

Willow Beach National Fish Hatchery September 2016 Monthly Report

Senator Flake stopped by the hatchery to see the new floating river pump system. Tom Frew showed the Senator around on his evening visit.



Craig Springer, Chris Tincher, Park Service Public Affairs staff all met at the hatchery to start the planning process for a ribbon cutting event for the new river pump system in October.

Heidi Stream conducted a hatchery tour for a local Boy Scout Troop. This was Heidi's first official tour and she did a great job informing the 15 kids and 5 adults.



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20 visitors sign the guest registration. Several more visitors signed in however a strong wind carried the registration sheet away.

Giovanni Cappelli, Fish Biologist assisted the USFWS, AZGFD and Grand Canyon Monitoring and Research Center in an ongoing native fish population monitoring and translocation project on the Little Colorado River.



The crew placed 540 net sets over nine days covering the lower 15 kilometers of the Little Colorado River. Sampling crews captured the four different species of native fish found in the Little Colorado River including the humpback chub, flannelmouth sucker, bluehead sucker and speckled dace.

Data was collected from fish that were captured in hoop nets. Each fish received either a PIT tag or visible implant elastomer, depending on size and species.

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A Pioneer Pump Technician was here with the contractor to address a few issues with the new pumping system. The technician adjusted a shaft to align a priming pump belt and adjusted the oil levels in each pump and motor.



IRTM from the regional office traveled to the hatchery and installed seven new computers. Mario Cisneros, Jennifer Suina and Tim Wise all helped with our I.T. needs



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Maintenance Activities

Five indoor raceways were epoxy coated in the tank room. The minimum was done on this project in preparation for a drain line replacement scheduled for this fiscal year. After the drain line replacement all the indoor raceways will need to be recoated.



Tony Mueller, Maintenance Worker spent the month catching up on maintenance for all the equipment on the hatchery.

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Achii Hanyo Native Fish Rearing Facility

The vacant Biologist position was filled with an applicant from Wisconsin, Evan Jones. Mr. Jones will be starting on October 17th.

Maintenance Activities

- Replaced roofing on the pump shed
- Painted the pump shed

Upcoming Activities

- Trout eggs arrive in November
- Razorback PIT tagging in November
- Fish Biologist starts at Achii Hanyo in October
- Hire Biological Science Technician
- Harvest Achii Hanyo late November/December

