

Revised Recovery Plan for the Rio Grande Silvery Minnow

About the Document

Title: Revised Recovery Plan for the Rio Grande Silvery Minnow (*Hybognathus amarus*)

Purpose: The plan will provide a roadmap for recovery and ultimately removal of the Rio Grande silvery minnow from the endangered species list, in accordance with section 4(f)(1) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). The plan contains descriptions of the life history, threats, and current conservation of the silvery minnow, as well as objective and measurable recovery criteria, recommended recovery actions, and the time and cost estimates of recovery.

Estimated Dissemination Date: The Revised Recovery Plan for the Rio Grande Silvery Minnow will be disseminated by September 2007.

About the Peer Review Process

Type of Peer Review and the Number of Reviewers: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is soliciting comments from four independent scientific reviewers on the draft revised recovery plan. The scientific peer review will be held concurrently with the public review of the draft revised plan (January 18 – April 18, 2007)

Reviewer Selection Method/Expertise of Reviewers: The Service asked both the Technical and Tribal Subgroups of the Recovery Team to recommend peer reviewers that were objective and preferably well known and widely respected experts in conservation biology, desert fish conservation, desert fish ecology, knowledge of recovery planning, hydrology, and water management. The Service then asked a subset of those recommended reviewers if they were available to review the draft revised recovery plan within the given time frame. Of the eight the Service invited to participate in peer review, four accepted.

Estimated Start Date of Peer Review: January 18, 2007.

About Public Participation

The public will have an opportunity to provide comments on the Draft Revised Recovery Plan for the Rio Grande Silvery Minnow from January 18, 2007 to April 18, 2007 (72 FR 2301). Peer reviewers were nominated as described above in the Reviewer Selection Method.

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See the Rio Grande silvery minnow's species' profile via the Middle Rio Grande Endangered Species Act Collaborative Program web site at <http://www.fws.gov/mrgesacp/RGSM.cfm>

A copy of the final revised recovery plan will be posted upon completion.