



Willow Beach National Fish Hatchery January 2015 Monthly Report



The hatchery stocked 16,745 razorback suckers greater than 300 millimeters into Lake Mohave. Stocking sites were located up and down lake of the hatchery. The Bureau is conducting a survival study based on day and night stockings so the hatchery stocked equal numbers of fish at the same location one week apart, one night and one day.



Hatchery staff met with the Bureau to discuss a new rearing strategy for RBS at WBNFH. The general idea is to hold an entire year class of fish on station for five years and try to obtain an average of 400mm. The current rearing plan is to PIT tag and stock fish as they reach 300mm which most likely takes our fast growing fish out of the hatchery so we never obtain a large average size.

104 visitors signed the guest registry in January.



Stocking Back Water Ponds

In addition, 750 razorbacks were stocked in backwater ponds on Lake Mohave. The backwater fish were clipped for genetic analysis prior to stocking. Genetic samples were taken from a sub set of the back water fish.

Maintenance activities included: Completion of larval room; purchase and use of the label printer; replace hub on golf cart; fabricating new brochure holders and feed room floor



Year Class 2015 Razorback Larvae

Several staff from WBNFH and Achii Hanyo attended the Colorado River Aquatic Biologist Meeting. Giovanni Cappelli, Fish Biologist and Timothy Bundy, Fish Biologist presented information at the meeting for each facility.



New Brochure Holders



New Floor



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Achii Hanyo Native Fish Rearing Facility

Maintenance activities include: prepping two large piles of wood and brush for burning; excavated a broken pipe that is now ready to be repaired and continued to clean and organize the facility for ease of future use.

Our next major projects will be to replace the drain mechanism in Pond A and disk and grade all the ponds that are not currently in use.

