THE REMOVAL OF HUMPBACK CHUB FROM THE GRAND CANYON TO PRODUCE A CAPTIVE BRED POPULATION IS FOR PRECAUTIONARY AND SCIENTIFIC PURPOSES.

PRECAUTIONARY STEPS ARE NECESSARY TO PRESERVE THIS GENETIC STOCK OF HUMPBACK CHUB IN THE EVENT THAT IT BECOMES NECESSARY TO AUGMENT THE EXISTING WILD POPULATION. IT IS NOT AMWG'S INTENT TO DIMINISH ITS EFFORTS TO IMPROVE WILD POPULATIONS ONLY TO FEEL SECURE THAT IN THE UNLIKELY CHANCE OF A CATASTROPHE THE CHUB WILL NOT BE LOST.

DUE TO THE UNCERTAIN SCIENTIFIC FUTURE OF AMWG IT IS NECESSARY TO HAVE A CAPTIVE STOCK AVAILABLE FOR FUTURE EXPERIMENTS. REGARDLESS OF THE DIRECTION OUR RESEARCH TAKES IT IS EVIDENT THAT MORE INFORMATION ON THE REPRODUCTION, PHYS8IOLOGY AND GENETICS OF HUMPBACK CHUB NEEDS TO BE OBTAINED. MUCH OF THIS TYPE OF WORK IS BETTER DONE ON CAPTIVE FISH RATHER THAN WILD SPECIMENS.