabolic rates decrease for the winter months.

FACILITY MAINTENANCE

- Repainting fiberglass circular tanks with protective coat of epoxy to prevent leaks.



Painting fiberglass circular tanks with epoxy to prevent leaks.

- Porch on Quarters 3 was repaired following the replacement of the roof damaged in spring storms.

Porch at Quarters 3 before repair.



VISITORS AND OUTREACH



➤ Tishomingo NFH hosted a tour for a large group of biology students from nearby Dickson High School. Their teacher was among science teachers from across the state who had toured the hatchery during the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) tours eight years ago. The students were enthusiastic about fish hatchery activities.

Dickson High School students during tour of Hatchery.

- Tishomingo NFH was asked by the Oklahoma Energy and Environment Office to participate in the H2Oklahoma Festival this year for sixth grade students in south-central Oklahoma. The festival was held at the Chickasaw National Recreation Area in Sulphur, OK. The goal of H2Oklahoma was to focus on the protection and importance of water resources in the state by setting up twenty activity stations for the 320 students who attended. At each activity station, the students learned a particular fact about water resources and were required to write essays on each topic when they returned to class. Our staff took turtles for comparison discussions and an alligator gar.



H2Oklahoma Festival outreach event.

WORK FORCE

The Tishomingo NFH welcomed Jim David Alberson (David) in October. Mr. Alberson is retired Navy and Army, most recently serving a civilian appointment with the Department of Defense. He will serve as Maintenance Worker at the Tishomingo NFH.



Alligator Snapping Turtle Hatchling in Pennington Creek at Tishomingo NFH Involved in Research.

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