

Willow Beach National Fish Hatchery March 2013

Monthly Report

The hatchery stocked 8,000 twelve inch rainbow trout weighing 6,662 lbs this month into Lake Mohave at the Willow Beach stocking sites. 4,254 trout weighing 2,798lbs were stocked below Davis Dam at Davis Camp and Rotary Park, Bull Head City, AZ. This was the last stocking of trout below Davis Dam until October 2013. No trout were stocked on tribal lands this month. (15.4.6.5)

The hatchery transferred 1,313 razorbacks this month weighing 105lbs. to Achii Hanyo for grow out in the ponds.

Razorback larvae collections continued this month and to date BR has brought 18,000 larvae to the hatchery. The goal for this year is 25,000 larvae. →

WBNFH had its annual fish health inspection, results pending.



Mark Olson, Project Leader, meet with two Park Service representatives, Mike Boyels and Toshi Yoshida to discuss environmental compliance concerns on upcoming projects at the hatchery. ←

The hatchery had 406 visitors sign the guest registry this month. The large volume of visitors is most likely related to Spring break and perfect weather. (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. They finished up the two week course the first week of March. (12.2.4)

Maintenance activities for the month included: Annual Service on the fish stocking barge; submitting forms for license plates on trailers; submitted forms for excessing surplus items at WBNFH and Achii Hanyo and general cleaning, grounds maintenance and minor repairs.

Achii Hanyo Native Fish Rearing Facility

A total of 1,313 razorback suckers from Willow Beach NFH were stocked in ponds on March 11th. Bonytail chubs from the Southwestern Native Aquatic Resources &

Recovery Center arrived on March 11th, and a total of 20,454 bonytail were stocked into production ponds on March 13th. Approximately 225 bonytail chub were set aside for a Bureau of Reclamation project to begin in April 2013.

Due to supplied water allocation overage charges incurred in 2011 and 2012 the water supply to the production ponds was adjusted to minimal levels as pond temperatures remained low with high dissolved oxygen. The water supply to the ponds will be adjusted for the 2013 production season to limit allocation overages as much as possible.

A total of 8.5 volunteer hours were completed this month by Hendrik Verkade assisting with installing bird deterrent wires around the production ponds and hazing cormorants.

Maintenance activities included: repairing a leak in the inlet piping between Ponds 3 and C; repairing a blower line damaged during February pond and levee work; filling in low spots and smoothing levees; repairing the drainage issue with the large tank in the covered tank farm; installing bird deterrent wires around the production ponds; treating the production ponds with the first round of copper sulfate; changing the oil in the facility golf cart and cleaning up the facility following stocking. (7.12.3.3)



Drainage Issue, pipe filled with tree root

