

Willow Beach National Fish Hatchery December 2015 Monthly Report

Mark Olson traveled to Albuquerque to participate in the FY 2016 Project Leader meeting.



Project Leader Meeting Participants

62 visitors signed the guest registration.

Staff participated in the second annual Christmas bird count. Two volunteers joined the counting effort this year for a total of eight counters. A combined effort of 19 hours and 28 miles were covered with a result of 51 species observed and 7,493 individual birds counted.



Utilizing the Stocking Barge for Bird Counting



Peregrine Falcons Perched Along the River

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Maintenance Activities

Maintenance activities included building new air manifolds for neutral buoyant bio beds; the scope of work for extending well 3 was started; the bathroom drain line in quarters 3 was rerouted due to a blockage and limited access to repair the existing line and staff continued to remove rock debris from behind the shop building.



Plumbing Project

Achii Hanyo Native Fish Rearing Facility

Harvest of five production ponds was completed the first two weeks of December. A total of 947 BTC >300mm were tagged and stocked in Laughlin Lagoon. In addition, 5,269 young of the year BTC were transferred to Lake Mead State Fish Hatchery. A total of 2,814 RBS >300mm were tagged and stocked in several sites including Oxbow, Cibola NWR and Golden Shores. An additional 56 RBS < 300mm were stocked in Office Cove



Achii Hanyo harvest and Tagging Activities

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on the Bill Williams NWR.

Three ponds of BTC were left to redistribute into empty ponds at Achii after they have been dried and repaired.

Tim Bundy, Fish Biologist at Achii, transferred to Dworshak NFH, Fish Health Unit. Hatchery staff from WBNFH will rotate into Achii and cover the facility until a new Biologist is hired.

Upcoming Activities

- Razorback sucker stocking in January
- Razorback sucker larvae start arriving