



# ALCHESAY-WILLIAMS CREEK NATIONAL FISH HATCHERY COMPLEX WHITERIVER, ARIZONA



## MONTHLY ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT

May 2015

*Bruce Thompson – Complex Manager  
Administrative Assistant - Vacant*

### *ALCHESAY UNIT*

*Gene Okamoto – Unit Leader  
Pete Drevnick – Maintenance Worker/Motor Vehicle Operator  
Jeff Cody – Motor Vehicle Operator  
Joyner George – WMAT Fisheries  
Chadwick “Sharkey” Amos – Volunteer  
Travis Taylor – Laborer*

### *WILLIAMS CREEK UNIT*

*Bradley Clarkson – Unit Leader  
Russell Wood – Fish Biologist  
John Fenslage – Maintenance Worker  
Mike Figueroa – Motor Vehicle Operator  
Jimmy Smith – Motor Vehicle Operator  
Isaiah Paxson – Animal Caretaker  
Carol Walker – Volunteer  
Jonathon Walker-Volunteer*





### *PARTNERSHIP AND ACCOUNTABILITY:*

- All requisite water sampling for the EPA was completed twice this month for both units.
- Alchesay-Williams Creek personnel participated in the monthly Fisheries Coordination meeting between AZFWCO (Arizona Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office) and WMAT-WORD (White Mountain Apache Tribe – Wildlife and Outdoor Recreation Division).

### *AQUATIC SPECIES CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT:*

- Staff drove 3,298 miles to deliver 31,584 catchable sized rainbow trout (8.5” length) and 37,954 Apache trout (8.5” length) to Fort Apache, Zuni, San Carlos, Navajo, Jicarilla, and Pueblos Reservation lakes. In addition, almost 33,000 3” surplus Brown and Rainbow trout were added to the fish requests.
- Alchesay received 87,995 rainbow trout and 46,586 brown trout three inch fry from Williams Creek NFH. This concludes the spring transfers between the two sister facilities.

### *PUBLIC USE AND OUTREACH:*

- Williams Creek received 100 visitors this month and Alchesay received a total of 162 visitors.
- Jimmy Smith conducted a tour of Williams Creek for new employees of Indian Services. Later in the month Mike Figueroa conducted a fish hatchery tour for 25 Reece Foundation Special Needs students.



## ***WORKFORCE MANAGEMENT:***

- Carol Walker continues to provide valuable assistance at the Williams Creek Unit. She provided 150 hours this month helping out with fish culture duties and building maintenance. Jonathon Walker provided 86 hours at Williams Creek toward fish culture duties, grounds maintenance, and office work.
- Pete Drevnick traveled to Jacksonville, Florida to pick up seven surplus Air Force maintenance shelters. Plans are to use several of these as raceway canopies. These new canopies will provide valuable shade and help reduce predation loss and stress related post-transfer mortality of juvenile Apache trout. Traditionally there has been a very high mortality on these juvenile fish when they are moved from their protected environment in the Apache trout tank house to outside raceway rearing. Canopy protection should do wonders to alleviate some of these high losses.
- John Fenslage added new safety signs and updated the Safety Plan for Williams Creek.
- Bradley Clarkson, Pete Drevnick, Russ Wood, and Bruce Thompson attended the Water Reuse for Intensive Fish Culture course held in Phoenix, Arizona. The knowledge gained from this course will be used to address the declining spring water flows.
- Steve McEvoy (Occupational Safety Specialist) visited both stations for our yearly safety assessment. Both hatcheries passed without any major issues to correct.
- John Fenslage completed his Heavy Equipment Operations (HEO) online training, in advance of his one week (HEO) detail at Mora National Fish Hatchery.
- Bruce Thompson, Gene Okamoto, and Bradley Clark completed the required Firearms Accountability Course.
- One flatbed work truck and a fish hauling diesel truck were auctioned through GSA.

## ***LEADERSHIP IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY:***

- Coordination and review of plans have been started for the upcoming disinfection station to be built at Alchesay NFH.

## ***UPCOMING EVENTS:***

- The complex is on schedule to complete summer fish stocking by the first week of June.

- Fish were sorted and selected for the annual Bog Tank Kids fishing derby which is being held Saturday June 6th. The service has been a proud sponsor of this event and looks forward to this partnership year after year.
- Two YCC selections will be made and start dates will be scheduled.