

Donald A. Duff

Experience and Accomplishments:

- Found first native trout in S.F. San Joaquin River.
- Found several native Rio Grande Cutthroat Trout populations.
- Wrote first fisheries habitat management plan for Forest Service (“FS”): Rio Grande Cutthroat Trout Unlimited.
- Wrote first High Lakes Management Plan in FS, using remote sensing imagery.
- Assisted in first instream flow survey on Truckee River below Derby Dam for Lahontan Cutthroat Trout (“LCT”).
- Wrote First Fish Habitat Surveys Manual for Bureau of Land Management (“BLM”), adopted by six other BLM States.
- 1974 - Found two populations of native Bonneville Cutthroat (“BCT”) in Deep Creek Mountains, thought to be extinct.
- Recovered BCT in all Deep Creek Mountain streams (14), making it first Mountain range in Western U.S. to be completely recovered with a native cutthroat trout.
- 1975 - Found population of original native Pyramid Lake LCT in Pilot Peak Range, UT/NV.
- 1988 - As Trout Unlimited (“TU”) staff, organized a Utah Council with Paul Dremann and Bill Partner. Twice served as Council Chair.
- 1989-1992 - Developed 52 partnership agreements across U.S. for each National Forest with perennial fishing waters. Signatories were TU Councils, State Wildlife Agency and FS units, including BLM and US Bureau of Reclamation in Western U.S. Included International Agreements with TU Canada; Ireland, England’s The Wild Trout Society, and Scotland’s Tweed Foundation.
- Assisted Ireland in Environmental Impact Statement proposal to the EU for fisheries funding and got £19M for salmonid restoration. Spent six years doing stream rehab in Ireland for Atlantic Salmon, Sea Trout, & Brown Trout recovering over 200 miles of native salmonid waters.
- 1998 - Formed the Great Basin Chapter for Utah’s West Desert and Nevada’s East Desert counties, serving as president.
- Still doing native trout work for the BCT and LCT on west desert stream. Teach fly fishing techniques to guests at the local Hidden Canyon Guest Ranch, and women’s classes for ages nine to 90 years.



Some Significant Awards to Don Duff:

- 1971 - Awarded Fisheries Scientist Certification by American Fisheries Society (“AFS”)
- 1988 - Leadership Award in Fisheries Management, EPA Region 8, Denver
- 1992 - Fish Management Section, AFS, Award of Recognition for Advancement of Fisheries Profession in Fish Habitat Management
- 1997 - Certificate of Appreciation for assistance in organizing 17th World Fly Fishing Championships, Jackson, WY
- 1998 - Hosted US Department of Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt in six state tour for native fish emphasizing use of stream side incubators

- 2000 - Award for Protecting and Conservation of Ireland native salmonids, Central Fisheries Board, Dublin Ireland
- 2002 -TU's Distinguished Service Award for Conservation of America's Coldwater Fisheries Resources
- 2003 - Gene Snow Award, Stonefly Society, for Conservation of Coldwater Fisheries
- 2003 - Achievement Award, Native Utah Cutthroat Association, for protecting Utah's native trout
- 2004 - Award of Excellence, Fish Management Section AFS, for leadership and outstanding contributions to fish management
- 2004 - Career Conservation Achievement Award, Bonneville Chapter AFS for Career Achievements in Fish Management in Utah. Duff Retires January 2004, with 43 years government service.
- 2009 - Silver Trout Award, Great Basin Chapter, 2009 National TU meeting, Traverse City, MI, for Conservation Achievements on Native Trout in UT/NV
- 2009 - "One of the 50", TROUT, Summer 2009, Duff selected as one of 10 most important volunteers for Coldwater Conservation in TU's first 50 years.