

Aliah Guerrero



Name: Aliah Guerrero

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About Yourself:

I moved from Arizona to Las Cruces so I could study fish and wildlife. I grew up going to the lake every summer catching crayfish. My grandparents took me all over New Mexico and places like the Grand Canyon, Costa Rica and Hawaii. I tribute my passion to them.

Career Experiences:

I've worked in the New Mexico Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit for two and half years. There I'm known as the "otolith queen" because of my experience with the otoliths (or ear bones) of White Sands pupfish and large mouth bass and efforts to age them. I've also had hands on experience with Gila trout, cutthroat trout and brown trout.

Skills:

Some of my skills include electrofishing via boat and backpack, pulling otoliths (ear-bones) from fish as small as 10mm, PIT tagging/VIE tagging, mist netting, using a GPS, navigating a boat and aquaculture.

Accomplishments/ Clubs/ other:

Recipient of the Norm Mabie Memorial Endowed Scholarship.

Member of the American Fisheries Society and The Wildlife Society.

Plans after Graduation:

I'd like to continue studying aquatic ecology as well as sustainability. I hope to join a master's program after graduating. I'm excited for the possibility of being a part of a project in one of my subjects of interest.