

Willow Beach National Fish Hatchery February 2013 Monthly Report

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The hatchery stocked 8,807 twelve inch rainbow trout weighing 5,855 lbs this month into Lake Mohave at the Willow Beach stocking sites. 4,000 trout weighing 2,684lbs were stocked below Davis Dam at Davis Camp and Rotary Park, Bull Head City, AZ. In addition, 1,000 trout weighing 415 lbs were stocked on Colorado River Indian Tribe lands. (15.4.6.5)



Stocking CRIT with Trout

The hatchery stocked 3,853 razorbacks this month weighing 4,471lbs. The hatchery has completed all razorback stocking for this fiscal year and has met the commitment of 7,000 fish for MSCP, calendar year 2013. WBNFH has stocked 15,238 razorbacks in the past 2 months.

Razorback larvae collections have began and to date BR has brought 8,000 larvae to the hatchery. The goal for this year is 25,000 larvae.

The hatchery had 230 visitors sign the guest registry this month. One official tour was conducted for a group of fourteen Girl Scouts from Golden Valley, AZ. (15.4.12)

Tom Frew and Jake Rice both traveled to NCTC for “Coldwater Fish Culture” course. Tom is an instructor and Jake is a student (12.2.4)



Removing a Culvert

Maintenance activities for the month included: Replacing the kitchen range in house #2; covering the razorback inside rearing reservoir with foam sheeting to help keep the heat in the water; pulled fish stocking barge out of the water and completed annual maintenance prior to storing for the summer and worked at Achii as described below.

Achii Hanyo Native Fish Rearing Facility

The first two weeks of February were dedicated to reworking the ponds and levees, removing problematic culverts, and removing bulky waste from the facility with

a work crew from Willow Beach. Ponds were re-graded and compacted to remove low spots to facilitate harvest. Levees were extended, filled in, and smoothed as needed throughout the facility. Three culverts were removed and drainage ditches were created to avoid issues with beaver dams. Pond inlet valves were replaced as needed. Two 30 yard dumpsters were filled with waste and removed from the property.

A total of 5.0 volunteer hours were completed this month by Hendrik Verkade assisting with spreading alfalfa pellets and installing kettle screens.



Pond Work

General maintenance activities included cleaning up the facility; preparing the ponds for stocking in March by filling all ponds and spreading alfalfa at a rate of approximately 200lbs/ac; organizing the plumbing supply shed; inventorying the facility tools and equipment, changing the oil in the facility golf cart, spraying emerging weeds around the facility, installing a permanent electrical line to the domestic water pump and resolving

the septic issues from December 2012. The solids side of the septic tank found in January was dug out and riser was installed. After continued issues with the septic system, another service call was made and a second septic tank was located that services both facility trailers. The second located tank was overflowing ←and was pumped. (7.12.3.3)

