



Willow Beach National Fish Hatchery December 2012 Monthly Report



The hatchery stocked 8,202 twelve inch rainbow trout weighing 6,532 lbs this month into Lake Mohave at the Willow Beach stocking sites.

The third seasonal stocking below Davis Dam occurred in December with 4,000 twelve inch trout weighing 2,468 lbs. being stocked. (15.4.6.5)

The hatchery had 81 visitors sign the guest registry this month. (15.4.12)

Maintenance activities for the month included: Replacing an engine on an EZ-GO cart; installing a flow meter on the pupfish well; patched asphalt; repaired feed room floor and repaired and painted discharge pipe on fish pump.

Achii Hanyo Native Fish Rearing Facility



Wire Tagging Bonytail

All the ponds were harvested and the fish sorted, tagged and stocked the first week of December. 5,252 bonytail chubs were stocked from Achii Hanyo this month. A total of 775 bonytail chub >300mm total length (TL) were tagged and stocked in the Lower Colorado River. In order to clear the facility of holdover fish to facilitate needed pond and levee work prior to 2013 stocking, 4,477 bonytail ranging in size from 200mm to <300mm TL were also tagged and stocked into the Lower Colorado River. An additional 520 bonytail averaging ~250mm were tagged and stocked below Davis Dam as part of another Bureau of Reclamation project. The 2012 bonytail survival rate was 69.5%. A total of 4,009 razorback suckers were tagged and stocked into Lake Mohave. Stocking sites included Princess Cove, Carp Cove, Cottonwood boat ramp and Willow Beach boat ramp. The 2012 razorback survival rate was 68.4%.



Razorback Harvested at Achii

Alison Verkade received the Agricultural Commercial Applicator Certification by the Arizona Department of Agriculture with the Aquatic Pest Control Category.

A total of 3.0 volunteer hours were completed this month by Hendrik Verkade assisting with harvest activities.

Maintenance activities included cleaning up the facility post-harvest, preparing the facility and equipment for winter storage, having oil changes completed on the two facility work trucks, having a broken tailgate latch on one of the work trucks fixed, and having the plumbing and septic issues originating with the crew trailer addressed. Due to issues locating the septic tank and encountered electrical lines during digging, further work on the septic issues has been postponed until the electrical lines are marked and a Willow Beach NFH staff member is available to operate the bucket loader. (7.12.3.3)