



The September 2022 NEWSLETTER

Northern Arizona Flycasters
An active member club of the World Wide organization
“Fly Fishers International”
“Conservation, Restoration, and Education through Fly Fishing”
<http://nazflycasters.com>

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 :

The Northern Arizona Fly Caster's program for September will be a presentation by Steve LaFalce documenting his recent vacation and fishing trip to Spain. Steve will share his experience fishing for trout in the Pyrenees, a 310 mile mountain range that generally serves as the divide between France and Spain and is older than the Alps.

Fall Fishing: Temperatures will be dropping. Brook and brown trout will be active and spawning. Be careful around spawning beds and avoid fishing for trout holding over them. This is a time when the fish are experiencing significant stress. As the sun angle decreases, your shadow will lengthen. Generally, water will be clear and lower than during the summer. Be stealthy on the water.

Fall is a great time of year. In addition to fishing, many hear the "horn of the hunter" and pursue big and small game, upland birds, and waterfowl. Get outside and enjoy the outdoors!

Facebook search under Northern Arizona Fly Casters.

AZ Daily Sun, web edition, under Events.

Website:<https://nazflycasters.com>

EDUCATION –

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PAGE, Ariz. —On July 1, 2022, juvenile smallmouth bass were found in the Colorado River below the Glen Canyon Dam. Smallmouth bass are a predatory non-native fish that have adversely impacted native and federally protected fish in the upper basin of the Colorado River over the last 20 years. The National Park Service (NPS) is working closely with partners and stakeholders to coordinate rapid response actions to address this finding in accordance with previously approved management plans.

Lower lake levels at Lake Powell and rising temperatures in the Colorado River have increased concerns that non-native, warm-water predators, including smallmouth bass, could pass through the dam and begin reproducing. If these warm-water predators establish populations below the dam, it is likely they would negatively impact native fish communities in Glen Canyon National Recreation Area and in Grand Canyon National Park.

The NPS encourages anglers to report any observations or catches of smallmouth bass below the dam. If caught, please remove the fish, put on ice and contact staff at Glen Canyon National Recreation Area or Grand Canyon National Park with a description of the location where found. Report findings to: Jeff Arnold, Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, [e-mail us](mailto:jeff.arnold@nps.gov) or Brian Healy, Grand Canyon National Park, [e-mail us](mailto:brian.healy@nps.gov).

For more information please visit:

- [Nonnative Fish - Glen Canyon National Recreation Area \(U.S. National Park Service\) \(nps.gov\)](#)
- [Addressing Challenges to Native Fishes - Grand Canyon National Park \(U.S. National Park Service\) \(nps.gov\)](#)

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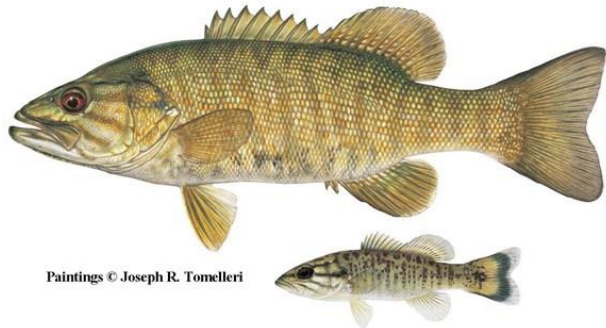
Tags: [smallmouth bass](#) [colorado river](#) [invasive non-native species](#)

Help us detect invasive Smallmouth Bass

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Male smallmouth bass guarding a nest



Paintings © Joseph R. Tomelleri

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Watch for smallmouth bass in eddies, backwaters, and tributary mouths. Help us detect and remove these predators before it's too late. Harvest bass—do not release them alive. If you see or catch bass, please email an NPS fish biologist below with location and date. Photos greatly appreciated!

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NPS File

Title: Help Us Detect Invasive Smallmouth Bass

Image 1: Male smallmouth bass guarding a nest

Image 2: close up image of male smallmouth bass guarding a nest

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NAF EVENTS SCHEDULE

Under discussion by board

Fishing outings to local lakes

Fly casting sessions on a regular basis.

Work project with game and fish

The Board welcomes suggestions from members.

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