



Uvalde National Fish Hatchery

Monthly Activity Report

January 2013



Uvalde National Fish Hatchery Staff

Project Leader – Grant Webber

Assistant Project Leader – Karin Eldridge

Administrative Technician – Sandra Castaneda

Engineering Equipment Operator – Cirilo Alonzo

Maintenance Worker – Rene Guerra

Fish Biologist – Rick Echols

Animal Caretaker – Vacant

Volunteers – Patricia Schenk and Thomas Jetzer

Partnerships and Accountability

In partnership with the San Juan River Recovery Implementation Program, the station continues propagation efforts for razorback sucker. As identified in approved Recovery Plans, refugia efforts continue for the Texas wild-rice, fountain darter, Comanche Springs pupfish, and San Marcos salamanders.

Workforce Management

Karin attended the Project Leader Academy at the National Conservation Training Center.

Rick completed the Pesticide Use Proposal usage reporting for 2012 and updated current Pesticide Use Proposals.

The volunteers built stands for the display aquaria that will be placed in the lobby for visitors.

Facility Maintenance

The GE transfer switch that transfers power to the tankhouse from the CAT generator during power outages is malfunctioning again and will need to be replaced. When the main power goes off the transfer switch now has to be switched manually to generator power. There also appears to be a malfunction with the CAT generator. The generator's breaker switch sometimes trips before it can transfer power to the tankhouse. It is believed that this issue is unrelated to the transfer switch but will be evaluated by a technician trained in generator repairs.

A representative from Butler Building visited the damaged holding house (water tank collapse) to evaluate the damages. He will be providing a quote for the necessary materials to make the repairs.

January's air temperatures ranged from a low of 23 degrees Fahrenheit to a high of 89 degrees Fahrenheit. Precipitation totaled 1.45 inches this month.

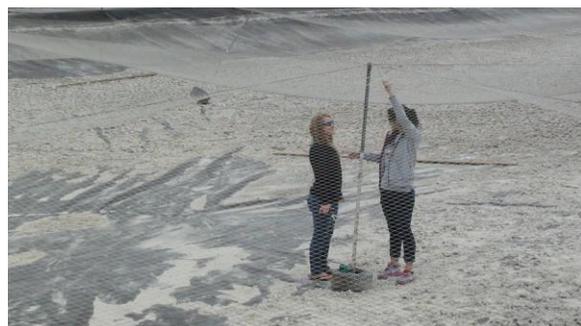
Additional Facility Activities

Matt Joyce, a reporter from Texas Highway Magazine, called to check facts for an article that will mention the hatchery in the April 2013 issue.

Staff took cardboard, glass, paper, aluminum and steel, and plastic to our local recycling facility. Approximately 90 pounds of cardboard, 50 pounds of glass, 100 pounds of paper, 15 pounds of aluminum and steel, and 40 pounds of plastic were recycled this month.

The annual inspection and maintenance of the fire extinguishers was performed by the Uvalde Fire Equipment Co.

Eleven senior high school students from Knippa Independent School District received a tour of the hatchery and volunteered for three hours doing various activities as part of their Senior Service Day.



Facility Visitors

The hatchery was visited by 19 individuals this month for bird watching, tours, and other outdoor visitation activities.