

Immediate Release

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Expanded Non-native Aquatic Species Management Plan

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The scheduled public meetings are:

Public Webinar

September 20, 2018

5-6:30 pm MST (AZ)

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Page, AZ

September 25, 2018

6:00-8:00 pm MST (AZ)

Glen Canyon Headquarters

691 Scenic View Drive

Page, AZ 86040

Flagstaff, AZ

September 26, 2018

6:00-8:00 pm MST (AZ)

Flagstaff Aquaplex

1702 N. Fourth Street

Flagstaff, AZ 86004

Phoenix, AZ

September 27, 2018

6:00-8:00 pm MST (AZ)

Arizona Game & Fish

Dept. • Eagle Room

5000 W. Carefree Hwy.

Phoenix, AZ 85086

The Expanded Non-native Aquatic Species Management Plan in Glen Canyon National Recreation Area and Grand Canyon National Park below Glen Canyon Dam - An Environmental Assessment was released on September 11th. This document is of particular importance to anglers who fish either the Walk-in or upstream at Lees Ferry, but is of concern to all of us. Our collective involvement in December helped in efforts to mitigate the even harsher initial impacts proposed by the National Park Service on the Lees Ferry Blue Ribbon Rainbow Trout fishery. We urge you to become informed on this issue and make thoughtful comments to the National Park Service about this plan at upcoming meetings and as part of the public record on the plan.

We are attaching the summary documentation provided by the NPS, but encourage you to read the full document which is 73 pages of text plus 81 pages of appendices and includes important details missing from the summary. The full document can be accessed at: https://parkplanning.nps.gov/Expanded_Nonnative Click on the "Document List" tab and then the first file in the list of files ("Expanded Non-native Aquatic Species Management Plan/ EA"). At the bottom of the page, click the file under the "Document Content" tab for the full document to appear. *The list of dates for public meetings is at the left of this page.*

The following is important information from the NPS regarding the 30 day public comment window and submitting those comments:

Submitting Comments on the EA

We encourage you to download the EA and provide your comments on the proposed action and the assessment presented in the EA. *To be most useful to the planning process, please submit comments no later than October 11, 2018.*

There are three methods for submitting comments:

- 1) Submit comments electronically at: https://parkplanning.nps.gov/Expanded_Nonnative (preferred method)
- 2) Submit written comments at an in-person public meeting (computers or notecards available)
- 3) Submit written comments by sending a letter to me:
ATTN: Kirk LaGory, Expanded Non-Native Aquatic Species Management Plan
Argonne National Laboratory, 9700 South Cass Avenue—EVS/240, Argonne, Illinois 60439.

Comments will not be accepted verbally or by fax, email, or in any way other than those specified above. Bulk comments in any format (hard copy or electronic) submitted on behalf of others will not be accepted.

Please include your full name and address and/or email address with the comments so we may add you to our mailing list for future notices about this process. You should be aware that your entire comment—including personal identifying information such as your address, phone number, and e-mail address—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

See the website for more details: https://parkplanning.nps.gov/Expanded_Nonnative

Thanks for your interest and involvement in this important issue. We hope to see you at one of the upcoming meetings.