I. Project Title: Utah Program Management

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III. Project Summary:

The Upper Colorado River Endangered Fishes Recovery Implementation Program supports multiple projects undertaken by the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources. The work is conducted within three Division Regions in Utah (Northeast, Southeast, and Southern Regions) as well as from the Native Aquatic Species Coordinators’ (Coordinators’) office in Salt Lake City. Additionally, the Division cooperates and coordinates with other agencies and researchers across state boundaries within the Colorado River Basin. Efficient coordination of field activities, reporting of research and monitoring results in a timely manner, and effective program administration requires statewide participation and oversight.

The work of this Utah’s program management project is to develop, prioritize, direct, coordinate, monitor and annually evaluate Colorado River fishes work program activities, contracts, and budgets for the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources.

IV. Study Schedule:

a. Initial year: 1986
b. Final year: ongoing

V. Relationship to RIPRAP: General Recovery Program Support Action Plan, VII. Provide Program planning and support.
VI. Accomplishment of FY 2003 Tasks and Deliverables, Discussion of Initial Findings and Shortcomings:

All tasks have been accomplished and deliverables completed on or as close to their deadlines as feasible.

TASKS:
- Attend Biology Committee meetings.
  - One or more Division biologists attended all BC meetings in 2003.
- Prepare Federal Aid requests and Recovery Program proposals.
- Review Recovery Program technical proposals.
- Develop Recovery Program statements of work, Federal Aid internal work plans, budgets, and contracts for approved work.
  - Coordinators assisted with and coordinated submission of 14 scopes of work from regional coordinators for FY 2004 - 2005, including four requested new projects. We also coordinated the peer review process for the new projects, compiled comments and distributed them prior to the July BC meeting.
- Prepare annual reports for Recovery Program and Federal Aid.
- Attend Colorado River researchers meeting.
  - Regional biologists presented research results.
- Administer and oversee approved proposals and contracts.
  - The Coordinators coordinated funding, tracked progress and created contracts for 10 projects during 2003.
- Other Biology Committee assignments.
  - Coordinators assembled and presented materials at Biology Committee meetings and completed assignments as requested.
- Coordinate program activities within the Section, Division, and among other agencies.
  - Coordinators met with regional offices several times to track budgets and progress for program activities. Coordinators assisted with preparation of scopes of work and organized the peer review process for new projects.
- Review and comment on Recovery Program and agency reports as requested.
  - Coordinators reviewed and commented on nearly a dozen reports during 2003.
- Other administrative duties as needed.
  - Coordinators presented proposals for synthesis of ISMP data, upper/lower basin analytical workshops, and hatchery expansions. Coordinator attended lower basin analytical workshop in Flagstaff, AZ, during July. Coordinators assisted regional biologists with personnel and communication issues.

DELIVERABLES:
- Recovery Program annual reports - November 2003
- FWS subpermit report - December 2003
- Recovery Program research/program proposals - May 2003
- Completion of other tasks as assigned

VII. Recommendations: None

VIII. Project Status: On track and ongoing.

IX. FY 2003 Budget

A. Funds budgeted: $ 89,300
B. Funds expended/obligated: $ 89,300
C. Difference: $ -0-
D. Percent FY 02 work completed: 100%
E. Recovery Program funds spent for publication charges: $0.00

X. Status of Data Submission: Not applicable.

XI. Signed: Matthew Andersen, November 14, 2003

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