Compliance Status for Stocking in Glen Canyon

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Sport Fish Restoration Act

- Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act of 1950
- Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund
 Tax fishing equipment
 - Tax on motorboat fuel and small engine fuel
 - Tax on electric motors and sonar
 - Import duties on tackle, pleasure boats, yachts
- Eligibility State Fish and Wildlife Agencies with Authority under State law

Sport Fish Restoration Grants

- Eligible Activities
 - Restoring, conserving, managing, and enhancing sport fish, and providing for public use and benefit from these resources.
- Sport Fish definition aquatic, gill-breathing, vertebrate animals, bearing paired fins, and having material value for sport or recreation
- The Federal Action is the funding of a Sport Fish Restoration grant to a State Game Agency.



Wildlife & Sport Fish Restoration Program

- Administrative Functions
 - Approve grant proposals
 - Determine whether the proposal is eligible under the Act
 - Monitor performance of approved grant projects
 - Annual reporting on completion of projects
 - Monitor compliance with Federal laws and regulations
 - ESA, NHPA, NEPA and other applicable laws & regulations
- Received a grant from AZ Game and Fish
 Department on March 13, 2018

Compliance Status - ESA

- Endanger Species Act
 - AGFD is the designated non-Federal representative for grants funded through WSFR
 - Intra-Service Section 7 Consultation between WSFR and Ecological Services
 - AGFD is implementing the project. WSFR is granting funds.
 - ESFO sent out draft Biological Opinion to AGFD partners, to come

Compliance Status - NHPA

- March 22, 2018 sent out invitation for government-to-government consultation under Section 106 of NHPA
- Continuing to consult with ACHP, SHPO, AGFD, Tribes

Compliance Status - NEPA

Categorical Exclusion 516 DM8

B(6) The reintroduction or supplementation (e.g., stocking) of native, formerly native, or established species into suitable habitat within their historic or established range, where no or negligible environmental disturbances are anticipated.

Additional Coordination

- Working closely with other Agencies;
 - Bureau of Reclamation
 - LTEMP
 - Grand Canyon and Glen Canyon NPS
 - Grand Canyon Protection Act
 - Comprehensive Fisheries Management Plan
 - Grand Canyon Monitoring and Research Center
 - AZFWCO USFWS Fisheries
 - Science and Interpretation
- Monitoring Action
 - Coordinated Efforts: Thank you
 - Efficacy of stocking and effect to humpback chub



Thank you: Questions