



The January 2022 NEWSLETTER

**Northern Arizona Flycasters
An active member club of the World Wide organization
“Fly Fishers International”
“Conservation, Restoration, and Education through Fly Fishing”**

We support active involvement in cold water fisheries conservation. We work to insure that Arizona’s habitat is not degraded and in the development and maintenance of fly fishing opportunities.

We support the practice of “catch and release”, the use of barbless hooks, and quick and harmless release practices. Fish should never be kept out of the water for over 60 seconds.

Northern Arizona Flycasters meets the first Wednesday of the month at the Arizona Game and Fish Regional office at 3500 S. Lake Mary Road, Flagstaff. Meetings start at 7 PM with a board meeting at 6:00 PM. The meetings are free and the public is invited.

PRESIDENT’S DRIFT :

Happy New Year and let's start 2022 with an outstanding program! [On Wednesday, January 5, 7:00 pm at the Fish and Game Offices. The Northern Arizona Flycasters will host a presentation on Pyramid Lake, Nevada.](#) We would like to welcome Arizona native and owner of Nomada Fly Fish, Steve Berry. He will describe the awesome and unique fishing experience for Lahontan Cut Throat trout. Steve has persevered and kept his travel fly fish company alive and thriving throughout these difficult times. His website is informative and will take you to interesting and remote parts of our planet. Nomada Fly Fish can be found on his website at: nomadaflyfish.com.

Pyramid Lake is located in northwestern Nevada. Fly Fisherman Magazine: "Pyramid Lake is one of the remnants of Lake Lahontan, and it's supported by the inflow of the Truckee River. It is the only inflow, and there are no outflows. It is the terminal point in this watershed. Sierra Nevada snowmelt flows out of Lake Tahoe, and runs north for 120 miles before emptying into Pyramid Lake."

We have some excellent presentations lined up for 2022 to include Spey Casting, Page Springs/Bubbling Ponds, Regional Lakes and Streams, Alaska, CCSO Search and Rescue, and others tba ! I hope to see you at the meeting. Casey

NAF needs your involvement and there are many volunteer venues available such as fishing trips, conservation, writing about club activities, and fund raising. Remember, NAF raises funds to support conservation efforts; we are a non-profit organization. You can sign-up to volunteer on our web site. <http://nazflycasters.com/volunteer/>

EDUCATION –

As you know, there is a program under way to use anglers to reduce the number of Brown Trout at Lee’s Ferry. Here is information on the current program and monthly results since November of 2020.

More Trout More Money

In December 2021 and January 2022 anglers will receive:

* \$33 for each fish and an additional \$50 for each three fish

* \$300 for each harvested brown trout containing a PIT tag

* \$500 bonus for the largest brown trout at the end of each month

* \$500 bonus for the most brown trout harvested at the end of each month

Month	Year	No. Anglers	Unknown Length	Fish Harvested 6-12 inches	Fish Harvest 12-18 inches	Fish Harvest 18-24 inches	Fish Harvested > 24 inches	Total Number of Brown Trout Harvested	Monthly Payout
November	2020	21	0	11	22	8	0	41	\$1,025
December	2020	19	0	12	16	3	0	31	\$775
January	2021	19	4	5	23	14	0	46	\$1,150
February	2021	15	0	6	25	5	0	36	\$900
March	2021	17	1	12	24	17	1	55	\$1,452
April	2021	37	1	24	66	12	0	103	\$6,149
May	2021	24	0	17	24	9	0	50	\$1,650
June	2021	12	0	1	13	15	1	30	\$990
July	2021	18	2	13	19	4	0	38	\$1,254
August	2021	9	0	6	32	8	0	46	\$2,168
September	2021	18	0	14	29	7	0	50	\$4,200
October	2021	35	1	21	31	8	1	62	\$3,996
November	2021	12	0	2	14	5	0	21	\$793
TOTAL		256	9	144	338	115	3	609	\$26,502

Brown trout are considered to be a threat to the recovery of the humpback chub. It should be noted that there has been a decline in juvenal rainbow trout at Lee's Ferry. The decline may be temporary and may or may not be tied to the increase in Brown Trout.

NAF EVENTS SCHEDULE

January - Pyramid Lake

February - Spey Casting

Under discussion by board

Fishing outings to local lakes

Fly casting sessions on a regular basis.

Zoom meetings

The Board welcomes suggestions from members.

NAF CLUB OFFICERS/COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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