



Willow Beach National Fish Hatchery Lcpwct { '4236 Monthly Report



The hatchery stocked 12,154 razorback suckers this month weighing 10,432 lbs.



Stocking sites included Willow Beach, Princess Cove, Cotton Cove, 9- Mile Cove, Liberty Cove and ringbolt Rapids all on Lake Mohave. All the stockings were paired day and night events. In addition, five backwater ponds were stocked, AJ, Dandy, N. Chem, Yuma, Willow and 9mile.

Prior to the stocking events the fish were sorted for the day/ night stockings and the some of the backwater fish were



genetic sampled for an ongoing project that the Bureau of Reclamation is working on.

Giovanni Cappelli, Animal Caretaker and Alison Verkade, Fish Biologist attended and presented station information at the annual CRAB meeting in Laughlin, NV.

Tom Frew, Assistant Project Leader, was an instructor for the Cold Water Fish Culture Course held in Phoenix this year. This two week course provides in depth training for beginning fish culturists.

Mark Olson, Project Leader, hosted Nick Maetalla, Senator McCain's staff member for an informative tour and

meeting regarding the trout program at WBNFH. Mr. Maetella and other representatives from Arizona Game & Fish, Nevada Department of Wildlife, Mohave County and City of Bullhead City all engaged in discussions about why the trout program ended, the challenges leading up to the end of the program and what the facility needs to be a functioning trout hatchery again.



Bernie Freeman and Mark Orton, Regional Engineers, visited the hatchery to plan out future well water



development for endangered fish. In addition, Bernie inspected the gabion flood

control structure currently under construction.

A well contractor was called out to pull the cold water well to investigate the



cause of reduced water flow. A small hole was located the pump pipe. The pipe was replaced, the well screens scrubbed, the pump and motor pressure washed and reinstalled.

Everything is working great now.



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Maintenance activities included: Rewiring emergency generators for recirculating systems; ran airlines into hatchery building; repaired water leaks on well water system; installed backup air pressure switch; replaced batteries in barge, pulled barge out of water and prepared for storage.

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The annual draw-down of the canal operated by the Bureau of Indian Affairs that supplies water for the facility production ponds took place from January 5th thru January 18th. Due to a large amount of debris in the waterway, water to the production ponds remained off until January 22nd. To minimize water allocation overages, water to the production ponds was turned off once the ponds were refilled.

There were no observed fish mortalities in the production ponds this month.

A total of 14.0 volunteer hours were completed this month by Hendrik Verkade assisting with cleaning canal gate during draw-down period, hazing cormorants and herons, and trash removal.

Maintenance activities included: cleaning the canal gate, treating the production ponds with copper sulfate, leaf-blowing, installing additional bird deterrent string, hazing cormorants and herons, having the oil changed in one of the facility vehicles, and changing the oil in the facility golf cart.



Duck Hitting String