

COLORADO RIVER RECOVERY PROGRAM  
FY 2015 ANNUAL PROJECT REPORT

RECOVERY PROGRAM  
PROJECT NUMBER: 1

I. Project Title: Utah Program Management

II. Bureau of Reclamation Agreement Number(s): R09AP40846

Project/Grant Period: Start date (Mo/Day/Yr): 10/01/2009  
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IV. Abstract: The Upper Colorado River Endangered Fish Recovery Program supports multiple projects undertaken by the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (Division). The work is conducted within two Division Regions in Utah (Northeast, Southeast) as well as by the Native Aquatic Species Coordinator and staff 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, and budgeting requirements requires statewide participation and oversight. Program Management funds allow Utah Division of Wildlife Resources to develop, prioritize, direct, coordinate, monitor and annually evaluate Colorado River fishes work program activities, contracts, and budgets.

- V. Study Schedule: FY1986 - ongoing
- VI. Relationship to RIPRAP: General Recovery Program Support Action Plan  
Provide Program Planning and Support.
- VII. Accomplishment of FY 2015 Tasks and Deliverables, Discussion of Initial Findings and Shortcomings:

Tasks:

Attend Biology Committee (BC) meetings: The Native Aquatic Program Coordinator was able to attend or participate via conference call at all BC meetings in 2015. The Native Aquatic Program Coordinator has been the Chair for the Biology Committee during this past year.

Prepare Federal Aid requests and Recovery Program proposals.

- Salt Lake office staff and regional biologists prepared Recovery Program proposals and Federal Aid requests as applicable in 2015.

Review Recovery Program technical proposals.

- Native Aquatic coordinator and Division Staff reviewed and commented on all reports and technical proposals submitted to the Biology Committee for review during 2015.

Develop Recovery Program scopes for approved work.

- Coordinator and staff assisted with and coordinated submission of all scopes of work developed by regional personnel for FY 2015.

Administer and oversee approved projects and contracts.

- The Salt Lake office staff directed funding, tracked progress, and created contracts for all project work conducted by the Division.
- Salt Lake office staff tracked budgets and monitored expenses for each of these projects and their associated budgets.

Prepare annual reports for Recovery Program and Federal Aid.

- Salt Lake office staff provided guidance, reviewed, edited where necessary, and submitted annual reports for FY 2014 projects.

Attend Colorado River researchers meeting.

- Utah Division Wildlife Resources Salt Lake office and regional personnel attended and presented research results at the researchers meeting in January.

Complete other Biology Committee assignments.

- Coordinator and regional biologists assembled and presented materials at Biology Committee meetings and completed assignments as requested.
- Division biologists prepared and presented at the annual Nonnative

Workshop held in December 2014.

- The Coordinator served on the Colorado Pikeminnow Recovery plan team. The plan was updated and reviewed in the fall of 2014 and is awaiting review and approval from the USFWS.
- The Coordinator organized a group of stakeholders to provide recommendations on barrier to prevent escapement of walleye and smallmouth bass from Starvation Reservoir. Salt Lake office staff (Paul Badame) evaluated barrier options for Starvation Reservoir and presented to the Team. UDWR contracted with RB&G to engineer the barrier design. Next steps are to draft and obtain approval on a Lake Management Plan for Starvation Reservoir, find sufficient funding, and schedule barrier installation.
- SLO staff assisted with planning and implementation of rotenone treatment on Red Fleet Reservoir.
- Coordinator worked with FWS Regional personnel to draft a 10j designation for Colorado Pikeminnow and Bonytail as sportfish (ongoing).
- Coordinator obtained funds to bring Colorado Pikeminnow into a State Hatchery to begin the process to rear to >360 mm when the 10j designation process is complete and a reservoir has been identified.

Coordinate program activities within the Section, Division, and among other agencies.

- Coordinator met with regional offices several times to track budgets and progress for program activities. Coordinator and staff assisted with preparation of scopes of work and organized budgets and scheduling for regions. Coordinator maintained contact with PDO and other BC representatives when necessary to keep on task and keep projects running smoothly.

Review and comment on Recovery Program and agency reports as requested.

- Coordinator reviewed and commented on reports submitted to the Biology Committee for review during 2015 as requested.

#### DELIVERABLES:

Program annual reports: 14 November 2015

Program statements of work and budgets: 15 December 2015

Completion of other tasks as assigned

VIII. Recommendations: Recommend continued support of Program Management.

IX. Project Status: On track and ongoing.

X. FY 2015 Budget Status

- A. Funds Provided: \$173,990
- B. Funds Expended: \$173,990
- C. Difference: \$ 0

