

Southwest Tribal Fisheries Commission

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE



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Who Are We?

Coalition of Tribes, Pueblos, and Nations
with a strong desire to promote self-
determination through the development of
sustainable recreational and native
fisheries programs

Member and Affiliated Tribes

- Jicarilla Apache
- Mescalero Apache
- Navajo Nation
- Northern Ute Tribe
- Oh-Kay Owingeh
- Pueblo of Cochiti
- Pueblo of Isleta
- Pueblo of Laguna
- Pueblo of Nambe
- Pueblo of Picuris
- Pueblo of Sandia
- Pueblo of San Ildefonso
- Pueblo of Zuni
- Pyramid Lake Paiute
- San Carlos Apache
- Santa Clara Pueblo
- Southern Ute Tribe
- Pueblo of Acoma
- Pueblo of Jemez
- Pueblo of Nambe
- Pueblo of Pojoaque
- Pueblo of San Felipe
- Pueblo of Santa Ana
- Pueblo of Santo Domingo
- Pueblo of Taos
- Pueblo of Tesuque
- Pueblo of Zia
- Hualapai Tribe
- Salt River Pima-Maricopa
- Tohono O'Odham
- Tonto Apache
- White Mountain Apache
- Fort McDowell Yavapai
- Gila River Indian Community
- Colorado River Indian Tribes

Background

- Formed in April 2002, in response to:
 - Closure of the Mescalero National Fish Hatchery on the Mescalero Apache Indian Reservation in New Mexico
 - Chronic erosion of funding and maintenance at the Alchesay and Williams Creek National Fish Hatchery Complex on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation in Arizona

Our Vision

- Assist Tribes with creating and facilitating partnerships
- Provide advocacy for Tribes to obtain funding and support
- Provide technical assistance, training, education, and equipment

Achievements

- Under SWTFC, a 2005 pilot project at the Mescalero Tribal Hatchery produced 20,000 lbs. of rainbow trout for distribution to Tribes
- 2006, Tribal youth engaged in fish culture
- 2008, MOU between Commission and USFWS
- 2009, MTH transferred to the Mescalero Apache Tribe
- MTH now produces > 250,000 lbs. of rainbow trout annually while allowing Tribal youth to engage in experiential training in fish culture
- National Fish Hatchery System *Strategic Hatchery and Workforce Planning Report*
- Roundtail chub and headwater chub proposed listing

Sovereign Nations Youth Service Corps











Goals: Looking Forward

- Increase inter-governmental and non-governmental partnerships
- Emphasize native fish restoration
- Maintain support for Mescalero Tribal Fish Hatchery
- Engage native youth in conservation
- Provide scholarships for advanced education
- Sponsor workshops and conferences
- Increase membership in Commission

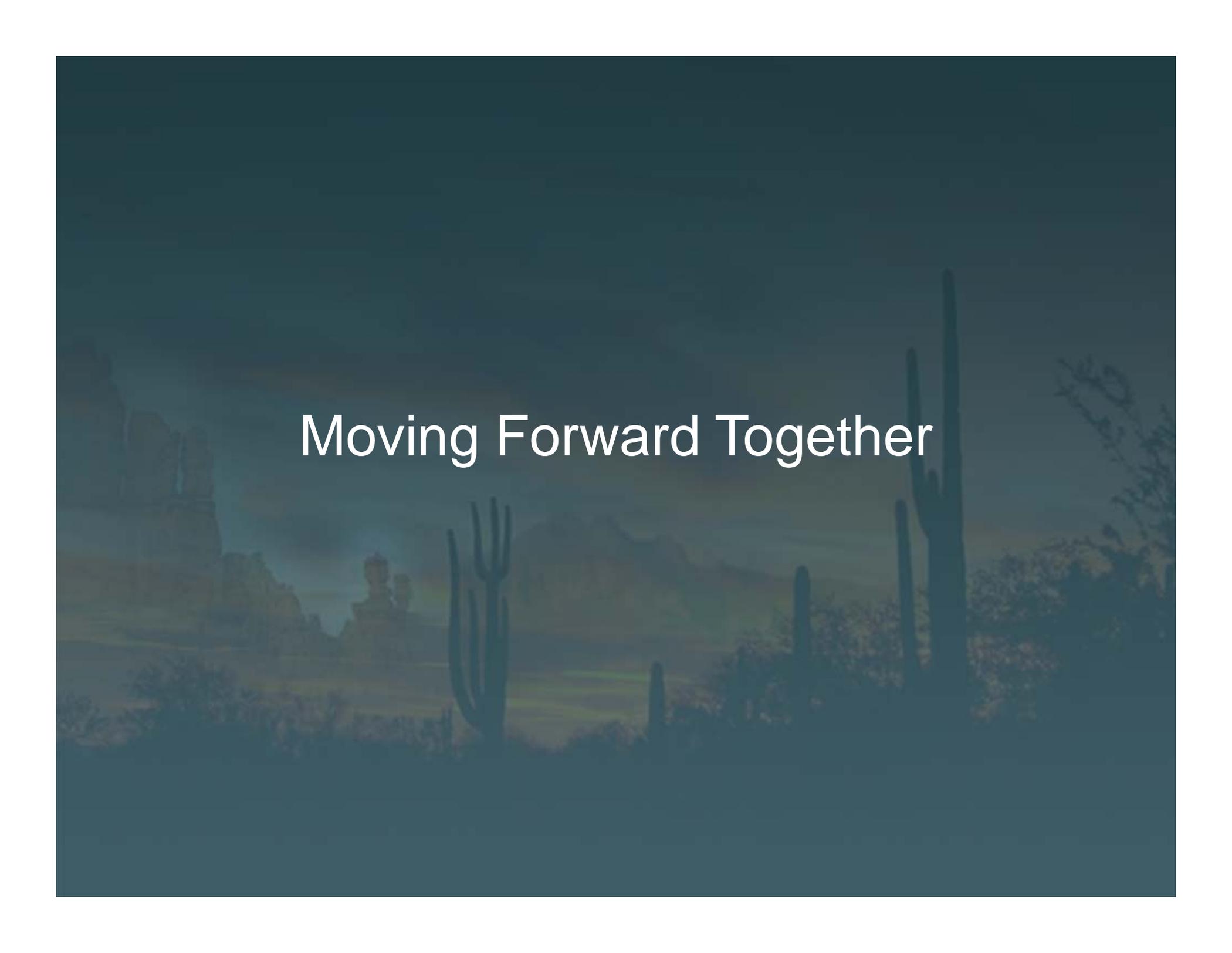
Why Partner with the SWTFC?

- The unique strength of the SWTFC lies in its ability to bring together tribes with diverse fisheries resources, people, skills, fisheries programs, and geographic landscapes to provide a unified voice for better management of fisheries resources on their respective lands.
- Political sovereignty of Native American lands creates unique opportunities for the SWTFC to partner with Federal, State, and Private groups to achieve shared goals such as improving fisheries management and conservation.



Cost-effective and disease-free certification of non-native recreational/sport species generates significant funding to Southwestern Tribes.

In turn, the Tribes are able to function as important partners in recovery efforts for all listed species.

A dark, blue-tinted photograph of a desert landscape. In the foreground, several saguaro cacti are visible, some with arms. The background shows a range of mountains under a hazy sky. The overall mood is serene and quiet.

Moving Forward Together

Working with Tribes to Restore and Recover Native Trout and Other Species

- SWTFC
- Forest Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Reclamation
- States of Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Utah, Nevada, and Southern California
- Trout Unlimited, Federation of Flycasters, TRCP, NAFWS, corporate America
- Colleges and Universities









Building Partnerships and Sharing Information

- Annual Native and Wild Trout Conference
- JAM Arizona/New Mexico AFS/TWS Meetings
- Southwest NAFWS and SWTFC Meetings
August 9-11, 2016, Twin Arrows Resort and Casino,
Navajo Nation
Special partnership gatherings, exhibitors welcome

