

Native Aquatic Species and Warm-water Sport Fish Hatchery Construction Scoping Document

Introduction The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources and the Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission are preparing an analysis of impacts associated with the construction of a Native Aquatic Species and Warm-water Sport Fish Hatchery at the Springville State Fish Hatchery, West side facility in Springville, Utah County, Utah (see Figure 1). To complete this analysis, we need your input in identifying the issues associated with the construction of the hatchery.

Project Background The Central Utah Project Completion Act of 1992 authorized funding to improve existing hatchery facilities or construct new hatcheries to increase production of warm-water and cold-water fishes for the areas affected by the Colorado River Storage Project in Utah. A Hatchery Production Plan (plan) was written by the Hatchery Workgroup made up of state and federal agencies, tribes and angler groups. This plan identified long-term fish needs and management objectives for hatchery production. An Environmental Assessment (EA) was published in 1998 on the plan and the Finding of No Significant Impact included the construction of a Native Aquatics and Warm water Sport fish Hatchery. This analysis tiers off of that EA.



Figure 1. Proposed project area, Springville State Fish Hatchery, west side facility, North Main Street, Springville, Utah Co., Utah.

The Proposed Action The proposal is to construct a Native Aquatic Species and Warm-water Sport-fish Hatchery at the Springville State Fish Hatchery, West side facility, located west of Main Street in Springville, Utah County, Utah. This facility will be built to meet native aquatic species, such as June sucker, Columbia spotted frog, least chub and other species' production needs to meet conservation, recovery, and warm-water sport fish goals. Hatchery construction would proceed in two phases: Under Phase 1, new hatchery facilities would be

constructed and refurbished predominantly within the footprint of the West side facility. Should funding become available, Phase 2 of the project would include new construction of additional hatchery facilities in the northwest portion of the project area (Figure 1). Phase two would provide for increased fish production needs.

The proposed action includes:

Phase 1:

- Refurbish existing State hatchery building
- Construct an additional hatchery building
- Enlarge and modify existing ponds
- Modify site access and parking from North Main Street

Phase 2:

- Construct new ponds
- Construct a lab, administrative building, feed storage, visitor center and 2 new residences
- Install fencing and construct visitor trails

Possible Issues Some issues were identified during the plan development. Please review the following list of issues and let us know if you have others.

- water quality protection / disease control
- cultural resource protection
- site specific construction impacts
- impacts on wetlands and wetland mitigation
- operations and maintenance costs

Provide comments on the mail in sheet or email comments to mwilson@usbr.gov. Comments will be included in the analysis if received by March 2, 2012.

Future opportunities for comment If you choose not to submit comments at this time, there will be more opportunities for comment in the analysis. A draft assessment document will be available for review in 2012.

If you would like to talk about this project, please contact Maureen Wilson at the Mitigation Commission (801) 524-3146 or Ashley Green at the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (801) 538-4822.