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RESOLUTION

OF THE GLEN CANYON DAM ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT WORK GROUP UPON THE RETIREMENT OF SAM SPILLER February 22, 2012

WHEREAS, Sam Spiller is the Lower Colorado River Coordinator for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Service's designated representative on the Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Work Group; and

WHEREAS, in that capacity, Sam has been a dedicated and passionate advocate for the fish and wildlife species in the Colorado River below Glen Canyon Dam; and

WHEREAS, Sam is the master of the Lieutenant Columbo form of discussion, namely, that he frequently remembers at the end of lengthy conversation that there's just "one more thing" that it is necessary to deal with before reaching closure; and

WHEREAS, such techniques have been remarkably effective in advancing the cause of humpback chub and other endangered species in the Lower Colorado River system; and

WHEREAS, Sam frequently extols the benefits of the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, and is possibly the only person in the room who knows what such Act provides; and

WHEREAS, Sam's participation in the AMWG has been instrumental in the advances made in science and stewardship in Glen and Grand Canyons and he will be sorely missed; and

WHEREAS, Sam is fully deserving of extended time to fish at Port Aransas, restore native prairie in his back yard, and discourse with his grandchildren.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the AMWG acknowledges and commends Sam Spiller of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for his exemplary service and unsurpassed dedication to stewardship of fish and wildlife in the Lower Colorado River and wishes him all the best as he begins this new phase of life.

SIGNED AND ACKNOWLEDGED, this 22nd day of February, 2012


Anne J. Castle, Secretary's Designee