

**Jeff Sorensen**

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**From:** Dave Weedman  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 29, 2013 5:01 PM  
**To:** Jeff Sorensen  
**Subject:** FW: Fishes of Aravaipa Creek

Below is an exchange I had a while back with a private independent consultant. Possibly related to this most recent public records request? I'm not sure.

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**From:** Rich Burtell [<mailto:plateauresources@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 10, 2012 12:42 PM  
**To:** Dave Weedman  
**Subject:** RE: Fishes of Aravaipa Creek

Thanks Dave...still waiting to hear back from Dr. Reinthal...will let you know if unsuccessful on that end.

Regards,

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**From:** Dave Weedman [<mailto:DWeedman@azgfd.gov>]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 10, 2012 12:23 PM  
**To:** Rich Burtell  
**Subject:** RE: Fishes of Aravaipa Creek

Rich,

Thanks for the links. It looks like you must have done a search on our website for my name to find those old, buried e-mail links. As you now know, my direct e-mail is [dweedman@azgfd.gov](mailto:dweedman@azgfd.gov). Messages directly to me get read much faster. Feel free to use that in the future if needed. That other address, [fishaz@azgfd.gov](mailto:fishaz@azgfd.gov), is going to be re-directed to a box that gets regularly monitored until we need it again for a public comment-type process related to our Fisheries management program.

Were you able to get what you were looking for from Dr. Reinthal? I have since learned that our agency doesn't do its own regular monitoring of the fish in Aravaipa, so he may have the best data. He also works closely with Heidi Blasius, biologist with the Bureau of Land Management at the Safford Office. Her e-mail is [Heidi\\_Blasius@blm.gov](mailto:Heidi_Blasius@blm.gov). She may also be able to get those data for you. If you are unsuccessful getting the data or a suitable summary report, I think we can provide you the information submitted by them over the last several years as part of scientific

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collecting permit reports, at a semi-redacted scale to protect discrete sampling localities. If you will provide information back to the Department resulting from your assessment and analysis (i.e. the state receives a benefit from the sharing of the data and no private properties are adversely affected by the release of the data), then we may be able to release more detailed information on the fish collections. Let me know if you are not successful getting what you are looking for.

Regards,

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**From:** Rich Burtell [<mailto:plateauresources@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Friday, December 07, 2012 3:39 PM  
**To:** Dave Weedman  
**Subject:** RE: Fishes of Aravaipa Creek

Hi Dave!

Sorry I missed your call...you made perfect sense and I look forward to any recent (2000 to present) information AZGFD can provide on Aravaipa Creek aquatic resources. As suggested, I sent an email to Dr. Reinthal... hopefully he'll provide some recent fish survey data.

Re your question, some AZGFD websites where I found your contact info follow:

[http://www.azgfd.gov/pdfs/h\\_f/fishing/scoping/NEPA%20Scoping%20on%20Arizona%20Sportfish%20Stocking%20Program.pdf](http://www.azgfd.gov/pdfs/h_f/fishing/scoping/NEPA%20Scoping%20on%20Arizona%20Sportfish%20Stocking%20Program.pdf)

[http://www.azgfd.gov/artman/publish/article\\_1007.shtml](http://www.azgfd.gov/artman/publish/article_1007.shtml)

[http://www.azgfd.gov/artman/publish/article\\_1026.shtml](http://www.azgfd.gov/artman/publish/article_1026.shtml)

[http://www.fws.gov/southwest/federal\\_assistance/PDFs/AZGF\\_Draft\\_EA\\_3rd\\_submittal\\_3-9-11\\_double-sided\\_accessible.pdf](http://www.fws.gov/southwest/federal_assistance/PDFs/AZGF_Draft_EA_3rd_submittal_3-9-11_double-sided_accessible.pdf)

Thanks again for your help...have a great weekend (and holiday season).

Regards,

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**From:** Dave Weedman [<mailto:DWeedman@azgfd.gov>]  
**Sent:** Friday, December 07, 2012 2:17 PM  
**To:** Rich Burtell  
**Subject:** RE: Fishes of Aravaipa Creek

Hi Rich,

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I got your phone message and called you back today. Sorry I missed you. If the message didn't make sense or you still wish to chat, please feel free to give a call.

I have a separate question for you too. As you noticed, the two e-mails you sent to [fishaz@azgfd.gov](mailto:fishaz@azgfd.gov) didn't get noticed right away. First off, I apologize for that and thank-you for following up with the call to me. I was curious if you could remember where you found that address and maybe point me to it on our website? I have looked on my own and don't see where it is referenced. Because the mailbox isn't checked regularly by anyone, we are wanting to de-activate it and need to remove references or links to it from the website.

If you can help steer me in the right direction, I would greatly appreciate it. In the mean-time, I will continue to try to figure out how to get you the fish monitoring information for Aravaipa Creek you are looking for. I also forgot to give you contact information for Dr. Peter Reinthal at the University of Arizona. Here it is.

Hope all is well and be in touch with you soon.

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**From:** Rich Burtell [<mailto:plateauresources@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 04, 2012 5:33 PM  
**To:** Fishaz  
**Subject:** Fishes of Aravaipa Creek

Dave,

I'm researching long-term changes in the native (and non-native) fish community along Aravaipa Creek and thought you could help. I've familiar with Minckley's various papers/reports as well as more recent research by Velasco (1997), Eby (2003) and Stefferud and Reinthal (2005). Do you know of anyone with an updated fish assemblage table for lower, middle, and upper Aravaipa Creek? I'm particularly interested in potential effects from the recent drought and new downstream fish barrier on structure and relative populations. Can I assume that routine monitoring is still occurring? If so, what's the best way of getting these data?

Thanks for your help!

Regards,

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