

**COLORADO RIVER RECOVERY PROGRAM  
FY-2002 PROPOSED SCOPE-OF-WORK for:  
Utah Program Management**

**Project No.: 1**

Lead Agency: Utah Division of Wildlife Resources

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**Category:**

- Ongoing project
- Ongoing-revised project
- Requested new project
- Unsolicited proposal

**Expected Funding Sources:**

- Annual funds
- Capital funds
- Other (explain)

I. Title of Proposal:

Utah Program Management.

II. Relationship to RIPRAP:

General Recovery Program Support Action Plan  
VII. Provide Program Planning and Support.

III. Study Background/Rationale and Hypotheses:

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 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.

#### IV. Study Goals, Objectives, End Product:

Goal - Conserve and recover the endangered fish species of the Colorado River system.

Objective - Develop, administer, and direct a conservation and monitoring program that leads to endangered fish recovery.

End Product - Develop, prioritize, direct, coordinate, monitor, and annually evaluate Colorado River fishes work program activities, contracts, and budgets for the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources. Administer the field operations and reporting commitments in the Northeast and Southeast Regions working to recover the federally listed endangered fish of the Colorado River Basin. Provide coordination and administration for the Wahweap State Fish Hatchery, Big Water, Utah (Southern Region). Coordinate and cooperate with other agencies. Provide a program management annual report to the Program.

#### V. Study Area

The Upper Colorado River basin in Utah, including the Green River and its tributaries.

#### VI. Study Methods/Approach

Statewide program management for the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources will be conducted from the state office in Salt Lake City. Program management is the responsibility of the Native Aquatic Species Program Coordinator, who is tasked with coordinating the Divisions Native Aquatic Species programs in the Northeast and Southeast Regions and the Wahweap State Fish Hatchery. A professional biologist (Wildlife Biologist II) and an administrative assistant (Office Technician III) support the Coordinator. In federal fiscal year 2002, the Program Biology Committee representative will be the UDWR Project Leader from the Moab office, and the designated alternate is the Program Coordinator.

The UDWR Northeast Region (NER) office is located in Vernal, Utah, which facilitates operations on the middle Green River and associated tributaries. The Project Leader in this region is supported by one full-time biologist and up to ten seasonal employees, depending on the time of year, and by UDWR office support staff. In fiscal year 2002, the Northeast Region office will conduct or participate in at least seven Program projects.

The UDWR Southeast Region (SER) oversees the Moab (Utah) Field Station, a location that provides ready access to the lower Green River and its tributaries, and to the Colorado River from the Colorado border downstream to Lake Powell. The Project Leader in this region has two full-time professional biologists on staff, and up to ten seasonal employees. A part-time clerk supports the Field Station. In fiscal year 2002, the Southeast Region, Moab Field Station, will conduct or participate in at least five Program projects.

## VII. Task Description and Schedule

The Program Coordinator is responsible for: attendance at some Biology Committee meetings; preparation of Program proposals; review of Program technical proposals; development of Program statements of work, and internal workplans, budgets, and contracts for approved work; preparation of annual reports for the Program; attend Colorado River researchers meeting; administration and oversight of approved proposals and contracts; serve as a member of the Colorado River Fishes Recovery Team; review and comment on Biology Committee issues and reports; participate in other technical group assignments; coordinate program activities within the Section, Division, and among other agencies; review and comment of Program and agency reports as requested; other administrative duties as needed. Work is conducted throughout the year.

Regional Project Leaders in Vernal and Moab develop, administer, and participate in Program projects in Utah; coordinate permanent and temporary staff assignments; administer employees, including hiring and firing decisions; coordinate schedules to insure all Program commitments are addressed; develop Program statements of work, internal workplans, and associated budgets; attend Colorado River researchers meeting; administer and provide oversight of approved proposals and contracts; review and comment on Biology Committee issues and reports; participate in other technical group assignments; coordinate program activities within the Section, Division, and among other agencies; review and comment of Program and agency reports as requested; other administrative duties as needed. The Moab Project Leader is the designated UDWR representative to the Biology Committee. Work is conducted throughout the year.

The Wahweap State Fish Hatchery actively supports efforts to propagate bonytail and razorback sucker. It receives bonytail fry from the Dexter National Fish Hatchery, New Mexico, and rears them to approximately 100 mm total length. These juvenile bonytail are stocked in Utah and Colorado to support stocking goals determined by the Program Biology Committee. Wahweap holds backup brood stock of razorback sucker to support the Ouray National Fish Hatchery. The backup stock provides some security in the event of a catastrophic loss at Ouray. Program management support helps coordinate the efforts of Wahweap with Division and external clients.

## VIII. FY-2002 Work

- Deliverables/Due Dates

Program annual reports or annual updates; 15 December 2001  
 Program statements of work and budgets; 15 December 2001  
 Review of regional work plans for Colorado River Basin; 1 April 2002  
 Program research proposals; 30 April 2002  
 Individual project reporting as described in individual scopes of work  
 Completion of other tasks as assigned

Total Budget: (2002): \$85,000

Budget by task:

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|-----------------------|--------------------------|--|-----------|
| Labor                 |                          |  |           |
| Wildlife Biologist II | 80% full time employment |  | \$34,900  |
| Office Tech III       | 80% full time employment |  | \$24,200  |
| Program Coordinator   | 15% full time employment |  | \$ 8,000  |
| NER Project Leader    | 8% full time employment  |  | \$ 4,000  |
| SER Project Leader    | 8% full time employment  |  | \$ 4,000  |
| Travel                |                          |  | \$ 8,900  |
| Equipment             |                          |  | \$ 1,000  |
| Total                 |                          |  | \$ 85,000 |

UCRRIP Program request: \$ 85,000

IX. Program Budget Summary

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| FY-2002 | \$ 85,000 |
| FY-2003 | \$ 89,250 |
| FY-2004 | \$ 93,713 |