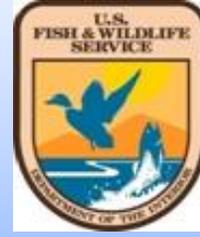




Uvalde National Fish Hatchery

Monthly Activity Report

November 2012



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 and completed the fall stocking trips to the San Juan River. By the end of November, 10,670 razorback sucker have been stocked into the San Juan and Animas rivers. As identified in approved Recovery Plans, refugia efforts continue for the Texas wild-rice, fountain darter, Comanche Springs pupfish, and San Marcos salamanders.

We greatly appreciate their time and energy that are required for the 36 hour round trip drive. As always, we want to thank the New Mexico Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office for coordinating the trips and assisting staff with the stockings.

Grant Webber attended the San Juan Recovery Implementation Program's Biological Committee meeting and gave a presentation on the various changes that the station has implemented to minimize hauling stress to the razorbacks.

Sandra completed the annual Energy Report for fiscal year 2012.

Staff completed end of the year evaluations, Defensive Driving training, and All-Terrain Vehicle/Utility Terrain Vehicle training.

Patricia Schenk and Thomas Jetzer returned as volunteers for their second winter with us. We are extremely happy to have their expertise, enthusiasm, and knowledge for another season.

Workforce Management

The razorback sucker stocking trips are complete. The station continued sending two distribution trucks for the stocking trips in November and Sandra Castaneda, Uvalde's Administrative Technician, went on her second fish stocking trip this month. We want to thank Sandra and the San Marcos Aquatic Resource Center. Jeffrey Hutchinson and David Phillips from San Marcos Aquatic Resource Center graciously volunteered to help us.



Patricia Schenk and Thomas Jetzer

Facility Maintenance

Reconstruction of the new holding house is still not complete due to various items observed by Robert Baca (RO Engineer) and Mike Zamora (Contracted Construction Inspector) of the Region 2 Division of Engineering. Robert and Mike visited Uvalde to perform a final inspection of the building. Once the remaining items have been completed by the contractor, Rhino Contractors, LLC, and inspected for completeness, the project will be finalized.



The electronic component in the well control flow system was replaced and the system is functioning normally. The ice machine's compressor cooling fan broke and was repaired. The ice machine was also serviced and cleaned. A plumbing leak on the incoming water supply line to the tank house was repaired along with several leaking camlock fittings inside the tankhouse.

November's air temperatures ranged from a low of 38 degrees Fahrenheit to a high of 88 degrees Fahrenheit. Precipitation totaled 0.13 inches this month.

Additional Facility Activities

Grant gave a tour to the Uvalde Tourism Council members to acquaint them with the hatchery so they are better able to promote the hatchery as a potential visitation site for people visiting the community.

Staff took cardboard, glass, paper, aluminum and steel, and plastic to our local recycling facility. Approximately 420 pounds of cardboard, 40 pounds of glass, 250 pounds of paper, 30 pounds of aluminum and steel, and 65 pounds of plastic were recycled this month.

Facility Visitors

The hatchery was visited by 11 individuals this month for bird watching, tours, and other outdoor visitation activities.