

# Willow Beach National Fish Hatchery

## July 2015 Monthly Report

No fish were stocked this month

176 visitors signed the guest registration.

The remainder of the 2015 RBS were moved outside.

A pre-bid meeting for the floating pump system was held on July 14. Robert Baca traveled from Albuquerque to participate in the meeting with four prime contractors and several sub-contractors.

Mark Olson traveled to Mora NFH this month to participate in the evaluation of the facility for a potential site to house a second BTC brood stock. The brood stock are currently being held at SNARRC.

Scott Peterson attended COR training in Denver, CO

WBNFH staff conducted five tours this month for 48 people. In addition, staff drove the stocking truck in the 4th of July parade in Boulder City, NV.

This month Tom Frew had the opportunity to visit the Southwestern Native Aquatic Resources & Recovery Center (SNARRC). The SNARRC is hosting an intern this summer that is one of the 37 Career Discovery Internship Program (CDIP) interns that are station at various Fish and Wildlife Service facilities nationwide. Tom has a role of offsite mentor to Aura Y Muniz Torres, a college student from Puerto Rico who is interested in pursuing a career in aquaculture in

her home country.



Aura at SNARRC

This summer she has had many different opportunities to learn about pond culture of several species, disease diagnostic techniques, administrative and outreach programs and research programs as these apply to aquaculture in the FWS.

We thank the Service and the staff at the SNARRC for hosting her this summer and for providing a broad spectrum of experiences for her to consider as she continues her discovery of different career opportunities that are available.

### Maintenance Activities

Repaired the cylinders and rams on the backhoe; replacement of the generator batteries after starting failure and buffing scratches out of two different truck hoods.

### Achii Hanyo Native Fish Rearing Facility

In the month of July at Achii Hanyo most of our focus has been on maintaining dissolved oxygen levels and managing the weeds in ponds. The most effective method of weed

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removal is mechanical so a pond rake was built to drag the ponds.

A plan for dead tree removal is being developed. In preparation for those tree removals pictures have been sent to the sawyer to plan the event.

Monsoonal rains have caused minor damage to pond levees and roadways and repairs have been made.



Chara in an Achii Pond