

BLM FISHERIES AND AQUATIC RESOURCES PROGRAM



The Fisheries and Aquatics Program is responsible for the management and conservation of BLM aquatic habitats and the fish, wildlife, and invertebrates that depend on them.



Habitat Restoration ♦ Fish Passage ♦ Aquatic Invasive Species ♦ Research and Monitoring ♦ Outreach and Education

PROGRAM ROLE:

- Manage for the biological, chemical, and physical integrity and function of aquatic ecosystems
- Manage for the natural diversity of aquatic biota and watershed functions
- Manage habitat for native resident, migratory, and game species
- Prevent and manage aquatic invasive species
- Maximize and balance recreational opportunities and native fish conservation
- Ensure full compliance with Federal Laws, Executive Orders, and Regulations

RESOURCE PRIORITIES:

- 1) *Native Species.* Aquatic habitats and ecosystems supporting native, resident game and nongame species, including special status, anadromous and subsistence species.
- 2) *Game Species.* Aquatic habitats supporting desired nonnative sportfish.
- 3) *Other species* of high scientific, social or economic value.



PROGRAM APPROACH:

- Protect, restore, and enhance stream, wetland and lentic habitats
- Inventory, assess, and monitor aquatic biological, chemical, and physical characteristics
- Protect, maintain and restore natural aquatic ecosystem function, connectivity, and processes, such as through fish passage and watershed restoration
- Prevent the introduction, limit the spread of, and eradicate non-native aquatic invasive species
- Enhance sport and anadromous fisheries by increasing habitat integrity and productivity
- Increase the quality and quantity of recreational fishing opportunities on BLM managed lands
- Assist in the recovery of threatened, endangered, candidate and other special status aquatic species and habitats
- Facilitate restoration of riparian and wetland areas
- Lead the BLM/Utah State University *National Aquatic Monitoring Center* (aka BugLab)

