

PROPOSED AGENDA
Technical Committee Meeting
Gila River Basin Native Fishes Conservation Program
USFS Hunter Building, Springerville, AZ
January 21, 2014

- I. Issues that will require FWS reconsultation of the 2008 biological opinion
- A. Potential changes in who will implement contracting administration of the fund transfer program
 - B. New species listings
 - 1. gartersnakes
 - 2. chubs
 - 3. other?
 - C. New proposed fish barriers and construction schedules
 - D. Documentation of fish monitoring changes
 - E. Possible changes to the CAP (project description)
 - F. Other?

II. Identification of FY2015 fund transfer projects

Preliminary list:

- 1. Topminnow stock maintenance (yr 5 of 5)
- 2. NMDGF recovery actions (yr 8 of n)
 - a. W Fk Gila River mechanical removal (yr 3 of 5)
 - b. Little Creek mechanical removal (yr 3 of 5)
 - c. Spikedace repatriations to San Francisco River (yr 3 of 5)
 - d. Turkey Ck trib surveys/mechanical removal (yr 2 of 4)
 - e. T&E fish repatriations and monitoring (yr 2 of 5)
- 3. FWS recovery actions (yr 8 of n)
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- 5. Surveys of Gila River tributaries on BLM lands (yr 2 of 2)
- 6. AZGFD recovery actions (yr 8 of n)
 - a. Updated list of old continuation projects
 - b. Summer intern assistance (?)
 - c. Fish health assessments (?)
 - d. Operating expense increase (?)

- e. Tonto NF/AZGFD split position (?)
- 7. Bubbling Ponds O&M (yr 8 of n)
- 8. Other?

III. Identification of new projects to accommodate extra funds when Reclamation is unable to construct fish barriers

- A. Outyears for piscicide and crayfish biocide development studies?
- B. Chub morphology study?
- C. Hatchery genetics analyses?
- D. New captive propagation facility?
- E. Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum or U of A refuge establishment?
- F. Land acquisitions?
- G. Others?

IV. Fish barrier update

V. Native fish conservation/renovation/repatriation/monitoring activities update

VI. Other discussion items?