



Monthly Accomplishments

November 2015

Fisheries Activities

Weston Furr, Jason E. Davis and Ernie Teller assisted Southwestern Native Aquatic Resource and Recovery Center (SNARRC) with the stocking of 402,087 Age-0 Colorado Pikeminnow into the San Juan River. Fish were stocked at two locations on the San Juan River and one on the Animas River, a tributary to the San Juan. Ernie also assisted Ouray National Fish Hatchery - Grand Valley Unit with the stocking of Razorback Sucker into the San Juan River.



Weston securing piping while releasing Colorado Pikeminnow.



Endangered Razorback Sucker.

Andy Dean, Tristan Austring, Weston Furr, Chris Kitcheyan

and Angela James assisted the Pueblo of Santa – Department of Natural Resources with their tri-annual fish community monitoring.

Thomas Archdeacon, Tristan Austring, and Eileen Henry, assisted SNARRC with Visible Implant Elastomer (VIE) tagging of Rio Grande Silvery Minnow (RGSM). These fish were subsequently stocked in the Rio Grande in accordance with the RGSM Augmentation Plan in November 2015.

Staff assisted with the harvest and stocking of 141,091 RGSM within the Isleta and San Acacia reaches of the Rio Grande. The RGSM were stocked out from multiple facilities including SNARRC, Albuquerque BioPark, and the Los Lunas Silvery Minnow Refugium.

Meetings and Trainings

Thomas Archdeacon and Jason E. Davis participated in the Middle Rio Grande Endangered Species Collaborative Program (MRGESCP) Catch per Unit Effort (CPUE) Workshop planning meeting. Participants continued developing a schedule for the upcoming CPUE Workshop to be held in December 2015.

Tom Sinclair and Chris Kitcheyan attended the Annual

Fisheries Coordination Meeting hosted by the Southwest Regional Office (RO) at the Pueblo Cultural Center. Topics of discussion included updates on the fiscal year 2016 budget, the Strategic Plan, and Emphasis Areas.

Chris Kitcheyan attended the Southwest Tribal Fisheries Commission (SWTFC) meeting held at Bureau of Indian Affairs. Jennifer Fowler-Propst, R2 Fisheries Supervisor, provided updates concerning the renovations of the Alchesay-Williams Creek National Fish Hatchery Complex and Emphasis Areas. In addition, updates to the MOA between the Service and the SWTFC was also discussed.

Stephen Davenport presented a poster at the Desert Fishes Council Conference held at the Death Valley National Park. The poster, *Seasonal Variation in Reproduction of Pecos Bluntnose Shiner*, was co-authored by Stephen Davenport, Thomas Archdeacon, Sara Blocker, , and Kjetil Henderson.

Education and Outreach

Angela James led the Annual Native Fish in the Classroom Teacher Workshop at NMFWCO. The Workshop provided the opportunity for teachers and staff to share updates, changes,

and ideas for the new season. Teachers representing Emerson Elementary, Monte Vista Elementary, Valle Vista Elementary, Osuna Elementary, Zia Elementary, Cien Aguas International, and Bosque School are all on board to help make this another successful year.



Angela with the Teachers participating in the NFIC Project.

Angela James, Jason Davis, and Ariel Elliott (Valle de Oro NWR) led multiple field days on the Rio Grande for four students from Southwest Indian Polytechnic Institute (SIPI) and 14 high school students from Bosque School. The students learned how to seine and identify fish and microhabitats of the Rio Grande. In addition, the students aided in the collection of small-bodied fish for the NFIC Project.



SIPI students seining in the Rio Grande.



Angela and Bosque students identifying their fish catch.

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Upcoming Activities

Activities and meetings currently scheduled are listed below. Dates are subject to change.

December 2015

1st – 4th: San Juan River Biological Committee Meeting, Durango, Colorado

3rd – 10th: NFIC Aquarium Delivery, APS Schools

8th-10th: MRGESCP Population Monitoring Workshop in Albuquerque, NM

January 2016

13th-14th: Gila Trout Recovery Team Meeting, Albuquerque

12th-14th: Upper Colorado River Endangered Fish Recovery Program/San Juan River Basin Recovery Implementation Program's Annual Researchers Meeting; Durango, CO

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