

Placeholder

Colorado River Nonnative Fish Removal

III. Reduce negative impacts of nonnative fishes

87b Nonnative fish control in backwater habitats in the Colorado River in Colorado

89 Electrofishing removal of nonnative fish from nursery habitats in the upper Colorado River

These two studies will be wrapping up in 2002. The Biology Committee recommended that a workshop be held in February 2002 to discuss and evaluate preliminary results of nonnative fish removal from nursery habitats. If results suggest that efforts to date have resulted in detectable decreases in nonnatives and corresponding increases in native and endangered fishes, then placeholder funds would be available to continue with nonnative fish removal. The work will likely be done by CDOW and FWS-CRFP.

Goal:

To increase survival and recruitment of age-0 endangered fishes by reducing abundance of nonnative predators and competitors.

Objectives:

Using the best, most cost-effective methods and gear types, remove nonnative fishes from backwater nursery habitats of the Colorado River.

End Product:

Annual (Dec 15) progress reports which describe species' response to removal efforts.

Budget:

\$75K earmarked