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National Park Service Seeks Public Comment on the Expanded Non-native Aquatic Species Management Plan

Page, AZ – The National Park Service (NPS) is seeking public comment on an Expanded Nonnative Aquatic Species Management Plan and Environmental Assessment in Glen Canyon National Recreation Area (Glen Canyon NRA) and Grand Canyon National Park below the Glen Canyon Dam. Public comments will be accepted for a 30-day period from Sept. 11 to Oct. 11, 2018.

Control measures for non-native aquatic species are necessary due to the increase of green sunfish and brown trout and the potential for other harmful non-native aquatic species that threaten downstream native aquatic species, some of which are listed as threatened and endangered. These non-native species have become an increasing threat since the NPS completed the 2013 NPS Comprehensive Fish Management Plan and the 2016 Long-Term Experimental and Management Plan.

To assist the public in understanding the proposed action and providing comments, the NPS is hosting various meetings to present information on the plan. Those meetings include:

Public Webinar, September 20, 2018

Arizona: 5 to 6:30 pm MST

Colorado/Utah: 6 to 7:30 pm MDT

Call Line 888-790-2024, Passcode 9535626 Web Address: https://bluejeans.com/7293338944

Open Houses:

Glen Canyon NRA Headquarters, 691 Scenic View Drive, Page AZ 86040 September 25, 6 to 8 pm MST

Flagstaff Aquaplex, 1702 N. Fourth Street, Flagstaff, AZ 86004 September 26, 6 to 8 pm MST

Arizona Game and Fish Department, 5000 W Carefree Hwy, Phoenix, AZ 85086 September 27, 6 to 8 pm MST

The public open houses will include a presentation and NPS staff will be available to answer questions.

The project summary and associated documents can be found online at: https://parkplanning.nps.gov/Expanded_Nonnative.

Public comments may be submitted electronically at: https://parkplanning.nps.gov/Expanded_Nonnative (preferred method).

Written comments may be submitted to: ATTN: Kirk LaGory, Expanded Non-native Aquatic Species Management Plan Argonne National Laboratory 9700 South Cass Avenue—EVS/240 Argonne, IL 60439

Written comments will also be accepted at the public open houses (computers and notecards will be available).

Comments will not be accepted verbally, via fax, email, or any format other than those specified above. Bulk comments in any format (hard copy or electronic) submitted on behalf of others will not be accepted. Public comments are due no later than Oct. 11, 2018.

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PHOTO: Scenic Colorado River in Glen Canyon National Recreation Area. NPS Photo.

Sidebar: Public Webinar and Open Houses

Public Webinar	Public Open House	Public Open House	Public Open House
Sept. 20, 2018	Sept. 25, 2018	Sept. 26, 2018	Sept. 27, 2018
5-6:30 pm MST (AZ)	6-8 pm MST	6-8 pm MST	6-8 pm MST
6-7:30 pm MDT (CO, UT)	Glen Canyon NRA	The Flagstaff	Arizona Game and Fish
Phone: 888-790-2024	Headquarters	Aquaplex	Department
Passcode: 9535626	691 Scenic View Drive	1702 N Fourth St	Eagle Room
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