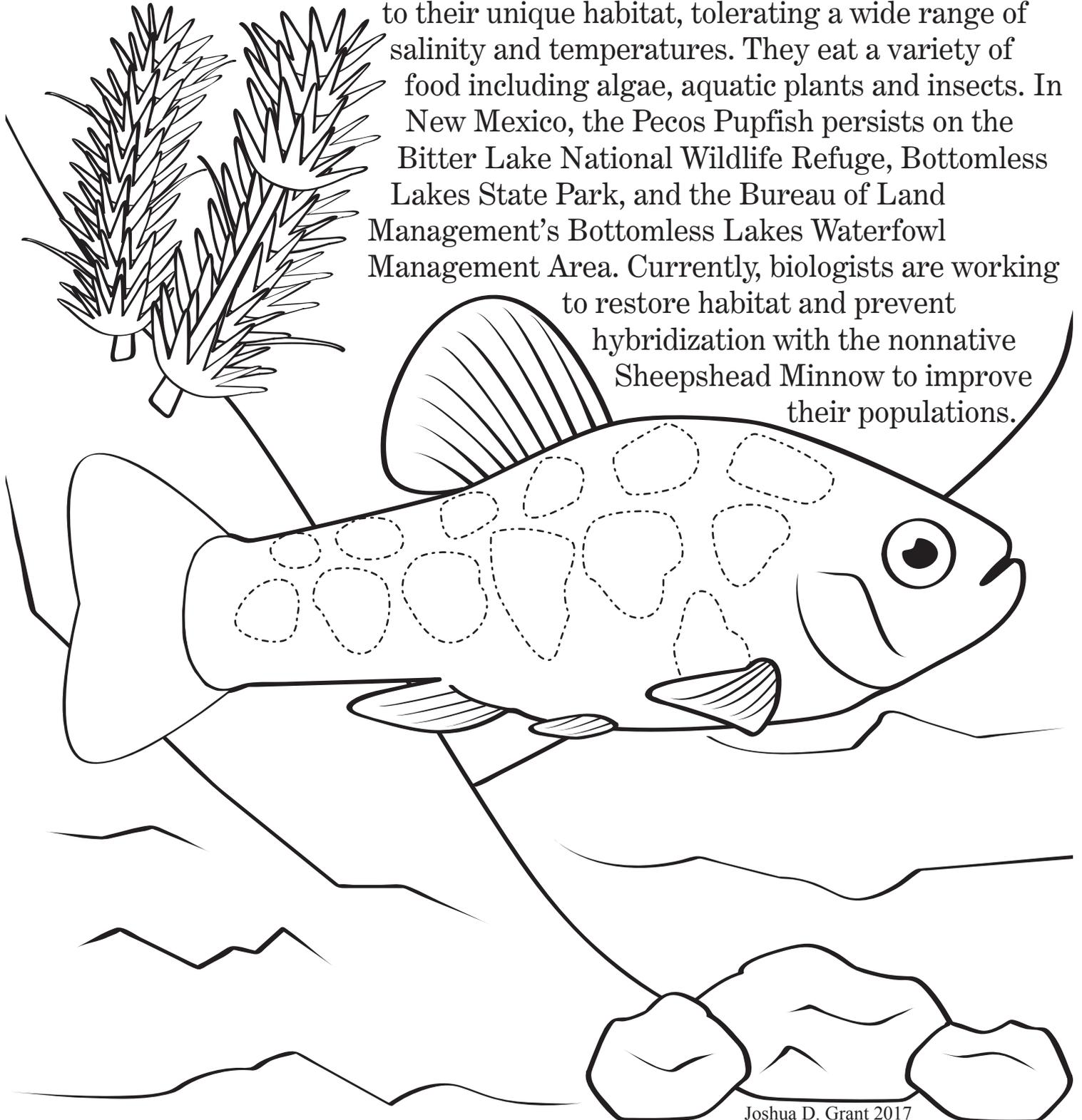




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The Pecos Pupfish

The Pecos Pupfish is a stout fish that grows to just over two inches long. Its habitat includes gypsum sinkholes, saline springs, small lakes and streams, and the Pecos River. Pecos Pupfish are well adapted to their unique habitat, tolerating a wide range of salinity and temperatures. They eat a variety of food including algae, aquatic plants and insects. In New Mexico, the Pecos Pupfish persists on the Bitter Lake National Wildlife Refuge, Bottomless Lakes State Park, and the Bureau of Land Management's Bottomless Lakes Waterfowl Management Area. Currently, biologists are working to restore habitat and prevent hybridization with the nonnative Sheepshead Minnow to improve their populations.



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