

Lower Colorado Watershed Management Plan Summary Table

Management Unit Name	Management Goals			Management Goals			Unit Potential		Management Priority	Management Description
	Emphasis	Objectives	Desired Species	Emphasis	Objectives	Desired Species	Angler	Native Aquatic Conservation		
Beal Lake	Native Aquatic Species Management	Native Fish Refugia	XYTE, GIEL				Low	Medium	High	Beal Lake should be managed as native fish refugia. Native fish species management, conservation, and recovery will be in partnership with the USFWS, Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program and other partners. Actions related to the management, conservation, and recovery of native fish species in Beal Lake will be mostly driven by existing conservation and recovery plans.
Cibola High Levee Pond	Native Aquatic Species Management	Native Fish Refugia	XYTE, GIEL				Low	High	Medium	The Cibola High Levee Pond should be managed as native fish refugia. Native fish species management, conservation, and recovery will be in partnership with the USFWS, Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program and other partners. Actions related to the management, conservation, and recovery of native fish species in the Cibola High Levee Pond will be mostly driven by existing conservation and recovery plans.
Cibola Lake	Sport Fish Recreation	Sport Fish Warmwater-General Opportunity	MISA, LEMA, LEMI, ICPU, PIOL				Low	Low	Medium	The Department has developed concepts under a Strategic Vision Document (AGFD 2017) to help guide warmwater fisheries management in Arizona. Using these concepts, fisheries management for Cibola Lake will focus on a general opportunity for all warmwater species.
Council Avenue Pond	Sport Fish Recreation	Sport Fish Warmwater-General Opportunity	MISA, LEMA, LEMI, ICPU, PONI, PIRI, DOPE, CTID	Sport Fish Recreation	Sportfish Coldwater-Intensive Use	ONMY	High	Low	Medium	In the 2015-2025 Community Fishing Program (CFP) Vision, the Department (AGFD), developed management objectives for angler catch per unit effort and angler satisfaction. Our target catch rates and angler satisfaction is the same for all CFP waters: Achieve an angler satisfaction rate of at least 85% for each individual water, and overall catch-rates greater than 0.50 fish/hr. The PAAC Pond has employed a Standard Use or put-and-take management strategy since the lake was added to the program in 2019.
Emerald Canyon Golf Course Ponds	Native Aquatic Species Management	Native Fish Refugia	XYTE				Low	High	Low	The Emerald Canyon Golf Course Ponds should be managed as native fish refugia. Native fish species management, conservation, and recovery will be in partnership with the USFWS, Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program and other partners. Actions related to the management, conservation, and recovery of native fish species in the Emerald Canyon Golf Course Ponds will be mostly driven by existing conservation and recovery plans.
Hidden Shores Golf Course Ponds	Sport Fish Recreation	Sportfish Coldwater-Intensive Use	ONMY				Low	Low	Low	The Hidden Shores Golf Course Ponds will continue to be stocked with Rainbow Trout for the Hidden Shores Kid's Fishing event as long as the public requests the fish specifically for the event. Due to the fact that these ponds regularly dry up during the year, no other fisheries management or stockings will occur.
Imperial NWR - Ponds 1 - 6	Native Aquatic Species Management	Native Fish Refugia	XYTE, GIEL				Low	High	High	The Imperial National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) - Ponds 1 - 6 should be managed as native fish refugia. Six backwaters provide approximately 80 acres of habitat for endangered razorback sucker and bonytail fish species. Native fish species management, conservation, and recovery will be in partnership with the USFWS, Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program and other partners. Actions related to the management, conservation, and recovery of native fish species in the Imperial NWR Ponds will be mostly driven by existing conservation and recovery plans.
La Paz County Park Pond	Sport Fish Recreation	Sportfish Coldwater-Intensive Use	ONMY				Low	Low	Medium	The La Paz County Park Pond should continue to be stocked with Rainbow Trout for the Parker Take a Kid Fishing event as long as the public requests the fish specifically for the event. No other fisheries management activities are planned at this time.
Lake Havasu	Sport Fish Recreation	Sport Fish Warmwater-High Quality	MISA	Native Aquatic Species Management	Native Fish Mgmt-Sustained	XYTE, GIEL	Low	Medium	High	The Department has developed concepts under a Strategic Vision Document (AGFD 2017) to help guide warmwater fisheries management in Arizona. Using these concepts, fisheries management at Lake Havasu will focus primarily on a high-quality Largemouth Bass and Smallmouth Bass fisheries, secondarily for Redner Sunfish as a featured species and thirdly as a general opportunity fishery for Striped Bass, Bluegill, Channel Catfish, and Flathead Catfish can be locally abundant and will provide angling opportunities.
Lake Havasu Cont.	Sport Fish Recreation	Sport Fish Warmwater-High Quality	MIDO							
Lake Havasu Cont.	Sport Fish Recreation	Sport Fish Warmwater-Featured Species	LEMI							
Lake Havasu Cont.	Sport Fish Recreation	Sport Fish Warmwater-General Opportunity	MOSA							
Lake Mohave	Sport Fish Recreation	Sport Fish Warmwater-High Quality	MISA, MIDO	Native Aquatic Species Management	Native Fish Mgmt-Sustained	XYTE, GIEL	High	Medium	High	The Department has developed concepts under a Strategic Vision Document (AGFD 2017) to help guide warmwater fisheries management in Arizona. Using these concepts, fisheries management at Lake Mohave will focus primarily on a high-quality Largemouth Bass and Smallmouth Bass fisheries, secondarily for Striped Bass as a featured species and thirdly as a general opportunity fishery for Channel Catfish. Razorback Sucker are also an important component to this fishery and will be managed for as a sustained population for the purpose of providing genetic stock for other sustained populations.
Lake Mohave Cont.	Sport Fish Recreation	Sport Fish Warmwater-Featured Species	MOSA							
Lake Mohave Cont.	Sport Fish Recreation	Sport Fish Warmwater-General Opportunity	ICPU							
Mittry Lake	Sport Fish Recreation	Sport Fish Warmwater-AZ Hawg Bass	MISA, ICPU				High	Low	High	The Department has developed concepts under a Strategic Vision Document (AGFD 2017) to help guide warmwater fisheries management in Arizona. Using these concepts, fisheries management on Mittry Lake will focus on trophy Largemouth Bass and general opportunity Channel Catfish fisheries.
Pacific Avenue Athletic Complex (PAAC) Pond	Sport Fish Recreation	Sport Fish Warmwater-General Opportunity	MISA, LEMA, LEMI, ICPU, PONI, PIRI, DOPE, CTID	Sport Fish Recreation	Sportfish Coldwater-Intensive Use	ONMY	High	Low	Medium	In the 2015-2025 Community Fishing Program (CFP) Vision, the Department developed management objectives for angler catch per unit effort (CPUE, fish caught per hour) and angler satisfaction. Our target catch rates and angler satisfaction is the same for all CFP waters: Achieve an angler satisfaction rate of at least 85% for each individual water, and overall catch-rates greater than 0.50 fish/hr. The PAAC Pond has employed a Standard Use or put-and-take management strategy since the lake was added to the program in 2019.
Palo Verde Oxbow Lake	Sport Fish Recreation	Sport Fish Warmwater-General Opportunity		Native Aquatic Species Management	Native Fish Mgmt-Sustained	XYTE, GIEL	Low	Medium	Medium	The Department has developed concepts under a Strategic Vision Document (AGFD 2017) to help guide warmwater fisheries management in Arizona. Using these concepts, fisheries management for Palo Verde Oxbow Lake will focus on a general opportunity for all warmwater species.
Parker Dam Pond	Native Aquatic Species Management	Native Fish Refugia	GIEL				Low	High	High	The Parker Dam Pond should be managed as native fish refugia. Native fish species management, conservation, and recovery will be in partnership with the USFWS, Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program and other partners. Actions related to the management, conservation, and recovery of native fish species in the Cibola High Levee Pond will be mostly driven by existing conservation and recovery plans.
Topock Marsh	Sport Fish Recreation	Sport Fish Warmwater-Trophy Cat	ICPU	Native Aquatic Species Management	Native Fish Mgmt-Sustained	XYTE	High	Medium	High	The Department has developed concepts under a Strategic Vision Document (AGFD 2017) to help guide warmwater fisheries management in Arizona. Using these concepts, fisheries management at Topock Marsh will focus primarily on a Fat Cat Channel Catfish fisheries, secondarily for a general opportunity fishery for Largemouth Bass and Black Crappie. Razorback Sucker are also an important component to this fishery and will be managed for as a sustained population for the purpose of providing genetic stock for other sustained populations.
Topock Marsh Cont.	Sport Fish Recreation	Sport Fish Warmwater-General Opportunity	MISA							
Topock Marsh Cont.	Sport Fish Recreation	Sport Fish Warmwater-General Opportunity	PONI							
Yuma West Wetlands Pond	Sport Fish Recreation	Sport Fish Warmwater-General Opportunity	MISA, LEMA, LEMI, ICPU, PONI, PIRI, DOPE, CTID	Sport Fish Recreation	Sportfish Coldwater-Intensive Use	ONMY	High	Low	Medium	In the 2015-2025 Community Fishing Program (CFP) Vision, the Department developed management objectives for angler catch per unit effort (CPUE, fish caught per hour) and angler satisfaction. Our target catch rates and angler satisfaction is the same for all CFP waters: Achieve an angler satisfaction rate of at least 85% for each individual water, and overall catch-rates greater than 0.50 fish/hr. The YWW Pond has employed a Standard Use or put-and-take management strategy since the lake was added to the program in 2019.
Alamo Wash	No proposed emphasis or action						Low	Low	Low	No management emphasis or actions of the Alamo Wash by the Department are planned or will likely occur for the foreseeable future due to lack of perennial water.
CAP CANAL-HAYDEN-RHODES AQUEDUCT	No proposed emphasis or action						Low	Low	Low	The CAP Canal - Hayden - Rhodes Aqueduct will have no management emphasis or actions taken until it is accessible to the public.
Cave Creek	No proposed emphasis or action						Low	Low	Low	No management emphasis or actions of Cave Creek by the Department are planned or will likely occur for the foreseeable future due to lack of perennial water.
Colorado River and Associated Backwaters - Davis Dam to Lake Havasu	Sport Fish Recreation	Sportfish Coldwater-Intensive Use	ONMY	Native Aquatic Species Management	Native Fish Mgmt-Sustained	XYTE	High	Medium	High	The Department has developed concepts under Coldwater and Warmwater Strategic Vision Document (AGFD 2015, AGFD 2017) to help guide coldwater and warmwater fisheries management in Arizona. Using these concepts, fisheries management on the Colorado River - Davis Dam to Lake Havasu will focus on an intensive use Rainbow Trout fishery, a General Opportunity Smallmouth Bass fishery and a Featured Species Striped Bass fishery. Native fish species management, conservation, and recovery will be in partnership with the USFWS, Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program and other partners. Actions related to the management, conservation, and recovery of native fish species in the Colorado River will be mostly driven by existing conservation and recovery plans. Monitoring activities to determine if management objectives are being met should include electrofishing surveys and creel surveys every five years.
Colorado River and Associated Backwaters - Davis Dam to Lake Havasu Cont.	Sport Fish Recreation	Sport Fish Warmwater-Featured Species	MOSA							
Colorado River and Associated Backwaters - Davis Dam to Lake Havasu Cont.	Sport Fish Recreation	Sport Fish Warmwater-General Opportunity	MIDO							
Colorado River and Associated Backwaters - Davis Dam to Lake Havasu Cont.	Sport Fish Recreation	Sport Fish Warmwater-General Opportunity	MIDO	Native Fish Self-sustaining	CALA					
Colorado River and Associated Backwaters - Davis Dam to Lake Havasu Cont.	Sport Fish Recreation	Sport Fish Coldwater-Featured Species	MOSA							

Colorado River and Associated Backwaters - Parker Strip	Sport Fish Recreation	Sport Fish Warmwater-General Opportunity	MISA	Native Aquatic Species Management	Native Fish Mgmt-Sustained	XYTE, GIEL	High	Medium	High	The Department has developed concepts under a Strategic Vision Document (AGFD 2017) to help guide warmwater fisheries management in Arizona. Using these concepts, fisheries management on the Colorado River - Parker Strip will focus on General Opportunity Largemouth Micropterus salmoides and Smallmouth Bass Micropterus dolomieu fisheries. Native fish species management, conservation, and recovery will be in partnership with the USFWS, Lower Colorado River Multi-species Conservation Program and other partners. Actions related to the management, conservation, and recovery of native fish species in the Parker Strip of the Colorado River will be mostly driven by existing conservation and recovery plans. Monitoring activities to determine if management objectives are being met should include electrofishing surveys and creel surveys every five years. In addition, the La Paz County Park Lagoon should be stocked yearly with Rainbow Trout to support the Parker Take a Kid Fishing Day that is run by the Parker Bass Club. The Department will continue to coordinate the netting of the cove for the event and will remove the harvest limit of Rainbow Trout during and after the event.
Colorado River and Associated Backwaters - Parker Strip Cont.	Sport Fish Recreation	Sport Fish Warmwater-General Opportunity	MIDO				Low	Low		
Colorado River and Associated Backwaters - Parker Strip Cont.	Sport Fish Recreation	Sportfish Coldwater-Intensive Use	ONMY				Low	Low		
Colorado River and Associated Backwaters - Parker Division	No proposed emphasis or action						Low	Low		
Colorado River and Associated Backwaters - Palo Verde and Cibola Divisions	Sport Fish Recreation	Sport Fish Warmwater-General Opportunity	MISA	Native Aquatic Species Management	Native Fish Mgmt-Sustained	XYTE, GIEL	High	Medium	Medium	The Department has developed concepts under a Strategic Vision Document (AGFD 2017) to help guide warmwater fisheries management in Arizona. Using these concepts, fisheries management on the Palo Verde and Cibola Divisions of the Colorado River and the associated backwaters will focus on a general opportunity for Largemouth Bass Micropterus salmoides and Flathead Catfish Pylodictis olivaris fisheries. Native fish species management, conservation, and recovery will be in partnership with the USFWS, Lower Colorado River Multi-species Conservation Program and other partners. Actions related to the management, conservation, and recovery of native fish species in the Palo Verde and Cibola Divisions of the Colorado River will be mostly driven by existing conservation and recovery plans and will not be addressed in this plan.
Colorado River and Associated Backwaters - Palo Verde and Cibola Divisions Cont.	Sport Fish Recreation	Sport Fish Warmwater-General Opportunity	PYOL				Low	Low		
Colorado River and Associated Backwaters - Imperial Division	Sport Fish Recreation	Sport Fish Warmwater-High Quality	MISA	Native Aquatic Species Management	Native Fish Mgmt-Sustained	XYTE, GIEL	Low	Medium	High	The Department has developed concepts under a Strategic Vision Document (AGFD 2017) to help guide warmwater fisheries management in Arizona. Using these concepts, fisheries management on the Imperial Division of the Colorado River and the associated backwaters will focus on a high quality Largemouth Bass Micropterus salmoides and trophy Flathead Catfish Pylodictis olivaris fisheries. Native fish species management, conservation, and recovery will be in partnership with the USFWS, Lower Colorado River Multi-species Conservation Program and other partners. Actions related to the management, conservation, and recovery of native fish species in the Imperial Division of the Colorado River will be mostly driven by existing conservation and recovery plans and will not be addressed in this plan.
Colorado River and Associated Backwaters - Imperial Division Cont.	Sport Fish Recreation	Sport Fish Warmwater-Trophy Cat	PYOL				High	Low		
Colorado River and Associated Backwaters - Laguna Division	Sport Fish Recreation	Sport Fish Warmwater-General Opportunity					Low	Low	Medium	The Department has developed concepts under a Strategic Vision Document (AGFD 2017) to help guide warmwater fisheries management in Arizona. Using these concepts, fisheries management for the Colorado River and Associated Backwaters - Laguna Division will focus on a general opportunity for all warmwater species.
Colorado River and Associated Backwaters - Yuma Division	Sport Fish Recreation	Sport Fish Warmwater-General Opportunity					Low	Low	Medium	The Department has developed concepts under a Strategic Vision Document (AGFD 2017) to help guide warmwater fisheries management in Arizona. Using these concepts, fisheries management for the Colorado River and Associated Backwaters - Yuma Division will focus on a general opportunity for all warmwater species.
Cow Creek	No proposed emphasis or action						Low	Low	Low	No management emphasis or actions of Cow Creek by the Department are planned or will likely occur for the foreseeable future due to lack of perennial water.
Devils Canyon (Think this is entirely in California)	No proposed emphasis or action						Low	Low	Low	No management emphasis or actions of Devils Canyon by the Department are planned or will likely occur for the foreseeable future due to lack of perennial water. Additionally as this waterbody occurs entirely within the jurisdiction of the State of California, the Department will leave management to CDFW.
French Creek	No proposed emphasis or action						Low	Low	Low	No management emphasis or actions of French Creek by the Department are planned or will likely occur for the foreseeable future due to lack of perennial water.
Silver Creek Wash	No proposed emphasis or action						Low	Low	Low	No management emphasis or actions of Silver Creek Wash by the Department are planned or will likely occur for the foreseeable future due to lack of perennial water.
Tyson Wash	No proposed emphasis or action						Low	Low	Low	No management emphasis or actions of Tyson Wash by the Department are planned or will likely occur for the foreseeable future due to lack of perennial water.
Walnut Creek	No proposed emphasis or action						Low	Low	Low	No management emphasis or actions of Walnut Creek by the Department are planned or will likely occur for the foreseeable future due to lack of perennial water.
Willow Creek	No proposed emphasis or action						Low	Low	Low	No management emphasis or actions of Willow Creek by the Department are planned or will likely occur for the foreseeable future due to lack of perennial water.
Yuma Area Canals	Sport Fish Recreation	Sport Fish Warmwater-General Opportunity					High	Low	Medium	The Department has developed concepts under a Strategic Vision Document (AGFD 2017) to help guide warmwater fisheries management in Arizona. Using these concepts, fisheries management for the Yuma Area Canals will focus on a general opportunity for all warmwater species.
Colorado River Nature Center Pond	Native Aquatic Species Management	Native Fish Refugia	CYMA, XYTE				Low	Medium	Medium	The Colorado River Nature Center Pond will be managed for refuge populations of Desert Pupfish and Razorback Sucker. Management will include periodic monitoring of fish populations to track demographic trends and detect any nonnative fish species. Management may also include periodic management of submergent vegetation in the littoral zone (i.e., cattail growth).