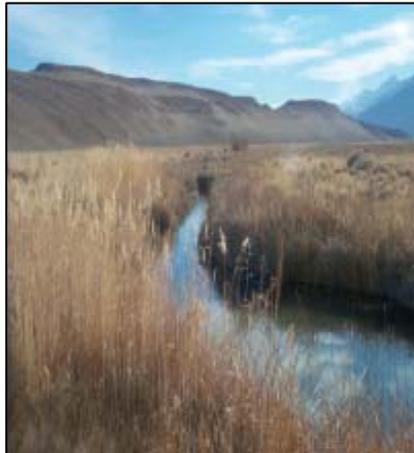


WHY DESERT FISH?

- 50% of U.S. threatened and endangered fishes occur in the arid Southwest.
- State Wildlife Action Plans identify 179 desert fishes of concern.
- Habitat loss is a primary threat to aquatic ecosystems in this region
- Conservation of aquatic resources is a fundamental and pervasive issue facing people and fish that share limited waters of the Southwest
- Time is running out. . .

Devils River Minnow, Devils River, TX



Owens Valley, CA



Roundtail Chub, W. Clear Creek, AZ



DFHP GOALS

1. Protect intact healthy aquatic systems supporting native desert fish habitats.
2. Prevent further degradation of impaired desert fish habitats.
3. Reverse declines in the quality and quantity of desert fish habitats to improve health and resiliency of desert fish and other aquatic species.
4. Increase the quality and quantity of fish habitats that support a broad natural diversity of desert aquatic species.
5. Contribute to the success of national efforts to protect and enhance aquatic habitats by participating in the NFHP.

DFHP MILESTONES AND EVENTS

- ✓ November 2006 - Partnership Development Meeting, Death Valley, CA
- ✓ November 2007 - Steering Committee Meeting, Ventura, CA
- ✓ February 2008 - Strategic Plan Development Meeting 1, Las Vegas.
- ✓ March 2008 - Participation in Science and Data Committee Meeting, Phoenix
- ✓ April 2008 - CFHAP demonstration project proposals submitted, one funded
- ✓ June 2008 - Strategic Plan Draft 2 Development Meeting, Salt Lake City
- ✓ August 15, 2008 - Final draft Strategic Plan comments received
- December 2008 - Application for formal recognition will be completed

Demonstration Projects



Red Rocks Ciénega, NM

New Mexico DGF, Arizona GFD, and USFWS are restoring habitat for the endangered Gila topminnow by removing invasive salt cedar, re-vegetating the site with native plants, returning flow, and restocking and monitoring the fish.



San Rafael River, Utah

Utah DWR, NRCS, BLM, Utah State University, USGS, and USFWS are reclaiming river habitat by restoring riparian vegetation, updating irrigation systems, employing water conservation, and providing fish passage—all under a comprehensive monitoring program.

Desert Fish Habitat Partners to Date

Bringing together people and organizations with a common interest in voluntary conservation of desert fishes and their habitats. Please join us!



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DESERT FISH HABITAT PARTNERSHIP



DFHP conserves native desert fish by protecting, restoring, and enhancing their habitats in cooperation with state and tribal fish and wildlife agencies, federal resource agencies, research and private organizations, and engaged individuals.

Bluehead Sucker, Snake River, WY

