

**Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Work Group**  
**Agenda Item Information**  
**February 3-4, 2010**

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Tribal Coordination and Consultation

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Action Requested

√ Information item only. Questions will be answered but no action is requested.

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Presenter

Deanna Archuleta, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, Department of the Interior

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Previous Action Taken

√ At its May 2008 meeting, AMWG passed the following motion:  
AMWG recommends to the Secretary of the Interior to direct DOI agencies, in collaboration with the tribes, to commit to establish, beginning in FY09, a tribal liaison position and its functions that will represent tribal concerns and interests in the Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Program.

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Relevant Science

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**Report on Tribal Liaison Position**

Background

In 2008, the Department of the Interior responded to the motion passed by AMWG (see above) by directing the GCDAMP Regional Directors to interact with the GCDAMP Tribes on the proposed position. In the summer of 2009, the GCDAMP tribes delivered a document to Anne Castle, the Secretary's Designee, and to the Regional Directors describing the tribes' view of the functions of the liaison. The Department is currently working on finalizing a "position description" for the liaison and working on identifying funding sources for the position. Following further consultation with the tribes, the Department will take appropriate steps to create the tribal liaison position.

**Report on Tribal Consultation Regarding FY 2010 Work Issues Including Non-Native Fish Control**

Background

Tribal concerns have been expressed since 2002 regarding the taking of life within a sacred site (the confluence of the Little Colorado and Colorado Rivers) and a potentially eligible National Register property. Government-to-government consultation meetings over non-native fish removal were held with the Hopi Tribe, Hualapai Tribe, and Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians in 2002, with the consulting parties agreeing that if the Hualapai Tribe used the fish as compost in tribal gardens, it would serve as a mitigating measure for the adverse effect on this sacred site. Additional

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consultation will be necessary to determine if that is still considered adequate as a mitigating measure or if alternative measures are available.

### Recent Activity

The 2010/2011 GCDAMP Workplan contains provisions for one or two non-native fish control trips in each of the two years. These non-native fish control efforts are currently scheduled to take place near the mouth of the Little Colorado River (LCR). The Pueblo of Zuni and other tribes expressed concern over the proposed trips at the April 2009 AMWG meeting. In June and July 2009, the Pueblo of Zuni wrote letters to the Bureau of Reclamation, GCMRC, and the USFWS expressing concern over the killing of non-native fish and the location of the activity, the mouth of the LCR, which is a location of cultural significance for the Zuni. The Pueblo of Zuni requested meaningful consultation with the federal agencies on this issue. On September 14, 2009, government-to-government consultation between representatives of the Department of the Interior and the Pueblo of Zuni was held. The issues raised by the Pueblo of Zuni have not yet been resolved. Continued consultation with the all tribes having cultural ties to the Grand Canyon is necessary.

### January Consultation

A meeting between the GCDAMP tribes and the DOI/DOE representatives of the GCDAMP is scheduled for January 13, 2009 in Phoenix, Arizona. Non-native fish removal, high flow experiments, and the 2010/2011 GCDAMP Workplan will be discussed, in order to identify any additional areas of concern the tribes may have. A report on this meeting will be presented as part of this agenda item.