

**COLORADO RIVER RECOVERY PROGRAM  
FY-2001 ANNUAL REPORT**

**Project No. PIP 12F (CAP 18/19)**

I. Project Title:

Removal and control of nonnative fishes in Colorado and Gunnison River floodplain source ponds.

II. Principal Investigator(s):

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III. Project Summary (July 1, 2000 to June 30, 2001):

The public involvement plan's goals are to: identify public concerns and values and provide a mechanism to incorporate public perspectives and issues into the process of reclaiming ponds; to inform interested communities about the reasons pond reclamation is taking place in support of efforts to recover the endangered fishes; and to build public support for pond reclamation and provide information to, and collect input from, the public, news media, special interest groups, government and Congressional officials in a timely manner.

IV. Study Schedule:

- a. Initial year: 1997
- b. Final year: 2002

V. Relationship to RIPRAP:

VI. INCREASE PUBLIC AWARENESS AND SUPPORT FOR THE  
ENDANGERED FISHES AND THE RECOVERY PROGRAM.

VI. Accomplishment of FY 2001 objectives and tasks:

Information was released to the public through mailings, television spots, and presentations. Other accomplishments: 1) mailed two Listening Log's to approximately 450 PAI's concerning implications of finding endangered fish during intensive sampling of privately owned ponds and progress of the Nonnative Fish Control Program, 2) aired four "Bill's Backyard" television news spots produced by CDOW entitled "Filters Protect Endangered Fish" 7/9/00, "Bonytail

Reintroduction's" 7/6/00, Nongame Checkoff Featuring Endangered Fish" 3/31/01, and "Bonytail Stocking" 4/21/01, 3) presented additional Nonnative Fish Control (NNFC) information to CSU FW204 fishery students, Mesa State College Water Quality class, Mesa State College students during an Employer Panel Presentation, teachers at two Project Wild workshops, seven classes at Palisade High School, two classes at Taylor Elementary School, a biology class at Delta High School and visiting Russian professionals, and 4) displayed informational flyer at Horsethief Canyon SWA kiosk.

To promote private landowner compliance to the west slope Nonnative Fish Stocking Regulation we paid to publish a notice in the Grand Junction Daily Sentinel and the Montrose Daily Press. As a result of increased awareness of this regulation 159 permit applications to stock nonnative fish were reviewed. Of the 159 applications 67 wished to restrict stocking to trout, 66 requested permits to stock warmwater fish, and 26 wished to stock both trout and warmwater fish. Of the 92 warmwater stocking requests 70 were for grass carp only, 11 wanted grass carp and additional warmwater species and 11 requested warmwater fish species other than grass carp. Forty-nine of the 92 warmwater stocking requests were conditionally approved (1/4" mesh screens were required prior to stocking). Another 12 did not require screens because they were isolated (no outlet water). Similarly, screens were recommended but not required for 28 of the 92 requests (screens are not regulated above 6500' elevation) and screen requirements were unknown on the remaining three warmwater stocking requests. Landowners who obtain a commercial or private lake license are required to screen their outlets. Forty-three lake licenses were issued in FY00/01. Warmwater fish were listed on 10 of the 43 lake licenses.

VII. Recommendations: Continue in FY 2002 as described in the scope of work.

Use Microsoft Access to address mail for the Listening Log and *Swimming Upstream* newsletter. This will also facilitate retrieval of pond/fish/ownership data. The database will be revised as on-the-ground inventories proceed.

VIII. Project Status: On track and ongoing.

IX. FY 2001 Funds

- A. Funds Provided: \$10,000
- B. Funds Expended:\$10,000
- C. Difference: -0-
- D. Percent of the FY 00/01 work completed, and projected costs to complete: 100% of work was completed.
- E. Recovery Program funds spent for publication charges: None

X. Status of Data Submission (Where applicable): not applicable

XI. Signed: Anita Martinez December 10, 2001  
Principal Investigator Date

(Prepared by Debbie Felker from information provided by Anita – 1/22/02)