



Arizona Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office



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AZFWCO Mission: Working with others to conserve, protect, and enhance fish and other aquatic organisms and their habitat in Arizona and the Southwest.

Partnerships and Accountability

Rob Randall assisted Bill Williams River NWR staff with the 2012 Annual Christmas Bird Count. Some of the species seen included red-necked Grebes, surf scoters, and American coots.

Dominic Barrett participated in the Intermountain West Joint Venture monthly conference call.

Other Accomplishments:
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).

Aquatic Species Conservation and Management

Rob Randall and Mitch Thorson harvested, tagged, and released 54 razorback suckers into the Colorado River from Office Cove, Emerald Canyon Golf Course ponds, and River's Edge Golf Course ponds.



Kirk Young, Randy Van Haverbeke, Dennis Stone, and Mike Pillow participated in the Grand Canyon Fisheries Cooperators meeting at GCMRC (Grand Canyon Monitoring and Research Center). Work from the 2012 field season was summarized and schedules, fieldwork, and logistics were discussed in preparation for the 2013 field season. Mike presented the methods and results for the 2012 translocation collection efforts for Chute Falls, Little Colorado River, Havasu Creek, and Shinumo Creek. Mike also presented the results of the September 2012

mainstem Colorado River humpback chub aggregation monitoring trip.

Jeremy Voeltz participated in the annual Gila Trout Recovery Team meeting in Albuquerque, NM. The main focus of the meeting was to address efforts needed following the 2012 Whitewater-Baldy complex fire which burned through much of the species range in New Mexico.

Travis Taylor and Jenifer Johnson assisted Williams Creek NFH with Apache trout spawning.

Public Use

Jennifer Johnson and staff from Alchesay-Williams Creek NFH participated in the Whiteriver School District's "Innovation Nation" science night. Students learned how to sample count Apache trout eggs and what it is like to be a fish biologist.



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Cooperation with Native Americans

Travis Taylor worked with WMAT-WORD staff to conduct an electrofishing survey of Bootleg Lake on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation.

Rob Randall assisted with the stocking of bonytail in Deer Island and Moovalya

backwaters on the Colorado River Indian Tribes reservation. The bonytail were harvested from the Achii Hanyo facility, a satellite facility of Willow Beach NFH.

Jennifer Johnson finalized the "Asaayi Lake Fish Survey 2012 Report" for the Navajo Nation Fish & Wildlife Department.

Aquatic Habitat Conservation and Management

Dominic Barrett and Karla McGhan completed processing final reimbursement for the Beaver Creek Riparian Protection PF&W (Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program) project. The project has been completed and all obligated funds have been spent.

Dominic Barrett reviewed and approved payment information for the Bonita Prairie Grassland Restoration and the City of Sedona

Wetland Establishment PF&W projects.

Kayla Barrett submitted DFHP (Desert Fish Habitat Partnership) funding recommendations and rankings for FY13 projects to the Region 2 National Fish Habitat Program representative on behalf of the DFHP Steering Committee.

Other Accomplishments:
Rob Randall completed backwater

water quality monitoring at River's Edge Golf Course ponds, Office Cove, Parker Dam Pond, Emerald Canyon Golf Course ponds, High Levee Pond, Three Fingers Lake, and Topock Marsh.

Tammy Knecht completed contractual water quality monitoring at Alamo Lake and Cibola NWR.

Workforce Management

Rob Randall worked with Student Conservation Association interns from Havasu and Bill Williams River NWR to teach them about endangered fish, how to perform water quality sampling, and how to program, set up, and deploy a remote PIT tag scanner.

Jennifer Johnson completed the final portion of the OSHA Refresher Course.

Kirk Young completed federal supervisor training in Phoenix.

Staff participated in AZFWCO's winter staff meeting in Flagstaff. Staff discussed travel reductions, upcoming staffing needs, and strengths development.

