



## Uvalde National Fish Hatchery

### Monthly Activity Report

March 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. Razorback sucker were harvested from ponds this month in preparation for tagging in April 2013. As identified in approved Recovery Plans, refugia efforts continue for the Texas wild-rice, fountain darter, Comanche Springs pupfish, and San Marcos salamanders. The Southwestern

Native Aquatic Resources & Recovery Center (SNARRC) (formerly known as Dexter National Fish Hatchery and Technology Center) provided 3,500 Comanche Springs pupfish to Uvalde NFH.

SNARRC received 700 pounds of razorback sucker diet feed that was purchased by the Uvalde NFH for anticipated receipt of razorback larvae that is no longer occurring.

## **Workforce Management**

Our winter volunteers, Patricia and Thomas, returned home this month. We are already looking forward to their return in December 2013. Projects that they worked on this year include modifying the Texas wild-rice building on the south end of the hatchery, building aquarium stands for the lobby, building a computer stand for the lobby, and maintaining our Texas wild-rice plants.



Karin accepted a job in the regional office in Albuquerque, NM and will transfer next month. We wish her well in her future position.

## **Facility Maintenance**

The Spurgeon well pump maintenance is almost complete. One part needs to be replaced and then it will be finished.

March's air temperatures ranged from a low of 33 degrees Fahrenheit to a high of 93 degrees Fahrenheit. Precipitation totaled 0.22 inches this month. According to The Weather Channel the monthly precipitation average for March is 1.76 inches.

## **Additional Facility Activities**

Staff took cardboard, glass, paper, aluminum, steel, and plastic to our local recycling facility. Approximately 75 pounds of cardboard, 50 pounds of glass, 75 pounds of paper, 5 pounds of aluminum and steel, and 30 pounds of plastic were recycled this month.

The importance of office safety and eye protection were reviewed in the quarterly safety meeting held this month.

## **Facility Visitors**

The hatchery was visited by 24 individuals this month for bird watching, tours, and other outdoor visitation activities.