

# Creel Chronicles

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- **Stop by the Creel Station and enter our new contest**
- **Visit our new improved website**
- **Lake Operations new construction**

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## Opening Day 2011

Pyramid Lake Fisheries is looking forward to the 2011-12 Season! With opening day on a Saturday and the mild weather we have been having it is going to be a great weekend.

Please don't forget to stop by our Creel Station on the Pyramid Lake highway! The station will be open every weekend.

We are collecting information on floy-tagged and adipose clipped fish and would also like to weigh and measure **all fish** that anglers are keeping.

This season there are several tournaments scheduled.

Some of the tournneys are:

- Pyramid Lake Tribe \$10,000 Tournament—December 10, 2011. Call 574-1000 for more information.
- Crosby's Lodge President's Day Tournament Weekends of February

11-12, 2012 and February 18-19, 2011. For more info call 476-0400.

- Hook Line & Sinkers, Citadel (KOH) Derby March 17 & 18, 2012. No information available.
- Spring Catch & Release Tournament, Eagle Eye Charter's & Sierra Sport & Marine, April 14-15, 2012

Please send us your photos with your big fish so we can include them in our next issue. We look forward to seeing you soon and hope your fishing experience here at Pyramid Lake is a good one.



**Full moon at dusk over Pyramid Lake**

## Sutcliffe Boat Docks

Construction on the Sutcliffe boat docks has started and is slated for completion in December 2011. The docks are located directly below Crosby's Lodge.

The Fisheries maintenance department is working with Tribal maintenance to get the

launch site ready for use.

The ramps are being leveled and docks are being constructed. Obstacles in the water will be marked with buoys and warning signs will be posted to ensure boat safety.

The obstacles are remnants

of the old docks from the 1980's and most of these will be removed or covered and marked to eliminate danger to boaters.

There will be 2 docks at this launching site. This additional launching site is a much needed addition to the lake.

## Website Update

Our new improved website is up and running. The new improved site has a lot of information, fishing tips, interactive maps, links to other relevant web sites, and a lot of new pictures.

A huge thank you goes out to Mike Sevon, who contributed many of the beautiful photos. He also worked hard on setting up the format and gathering

information and sharing fishing tips, so thanks Mike!

Weekly Creel summaries will be posted on the site in the hopes that this will help anglers with their fishing strategies.

For those of you who are social networkers, we also have a Facebook page so like us on Facebook! We will be posting fishing re-

ports on this page as well as the summary on the website.

Plans are in the works to get a list started so the Creel Chronicle newsletter can be sent out electronically. We will keep you updated. Don't forget to share your big fish photos and we will put them in our newsletter.

## PLF Purchases a New Boat



22 foot Boston Whaler

PLF has purchased a brand new 22-foot Boston Whaler! Known as the Un-sinkable Legend, it is made to remain afloat even when completely swamped with water. With the unpredictable waters of Pyramid this boat is a necessity.

The boat is going to be used by the Resource De-

partment for lake research.

We have not conducted any fish netting surveys for several years due to the lack of an appropriate vessel.

The boat is also made with shallow interior and a lot of floor space, which is ideal for netting studies. These

net sets help PLF personnel track fish populations and growth rates of the various species of fish so they may be compared to data collected in past years.

We are looking forward to getting out on the water and doing more research work on the lake.

## Welcome back Nancy!



Nancy Vucinich has been hired by the Pyramid Lake Fisheries as our new Biologist.

She was born and raised in Watsonville, CA but has worked at Pyramid Lake since 1979 and had been

instrumental in many of the early studies on the lake.

She has a Bachelor of Science in Wildlife and Fisheries Biology from U.C. Davis and many years of experience.

She has held several posi-

tions within the PL Fisheries over the years. She left several years ago to pursue other interests but returned to Pyramid Lake last year as a Water Quality Technician with the PL Environmental Department.

# Lake Operations Construction

Lake Operations is undergoing a lot of new construction. A new drum filter system is being installed for the north side pools.

Our Lake Operation acclimation facility consists of two areas, the north side which has 16– 36 foot pools and the south area which has 8- 31 foot pools and 3-45 foot brood tanks.

This system will be the same set-up that the south side was

converted to last year. It consists of a rotating drum, which filters out the solid waste from the water after it exits the rearing pools. That water is then routed to settling ponds.

This process ensures that the water exiting Lake Operation is within Pyramid Lake’s waste water quality standards when it leaves the facility and returns to the lake.

Lake Operations is the only

facility that uses lake water, which is higher in Alkalinity and Total Dissolved Substances.

Fish are reared in hatcheries which use recycled well water and are acclimated to the lake water at Lake Operations for several weeks before they are returned to the lake.

This project was funded by the Desert Terminal Lakes grant.



**Albert John working hard at looking like he is working hard.**

## Aquatic Invasive Species

We here at PLF are taking the threat of all AIS seriously, this includes the Quagga mussel. As you probably have read in recent reports, Lahontan Reservoir has tested positive for Quagga mussel veligers (larvae) according to an article printed in the Tahoe Tribune, July 29, 2011.

Whether or not they will sur-

vive and multiply has yet to be seen. So far all samplings from Pyramid Lake have tested negative. We are monitoring and may in the near future install a boat inspection program.

All logistics have to be worked out with all agencies involved before we start any of this plan in motion should we choose to do inspections.

As of now, all we can ask of all anglers is to please take preventative measures to keep our waters clean. We will keep everyone updated on any changes. See the back page of this newsletter for preventative measures and visit our website for links to websites dedicated to education of Aquatic Invasive Species.

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## New Creel Contest



Stop by the Creel Station on the Pyramid Highway on any weekend after fishing season opens and fill out an entry form for your chance to win **\$50**. There is no other requirement other than reporting your fishing efforts!

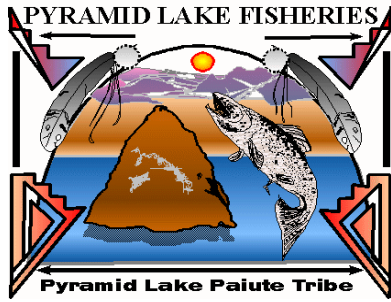
We are trying to increase the

number of anglers who stop at the station and report. We are still looking for adipose clipped fish and would like to weigh and measure the fish kept which helps track the growth rate of our fish and also helps PLF determine harvest rates for the season.

The drawing will be done on a monthly basis, with one person randomly chosen for the \$50 prize. The station will be open every weekend once fishing season opens, from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm, so stop by and enter.



**Stop by for a chance to win \$50!!!**



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**Pyramid Lake Fisheries was founded in 1975. Dedicated to the recovery of the native Lahontan Cutthroat Trout and the Cui-ui in Pyramid Lake and the lower Truckee River.**

Visit our website: [pyramidlakefisheries.org](http://pyramidlakefisheries.org)

By following a simple procedure each time we leave the water, we can stop aquatic hitchhikers. Knowing which waters contain nuisance hitchhikers is not as important as doing the procedure **every time** we leave any lake, stream or coastal area.

Simple Procedure:

- Remove any visible mud, plants, fish or animals before transporting equipment.
- Eliminate water from equipment before transporting.
- Clean and dry anything that came in contact with water (Boats, trailers, equipment, clothing, etc.)
- Always empty and dry out live-fish wells after taking fish out.
- Never release plants, fish, or animals into a body of water unless they came from that body of water.

Be informed and take action. We all need to

work together to protect our environment. Why is this important? Because these hitchhikers can:

- Reduce game fish populations.
- Ruin boat engines and jam steering equipment.
- Make lakes and rivers unusable by boaters and swimmers.
- Reduce native species and degrade ecosystems.
- Effect local economies of water-dependant communities.

Some common hitchhikers are Zebra Mussels, New Zealand Mudsnails, Hydrilla, Whirling Disease, Spiny Water Fleas, Round Gobies, and various aquatic plants.

Please take a moment and look at the ANS Task Force, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the U.S. Coast Guard websites for more information.



**STOP AQUATIC  
HITCHHIKERS!**

Lets keep Pyramid Lake free of any of these hitchhikers. We have not found any of these threats in our waters but we are monitoring and hope that you will follow these simple steps of prevention.

Thank you and have a great fishing season.