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Project Title

Annual fall monitoring of young-of-year Colorado Pikeminnow and small-bodied native fishes

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Abstract:

Monitoring of young-of-year (YOY) Colorado Pikeminnow (*Ptychocheilus lucius*) is an ongoing project initiated in 1986 in the upper Colorado River basin as part of the Interagency Standardized Monitoring Program (USFWS 1987) to evaluate recruitment success of age-0 endangered fishes. In 2025, we encountered 192 YOY Colorado Pikeminnow on the lower Colorado River (Reach 1), 12 on the middle Green River (Reach 4), and 67 on the lower Green River (Reach 3). Additionally, we captured a single YOY Razorback Sucker in Reach 3 and 60 unidentified *Gila spp.* in Reach 1. Mean total lengths of YOY Colorado Pikeminnow in 2025 were generally longer than previous years, likely due to warmer than average water temperatures. We will continue to monitor the annual abundance of post-larval Colorado Pikeminnow in the middle and lower Green River and the lower Colorado River to assess long-term trends in annual fall recruitment.

Study Schedule:

1986-Ongoing

Relationship to RAP:

- Element: Monitoring
 - Focus Area: Colorado Pikeminnow
 - Objective: Estimate pikeminnow reproductive success with adequate sampling to evaluate these rates over 10 year periods.

Accomplishment of 2025 Tasks and Deliverables, Discussion of Findings and Shortcomings:

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Task 1. Seine zero to low velocity habitats on the lower Green and Colorado Rivers to collect fish and habitat data.

Middle Green River (Reach 4):

Annual monitoring for young-of-year (YOY) Colorado Pikeminnow by the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources Vernal began in Reach 4 on September 22, 2025 and concluded on September 30, 2025. Beginning at Split Mountain boat ramp (river mile [RM] 319.3) and concluding at Sand Wash (RM 215.3), crews sampled 104 river miles in accordance with Interagency Standardized Monitoring Program (ISMP; USFWS 1987) protocols. Altogether, we sampled 32 backwater habitats (19 primary, 11 secondary, and one tertiary) that met ISMP criteria, yielding a total sampling area of 5,438.3 m².

Discharge on the middle Green River is measured at USGS gage #09261000 at Jensen, Utah (Figure 1). At this location, the Green River peaked at 11,000 cubic feet per second (cfs) on May 16, 2025. The river reached base flows (\leq 3,000 cfs; see Bestgen and Hill 2016) on June 22, 2025. During ISMP sampling in 2025, flows averaged 2,053 cfs. Main channel temperatures, measured during sampling, averaged 17.5 °C (range = 14.5 – 20.3 °C), while habitat temperatures averaged 18.1 °C (range = 14.1 – 24.2 °C) in 2025. Mean main channel Secchi depth, measured with a Secchi tube (cm visibility) was 311 mm, while mean habitat Secchi depth was 336 mm.

We encountered 12 Colorado Pikeminnow in Reach 4 during ISMP sampling in 2025. Mean total length (TL) of Colorado Pikeminnow in the middle Green River was 76.3 mm (range = 54 – 96 mm). This represents the longest mean TL of Colorado Pikeminnow caught in the middle Green River over 40 years of sampling since this project's inception in 1985. Colorado Pikeminnow CPUE in 2025 was 0.22 fish/100 m². This represents an increase from the 5-year and 10-year averages (0.10 fish/m² and 0.08 fish/m², respectively) but a decrease from the 40-year average CPUE of 2.44 fish/m². Native and nonnative fish encounters for 2025 are listed in Tables 1 and 2. Note that Table 1 accounts for all effort in primary and secondary backwaters, whereas Table 2 summarizes nonnative fish collected from first seine hauls conducted in primary backwaters only. Table 3 lists native fish captures over the history of ISMP YOY sampling in the middle Green River, while Table 4 includes a similar record of nonnative captures in the first seine haul of primary backwaters. Other nonnative species encountered in all seine hauls include Gizzard Shad (n=2). Figure 2 summarizes YOY Colorado Pikeminnow catch and seining effort for the middle Green River over time. Figure 3 provides a summary of the total catch of YOY Colorado Pikeminnow for all reaches over time.

Lower Green River (Reach 3):

Utah Division of Wildlife Resources Moab (UDWR Moab) began ISMP sampling on the lower Green River (Reach 3) on September 16th, 2025 and concluded September 19, 2025. Field crews sampled 120 river miles following ISMP protocol from Green River State Park (RM 120) to the confluence with the Colorado River (RM 0). Altogether, UDWR Moab sampled 25 habitats (16 primary and 9 secondary) on the lower Green River. Total area sampled in 2025 was 2,868 m².

Discharge on the lower Green River is measured at USGS gage #09315000 at Green River, Utah—the upstream-most location on Reach 3 (RM 120) (Figure 4). At this location, the Green River peaked at 10,600 cfs on May 9, 2025. The Green River remained above 4,000 cfs until dropping precipitously on June 21. Discharge declined to within the recommended base flow range (1,770- 3,800 cfs; see Bestgen and Hill 2016) to benefit YOY Colorado Pikeminnow on June 25, 2025. Discharge remained within this threshold until September 13, averaging 1,913 cfs. Critically, during a four-hour period 2025 Annual Report for fall monitoring of young-of-year Colorado Pikeminnow and small-bodied native fishes

between 16:30 and 20:30 on September 13, discharge spiked above the 3,800 cfs threshold to peak at 7,420 cfs. Following this brief event, flows remained below 3,800 cfs through ISMP sampling, averaging 2,091 cfs.

During 2025 sampling, field crews documented that average main channel temperature was 20.9 °C (range = 19 - 23 °C). These temperatures were higher than 2024 (average 19 °C, range = 18 - 21 °C). Average habitat temperature was 21.2 °C (range = 16 – 26 °C). These findings were also higher than the 2024 average backwater temperature (20.3 °C, range = 16.5 - 30 °C). Main channel visibility depth, collected with a Secchi disk as a proxy for turbidity, averaged 45 mm and sampled habitat Secchi depth averaged 94 mm. Both of these turbidity levels were significantly lower than 2024 (main channel 136 mm, backwater 187 mm).

Field crews encountered and recorded 67 YOY Colorado Pikeminnow in Reach 3 during 2025 ISMP sampling (Table 5). Colorado Pikeminnow CPUE was 2.34 fish/100m² of total habitat seined. This figure is fewer than the 40-year data set average CPUE for the lower Green River (11.44 fish/100m²), and is fewer than the 5-, 10-, and 15- year averages (respectively 2.74, 5.4, and 5.69 fish/100m²) (Figure 5). Field crews encountered Colorado Pikeminnow in just 20% of the 25 habitats sampled in 2025, totaling 5 distinct backwaters. Colorado Pikeminnow average total length for Reach 3 was 60 mm (range 34 – 86 mm), the third largest average TL recorded during ISMP sampling (2003 average TL=64.9; 2004 average TL= 60.1).

Encounters with other native fish species (excluding Colorado Pikeminnow) were higher in 2025 than during most of the previous 40 years of ISMP sampling. Species diversity was also notably high in 2025, with native taxa including unidentified *Gila* spp., Bluehead Sucker, Flannelmouth Sucker, and Speckled Dace. Notably, in 2025 a single YOY Razorback Sucker was encountered at RM 1.4 on Reach 3. Since the initiation of ISMP sampling in 1986, this represents only the third confirmed Razorback Sucker encounter in Reach 3 (Table 6). Confirmed Razorback Sucker encounters during ISMP sampling have also been historically rare on Reaches 1 and 4 (n=3 and n=5, respectively) (Table 7 and Table 3). Additional native and nonnative encounters for 2025 are listed in Table 5 and Table 8. Note that Table 5 displays total numbers for primary and secondary backwaters sampled, whereas Table 8 summarizes non-native fish enumerated in the first seine hauls conducted in primary backwaters only. Table 9 displays nonnative captures over time for the Lower Green River.

Lower Colorado River (Reach 1):

Utah Division of Wildlife Resources Moab (UDWR Moab) began sampling on the lower Colorado River (Reach 1) on September 16, and then September 23 - 26. Field crews sampled 110.5 river miles in accordance with the ISMP protocol, from Cisco Boat Ramp (RM 110.5) to the Colorado River and Green River confluence (RM 0). In total, field crews sampled 26 habitats (17 primary and 9 secondary) that met ISMP criteria, consisting of 2,458 m² total area sampled.

Discharge on the lower Colorado River is measured at USGS gage #09180500 near Cisco, UT (Figure 6). At this location the Colorado River peaked at 13,200 cfs on June 5, 2025. On the descending limb of the hydrograph the river reached recommended base flow threshold (6,400 – 3,000 cfs; see Miller 2018) to benefit YOY Colorado Pikeminnow on June 17, 2025. The Colorado River then fell below the 3,000 cfs threshold on July 11 until the beginning of ISMP sampling (July 11 - Sept. 16), with the exception of 6 days > 3,000 cfs (August 28, Sept 12 - 16). The average discharge during this base flow period was 2,894 cfs.

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Field crews recorded 19.4°C as average main channel temperature during sampling (range = 16 - 23 °C). These temperatures were higher than 2024 (average = 18°C; range = 18 - 21 °C). Similarly, the average habitat temperature was recorded at 19.6 °C (range = 16 - 24 °C). These temperatures are lower than 2024 (average = 21°C; range = 14 - 25 °C). Main channel visibility depth, collected with a Secchi disk as a proxy for turbidity, averaged 94.1 mm, significantly lower than 2024 (average = 179 mm). Average sampled habitat Secchi depth was 112.8, also significantly lower than 2024 (average = 215 mm).

On the lower Colorado River, crews encountered and recorded 192 YOY Colorado Pikeminnow in 2025 (Table 10). Colorado Pikeminnow CPUE was 7.81 fish/100m², a figure which is higher than the 40-year average value of 6.71 fish/100 m² for this reach. CPUE for Reach 1 ranked mixed for the 5-, 10-, and 15- year medians (respectively 4.56, 4.69, and 10.73 fish/100m²) (Figure 7). Young of year Pikeminnow average TL for 2025 was 44.9 mm (range 27 - 115 mm). This is larger than the 40-year average TL average of 35.3 mm. Crews identified Pikeminnow in 21 out of the 27 habitats sampled in Reach 1.

Additional native and nonnative encounters for 2025 are listed in Tables 10 and 11. Note that Table 10 displays total numbers for primary and secondary backwaters sampled, whereas Table 11 summarizes non-native fish enumerated in the first seine hauls conducted in primary backwaters only. Table 12 provides nonnative fish captures over time for the lower Colorado River.

Encounter rates with other native fish species (excluding Colorado Pikeminnow) were higher in 2025 than during many of the previous 40 years of ISMP sampling (Table 7). Species diversity was also notably high in 2025, with native taxa including unidentified *Gila* spp., Bluehead Sucker, Flannelmouth Sucker, and Speckled Dace. Notably, 60 *Gila* spp. were encountered on Reach 1, with a CPUE of 2.44 fish/100m². These *Gila* spp. encounters were dispersed throughout Reach 1, occurring as far downstream as RM 44.8 (Table 13, Figure 8). Encounters of *Gila* spp. totaling 60 or more individuals had not been recorded since 2019, and prior to that, 1995.

Additional observations:

- Discharge on both the lower Green and Colorado Rivers was low for 2025 sampling. Many potential backwater habitats were not available for sampling—habitats were often completely dry or did not meet ISMP protocol requirements for depth and area. Therefore, crews were limited in habitat availability for sampling.
- On September 13, three days prior to ISMP sampling began on September 16, backwater habitat on Reach 3, lower Green River, was impacted by a rain event and subsequent temporary discharge increase. During the four-hour period between 16:30 and 20:30, discharge spiked above the 3,800 cfs threshold considered beneficial to YOY Pikeminnow to peak at 7,420 cfs. This late-summer discharge spike represented approximately 56% of the magnitude of the 2025 spring runoff peak (13,200 cfs). This flow event temporarily reconnected or expanded backwater and side-channel habitats that had been largely isolated or were smaller under baseflow conditions. A discharge spike of this magnitude likely altered

YOY native fish distributions and influenced YOY Colorado Pikeminnow encounter rates during ISMP sampling.

- In 2025, Utah Department of Wildlife Resources encountered significant numbers of Colorado Pikeminnow during Upper Colorado River Endangered Fish Recovery Program (UCREFRP) Project 160 (Razorback Sucker monitoring). This sampling occurred during the end of July and again during the end of August, finishing up two weeks prior to 138 sampling. Similar to ISMP protocols, crews seined zero-velocity backwaters, but also included low-velocity habitats, on the lower Green River and lower Colorado River.

During project 160, seining crews encountered 111 Pikeminnow on the lower Green River (CPUE 2.03 fish/100m²) and 2,432 Pikeminnow on the lower Colorado River (CPUE 42.97 fish/100m²) (Cutler & Hansen, 2025). Notably, between both passes, on dates 7/30/2025 and 8/28/2025, crews encountered 1,520 Pikeminnow in 282 m² of sampling at a backwater located at RM 3.8 on the Colorado River, resulting in a CPUE of 539.0 fish/100m². In contrast, project 138 sampled the zero- velocity backwater at the same RM 3.8 habitat on 9/18/2025 and encountered six Pikeminnow in 84 m² of sampling (CPUE 7.14 fish/100m²). It is important to note that projects 160 and 138 follow different sampling protocols, impacting which habitats are allowed to be sampled and may have influenced CPUE results among the sampling events.

Recommendations:

- Continue to monitor annual relative abundance of post-larval Colorado Pikeminnow in the middle and lower Green River and the lower Colorado River to assess long-term trends in annual fall recruitment.
- Consider initiating a natal origin study for YOY *Gila* spp. encounters on the Colorado River below the known Humpback Chub (*Gila cypha*) populations upstream of Westwater Canyon and Roundtail Chub (*Gila robusta*) in the Dolores River. Elevated encounters in the main stem Colorado River of these fish in 2025, as well as in 2016, 2018, and 2019 warrant further investigation. A natal origin study, genetic sampling to determine species, or visible implant elastomer tag (VIE) mark and recapture study may improve understanding of how those *Gila* spp. use the main stem Colorado as well as tributaries for different stages of their life history.
- Project 138 overlaps spatially with larval and YOY fish monitoring projects 160 and 158, all projects sampling the same backwater and additional low-velocity habitats utilized by native and endangered fish during the first year of life. During each project, native fish that are not the target species are encountered in addition to the target species. Non- target species encounter data can be lost under current reporting formatting or can be reported multiple times in different reports. Consider initiating a comprehensive reporting format that encompasses all YOY and age-0 encounter data.

Project Status: On track, ongoing.

Status of Data Submission: Data will be submitted to the recovery program database coordinator by January 2025.

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Table 1. Native fish captures on the middle Green River during ISMP sampling, fall 2025.

Species	Number	Density (fish/100 m ²)
Colorado Pikeminnow	12	0.22
Flannelmouth Sucker	6	0.11

Table 2. Nonnative fish captures on the middle Green River during ISMP sampling, fall 2025. Nonnative fish are enumerated only during the first seine haul within primary habitats.

Species	Number	Density (fish/100 m ²)
Black Bullhead	7	0.36
Black Crappie	1	0.05
Fathead Minnow	1116	57.76
Green Sunfish	15	0.78
Red Shiner	2011	104.08
Smallmouth Bass	4	0.21
Sand Shiner	828	42.85
unidentified nonnative cyprinid	2001	103.56
White Sucker	8	0.41

Table 3. The middle Green River (Reach 4), total captures by year for native and endangered fish during young-of-year (YOY) monitoring from 1986-2025. Species listed are: YOY Colorado Pikeminnow (CS YOY; 10-99 mm), juvenile pikeminnow (CS JUV; 100-399 mm), unidentified *Gila* spp. (CH), Razorback Sucker (RZ), Roundtail Chub (RT), Flannelmouth Sucker (FM), Bluehead Sucker (BH), Speckled Dace (SD), and unidentified native sucker (UNS). In most years, species other than CS were only enumerated during the first seine haul within primary backwaters.

Year	CS YOY	CS JUV	CH	RZ	RT	FM	BH	SD	UNS
1986	492	0	32	0	0	0	0	132	94
1987	209	10	19	0	0	67	277	2	0
1988	885	36	5	0	0	120	1	6	0
1989	62	0	41	0	0	16	80	3	0
1990	341	47	22	0	0	0	9	2	0
1991	524	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
1992	183	0	4	0	1	2	115	11	0
1993	305	0	40	0	0	54	80	7	0
1994	15	0	13	0	0	38	32	10	0
1995	75	0	6	0	0	20	62	33	0
1996	79	0	6	0	1	31	53	7	0
1997	22	0	42	0	0	12	73	8	0
1998	73	0	63	1	0	25	49	6	0
1999	12	0	43	0	0	18	20	16	0
2000	31	0	3	1	0	6	12	2	0
2001	8	0	23	0	0	78	0	0	0
2002	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	0
2003	2	0	2	0	0	4	2	0	0
2004	60	0	12	0	0	16	2	1	0
2005	8	2	13	0	0	7	3	2	0
2006	5	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0
2007	3	1	2	0	0	10	11	0	0
2008	18	0	0	0	1	12	6	0	0
2009	325	0	0	0	13	57	36	1	0
2010	454	1	0	0	0	2	38	1	0
2011	0	3	0	0	1	57	35	0	0
2012	2	0	0	0	1	11	1	0	0
2013	97	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
2014	45	0	0	3	0	8	6	0	0
2015	202	0	4	0	0	6	25	0	0
2016	6	1	3	0	0	7	6	1	0
2017	1	1	8	0	0	5	5	0	0
2018	5	0	0	0	0	3	19	1	0
2019	0	0	3	0	0	4	5	0	1
2020	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	0	0
2021	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
2022	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
2023	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
2024	12	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0
2025	12	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0

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Table 4. Totals of nonnative fish collected during young-of-year monitoring in the middle Green River (Reach 4) from 1987–2025. Only fish enumerated in primary backwater first seine hauls are included. Species collected include Black Bullhead (BB), Black Crappie (BC), Bluegill (BG), Channel Catfish (CC), Common Carp (CP), Fathead Minnow (FH), Green Sunfish (GS), Gizzard Shad (GZ), Northern Pike (NP), Red Shiner (RS), Smallmouth Bass (SM), Sand Shiner (SS), Walleye (WE), and White Sucker (WS).

YEAR	BB	BC	BG	CC	CP	FH	GS	GZ	NP	RS	SM	SS	WE	WS
1987	0	0	0	1	3	873	8	0	0	9,757	0	462	0	0
1988	2	0	0	7	2	620	13	0	0	4,072	0	159	0	0
1989	0	0	0	7	43	865	22	0	0	4,025	0	284	0	0
1990	0	0	0	1	4	1,386	0	0	0	5,395	0	87	0	0
1991	0	0	0	14	5	1	1	0	0	64	0	0	0	0
1992	1	0	0	3	15	1,653	5	0	0	3,178	0	440	0	0
1993	0	0	0	17	13	1,512	3	0	0	4,677	0	49	0	0
1994	0	1	0	0	0	2,757	1	0	0	28,903	0	1,890	0	0
1995	0	0	0	0	6	1,304	1	0	0	3,229	1	188	0	0
1996	0	0	0	0	5	486	8	0	0	2,871	0	1,265	0	0
1997	0	4	0	0	11	1,067	3	0	0	1,010	1	1,152	0	3
1998	7	11	0	3	8	1,569	17	0	1	2,400	0	474	0	1
1999	3	3	0	0	23	407	68	0	0	1,832	0	533	0	0
2000	2	3	0	0	12	1,436	15	0	0	10,860	0	8,072	0	0
2001	1	10	0	6	0	371	0	0	0	4,512	0	283	0	0
2002	0	5	1	0	1	1,303	39	0	0	11,516	0	1,059	0	1
2003	0	1	0	0	48	89	0	0	0	3,847	0	49	0	0
2004	0	1	0	4	1	337	8	0	0	5,524	0	1,207	0	5
2005	0	18	0	1	1	204	0	0	0	3,654	0	552	0	0
2006	0	7	3	0	98	1,431	1	5	0	19,365	0	2,060	0	3
2007	9	0	0	10	16	327	0	3	0	5,754	6	3,940	0	13
2008	1	16	0	3	40	155	102	0	0	1,121	5	821	0	7
2009	0	4	0	0	17	108	1	2	0	2,101	1	417	0	5
2010	1	0	0	1	38	231	15	0	0	3,596	0	959	0	8
2011	5	3	0	0	13	867	14	0	0	1,682	2	301	0	0
2012	0	0	0	6	1	189	0	22	0	2,379	1	583	0	0
2013	0	4	0	1	1	323	21	1	0	6,102	23	4,018	1	55
2014	0	0	0	4	31	471	2	6	0	924	3	466	0	36
2015	0	0	0	0	12	518	41	0	0	2,354	0	966	0	6
2016	0	17	0	2	31	348	0	0	0	2,293	9	882	0	10
2017	0	2	0	0	9	327	4	7	0	3,070	2	2,495	0	9
2018	0	0	0	0	1	440	1	12	0	4,123	0	5,326	0	50
2019	0	1	0	10	0	202	1	0	0	3,287	8	1,568	0	26
2020	0	0	0	0	0	17	0	0	0	5830	0	1715	0	1
2021	7	5	0	1	0	225	11	0	0	4,480	1	1,540	0	12
2022	4	0	0	6	0	423	2	0	0	3,625	1	1,765	0	2
2023*	2	4	0	2	32	54	27	0	0	835	12	342	0	4
2024*	0	2	0	0	3	522	6	0	0	1675	9	1664	0	18
2025	7	1	0	0	0	1116	15	0	0	2011	4	828	0	8

*2023, unidentified non-native cyprinid 370. 2024, unidentified non-native cyprinid, 749

Table 5. Native fish captures on the lower Green River (Reach 3) during ISMP sampling, fall 2025.

Species	Number	Density (fish/100m ²)
Bluehead Sucker	25	0.87
Colorado Pikeminnow	67	2.34
Flannelmouth Sucker	3	0.10
Razorback Sucker	1	0.03
Unidentified <i>Gila</i> Species	1	0.03
Speckled Dace	4	0.14

Table 6. The lower Green River (Reach 3), total captures by year for native and endangered fish during young-of-year (YOY) monitoring from 1986-2025. Species listed are: YOY Colorado Pikeminnow (CS YOY; 10-99 mm), juvenile pikeminnow (CS JUV; 100-399 mm), unidentified *Gila* spp. (CH), Bonytail (BT), Humpback Chub (HB), Razorback Sucker (RZ), Flannelmouth Sucker (FM), Bluehead Sucker (BH), Speckled Dace (SD), and unidentified native sucker (UNS). In most years, species other than CS were only enumerated during the first seine haul within primary backwaters.

Year	CS YOY	CS JUV	CH	BT	HB	RZ	FM	BH	SD	UNS
1986	813	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	24	n/a
1987	849	9	1	0	0	0	5	1	0	n/a
1988	2,892	109	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	n/a
1989	1,494	59	1	0	0	0	17	0	0	n/a
1990	418	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	n/a
1991	186	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	n/a
1992	122	12	18	0	0	0	3	7	4	n/a
1993	1,616	2	0	0	0	0	12	33	43	n/a
1994	354	0	7	0	1	0	0	1	6	n/a
1995	56	1	5	0	0	0	12	17	35	n/a
1996	410	1	0	0	0	0	1	21	20	n/a
1997	39	8	2	0	0	0	0	2	2	n/a
1998	252	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	30	n/a
1999	384	0	2	0	0	0	90	5	24	n/a
2000	705	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	5	n/a
2001	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	n/a
2002	22	0	1	0	0	0	4	0	4	n/a
2003	124	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	2	n/a
2004	80	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	n/a
2005	63	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a
2006	331	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a
2007	686	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	n/a
2008	60	1	0	0	0	0	8	0	1	n/a
2009	423	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	n/a
2010	131	3	0	0	0	0	7	3	12	n/a
2011	17	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	n/a
2012	293	0	2	0	0	2	9	0	0	n/a
2013	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a
2014	5	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	n/a
2015	461	0	6	0	0	0	9	0	9	n/a
2016	426	0	0	0	0	0	4	9	0	n/a
2017	25	0	0	1	0	0	10	0	1	n/a
2018	57	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	n/a
2019	113	0	0	0	0	0	8	2	11	1
2020	115	0	2	n/a	0	0	2	5	0	0
2021	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
2022	28	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
2023	153	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	0
2024	74	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
2025	67	0	1	0	0	1	3	25	4	0

Table 7. The lower Colorado River (Reach 1), total captures by year for native and endangered fish during young-of-year (YOY) monitoring from 1986-2017. Species listed are: YOY Colorado pikeminnow (CS YOY; 10-99 mm), juvenile pikeminnow (CS JUV; 100-399 mm), unidentified *Gila* spp. (CH), Razorback Sucker (RZ), Flannelmouth Sucker (FM), Bluehead Sucker (BH), Speckled Dace (SD), and unidentified native sucker (UNS). In most years species other than CS were only enumerated during the first haul within primary backwaters.

Year	CS YOY	CS JUV	CH	RZ	FM	BH	SD	UNS
1986	192	0	194	0	0	0	41	n/a
1987	176	2	27	0	2	7	2	n/a
1988	172	37	11	0	4	0	0	n/a
1989	132	7	130	0	2	3	2	n/a
1990	179	11	6	0	4	2	0	n/a
1991	150	0	8	0	1	0	5	n/a
1992	151	1	45	0	2	25	9	n/a
1993	206	3	216	0	69	198	23	n/a
1994	142	0	15	0	0	11	1	n/a
1995	85	0	119	0	2	176	28	n/a
1996	866	0	30	0	3	87	29	n/a
1997	12	0	4	0	1	12	4	n/a
1998	88	0	11	0	1	8	9	n/a
1999	13	2	1	0	0	1	0	n/a
2000	398	9	21	0	1	58	0	n/a
2001	17	0	1	0	0	0	1	n/a
2002	25	0	35	0	0	1	0	n/a
2003	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a
2004	16	0	4	0	9	5	0	n/a
2005	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a
2006	4	0	0	0	9	1	3	n/a
2007	24	0	0	0	2	0	0	n/a
2008	0	0	0	0	4	8	0	n/a
2009	243	0	0	0	5	3	1	n/a
2010	27	3	2	0	15	0	0	n/a
2011	59	0	3	0	31	0	2	n/a
2012	54	0	0	3	39	4	0	n/a
2013	1	0	5	0	0	1	0	n/a
2014	8	0	0	0	3	0	0	n/a
2015	1331	3	3	0	120	0	0	n/a
2016	150	3	19	0	5	4	0	n/a
2017	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	n/a
2018	78	0	29	0	5	2	0	n/a
2019	5	0	65	0	6	1	7	54
2020	153	0	1	0	10	49	0	0
2021	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2022	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2023	187	0	1	0	0	16	0	0
2024	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2025	190	2	60	0	2	68	0	0

Table 8. Nonnative fish captures on the lower Green River (Reach 3) during ISMP sampling, fall 2025. Nonnative fish are enumerated only during the first seine haul within primary habitats.

Species	Number	Density (fish/100m ²)
Black Bullhead	10	0.35
Channel Catfish	3	0.10
Common Carp	1	0.03
Fathead Minnow	2735	95.36
Green Sunfish	10	0.35
Gizzard Shad	1	0.03
Red Shiner	4917	171.44
Sand Shiner	4730	164.92
Largemouth Bass	2	0.35

Table 9. The lower Green River (Reach 3), total captures by year for nonnative fish during young-of-year monitoring from 1986-2025. Only fish enumerated in primary backwater first seine hauls are included to maintain consistency among years and reaches. Species listed: Black Bullhead (BB), Black Crappie (BC), Channel Catfish (CC), Common Carp (CP), Fathead Minnow (FH), unidentified Gambusia spp. (GA), Green Sunfish (GS), Gizzard Shad (GZ), Largemouth Bass (LG), Red Shiner (RS), Sand Shiner (SS), White Sucker (WS), and Yellow Bullhead (YB).

YEAR	BB	BC	BG	CC	CP	FH	GA	GS	GZ	LG	RS	SM	SS	WS	YB
1986	7	0	n/a	4	12	87	0	9	0	0	663	n/a	4	0	0
1987	0	0	n/a	1	0	34	0	5	0	0	1,303	n/a	4	0	0
1988	1	0	n/a	110	2	1,790	7	1	0	0	4,317	n/a	38	0	0
1989	1	0	n/a	73	1	170	0	3	0	0	5,826	n/a	113	0	0
1990	1	0	n/a	37	4	228	0	0	0	0	9,599	n/a	129	0	0
1991	0	0	n/a	8	3	314	0	2	0	0	7,746	n/a	1,123	0	0
1992	1	0	n/a	24	1	500	0	0	0	0	2,737	n/a	180	0	0
1993	1	0	n/a	11	1	249	0	0	0	0	3,443	n/a	1,362	0	0
1994	0	0	n/a	6	8	500	1	8	0	0	8,007	n/a	1,196	0	0
1995	7	0	n/a	4	16	363	0	6	0	0	3,478	n/a	969	0	0
1996	0	0	n/a	0	0	1,097	2	2	0	0	11,858	n/a	3,751	0	0
1997	0	0	n/a	17	1	79	4	3	0	0	855	n/a	320	1	0
1998	0	6	n/a	0	1	120	17	0	0	0	1,709	n/a	178	0	0
1999	0	1	n/a	2	37	340	1	0	0	0	845	n/a	156	0	0
2000	3	0	n/a	12	3	234	0	1	0	0	3,591	n/a	574	4	0
2001	0	0	n/a	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	0	0	0
2002	0	0	n/a	122	2	14,721	0	1	0	0	26,710	n/a	2,135	0	0
2003	5	0	n/a	11	1	201	0	12	0	0	4,707	n/a	43	0	0
2004	3	0	n/a	7	0	215	0	1	0	0	297	n/a	190	0	0
2005	0	0	n/a	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	0	0	0
2006	2	1	n/a	6	3	1,187	1	4	0	1	8,623	n/a	0	0	0
2007	0	0	n/a	23	0	2,183	0	0	1	2	8,807	n/a	35	0	0
2008	0	2	n/a	13	116	1,074	0	0	1	1	4,458	n/a	250	0	6
2009	0	0	n/a	3	0	1,044	0	0	1	0	2,766	n/a	15	0	0
2010	0	0	n/a	0	0	150	0	5	4	0	1,028	n/a	1,025	0	0
2011	0	8	n/a	6	15	314	0	0	0	0	1,842	n/a	1,096	0	0
2012	8	0	n/a	5	5	3,085	0	4	15	0	2,043	n/a	8,620	0	3
2013	0	0	n/a	19	6	1,025	0	6	6	0	2,550	n/a	9,975	0	0
2014	1	0	n/a	3	11	47	0	0	0	0	658	n/a	866	0	0
2015	2	0	n/a	26	0	570	0	5	2	0	1969	n/a	466	0	0
2016	3	0	n/a	1	1	1055	0	0	0	0	3730	n/a	2790	0	0
2017	0	0	n/a	1	3	692	0	1	3	0	5467	n/a	1028	4	0
2018	0	0	n/a	6	0	431	0	1	1	0	1185	n/a	648	0	0
2019	0	1	n/a	9	13	375	0	0	0	0	1454	n/a	805	0	1
2020	0	0	n/a	1	0	945	0	45	15	0	1850	n/a	1395	0	0
2021	0	0	n/a	0	0	119	0	2	5	0	1021	n/a	678	0	0
2022	7	0	4	3	0	74	0	0	0	0	789	n/a	371	0	0
2023	0	1	1	0	7	211	0	4	1	0	2066	n/a	570	1	0
2024	11	0	34	6	3	287	0	3	0	0	2256	1	1127	0	0
2025	10	0	0	3	1	2735	0	10	1	2	4917	0	4730	0	0

Table 10. Native fish captures on the lower Colorado River (Reach 1) during ISMP sampling, fall 2025.

Species	Number	Density (fish/100m ²)
Bluehead Sucker	68	2.77
Colorado Pikeminnow	192	7.81
Flannelmouth Sucker	2	0.08
Unidentified <i>Gila</i> Species	60	2.44

Table 11. Nonnative fish captures on the lower Colorado River (Reach 1) during ISMP sampling, fall 2025. Nonnative fish are enumerated only during the first seine haul within primary habitats.

Species	Number	Density (fish/100m ²)
Black Bullhead	56	2.28
Bluegill	2	0.08
Channel Catfish	6	0.24
Fathead	3765	153.17
Gizzard Shad	87	3.54
Green Sunfish	1	0.04
Red Shiner	4205	171.07
Sand Shiner	3060	124.49
Largemouth Bass	4	0.16
Smallmouth Bass	2	0.08
Western Mosquito Fish	88	3.58

Table 12. The lower Colorado River (Reach 1), total captures by year for nonnative fish during young-of-year monitoring from 1986-2025. Only fish enumerated in primary backwater first seine hauls are included to maintain consistency among years and reaches. Species listed: Black Bullhead (BB), Black Crappie (BC), Bluegill (BG), Channel Catfish (CC), Common Carp (CP), Fathead Minnow (FH), unidentified Gambusia spp. (GA), Green Sunfish (GS), Gizzard Shad (GZ), Largemouth Bass (LG), Plains Killifish (PK), Red Shiner (RS), Smallmouth Bass (SM), Sand Shiner (SS), Walleye (WE), White Sucker (WS), and Yellow

YEAR	BB	BC	BG	CC	CP	FH	GA	GS	GZ	LG	PK	RS	SM	SS	WE	WS	YB	
1986	0	0	0	4	0	456	2	0	0	1	6	1,077	0	240	0	0	0	
1987	1	0	0	10	1	233	1	0	0	0	0	2,159	0	428	0	0	0	
1988	0	0	0	0	4	10,650	0	1	0	0	36	1,786	0	2,161	0	0	0	
1989	11	0	0	8	12	3,613	0	2	0	0	0	9	6,973	0	951	0	1	0
1990	2	0	2	11	4	5,698	1	1	0	1	10	6,593	0	889	0	0	0	
1991	1	0	0	8	1	2,632	0	0	0	0	6	4,368	0	1,652	0	1	0	
1992	1	0	0	0	1	2,809	2	7	0	0	7	6,470	0	3,991	0	1	0	
1993	3	0	0	1	8	2,091	4	1	0	0	0	3,870	0	1,449	0	2	0	
1994	1	0	0	1	2	4,795	14	34	0	0	0	4,393	0	2,520	0	2	0	
1995	2	0	0	17	3	1,105	71	2	0	1	0	1,079	0	926	0	0	0	
1996	0	0	2	1	0	2,591	3	15	0	1	8	3,851	0	5,998	0	0	0	
1997	0	0	0	12	2	37	3	0	0	2	0	1,244	0	224	0	0	0	
1998	0	0	0	1	0	265	1	6	0	0	2	6,297	0	8,751	0	0	0	
1999	0	1	1	21	3	137	1	1	0	0	2	1,891	0	2,303	0	0	0	
2000	4	0	0	0	1	1,265	24	2	0	1	0	15,099	0	22,343	0	1	0	
2001	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
2002	1	0	0	4	3	4,963	1	0	0	0	1	11,691	0	2,920	0	0	0	
2003	2	0	0	0	1	2,192	4	0	0	0	7	788	0	1,162	0	0	0	
2004	0	0	0	0	1	352	0	0	0	0	0	625	0	535	0	0	0	
2005	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
2006	1	2	0	4	1	159	94	10	0	2	1	3,030	0	103	0	0	1	
2007	1	0	0	1	5	597	52	0	15	0	0	1,063	1	0	0	6	0	
2008	0	0	0	1	5	280	1	0	17	1	0	536	0	5	0	1	1	
2009	3	7	0	0	6	260	36	0	57	0	0	3,124	0	12	0	0	0	
2010	0	0	0	2	0	377	3	0	174	5	0	657	0	622	1	0	0	
2011	0	6	0	0	2	24	12	0	20	3	0	1345	0	58	0	0	0	
2012	36	0	0	15	14	3,182*	2	6	70	2	0	471*	0	5,204*	0	0	0	
2013	5	0	0	24	1	666	0	1	116	1	2	1,566	2	4,640	0	0	0	
2014	0	0	0	23	1	55	0	4	23	0	3	974	0	399	0	0	0	
2015	617	0	0	1	0	556	87	1	261	5	1	1696	0	1089	0	1	0	
2016	1	0	1	0	2	426	10	0	7	4	0	1828	0	825	0	0	0	
2017	2	5	0	0	5	408	25	2	74	0	0	968	3	692	0	0	0	
2018	1	0	0	8	0	528	37	0	126	0	0	1348	1	1270	0	0	0	
2019	3	0	1	33	1	325	1	0	3	0	0	1198	2	889	0	0	1	
2020	2	0	0	0	4	2780	14	11	450	0	0	2530	1	4920	0	1	0	
2021	11	0	0	1	0	216	68	3	79	0	2	1290	4	830	0	0	0	
2022	3	0	0	17	1	336	25	10	12	0	11	848	1	510	0	0	0	
2023	0	0	0	3	0	817	8	1	92	3	0	646	10	783	0	0	0	
2024	0	0	13	3	0	1653	24	0	7	0	0	2160	3	2210	0	0	0	
2025	56	0	2	6	0	3765	88	1	87	1	0	4205	5	3060	0	0	0 *1,990	

Bullhead (YB).

nonnative cyprinids were not identified to species. Based on the percentage of Sand Shiner (58.8%), Fathead Minnow (35.9%), and Red Shiner (5.3%) positively identified in this reach, these fish were applied proportionately to Sand Shiner (n = 1,117), Fathead Minnow (n = 682), and Red Shiner (n = 101)

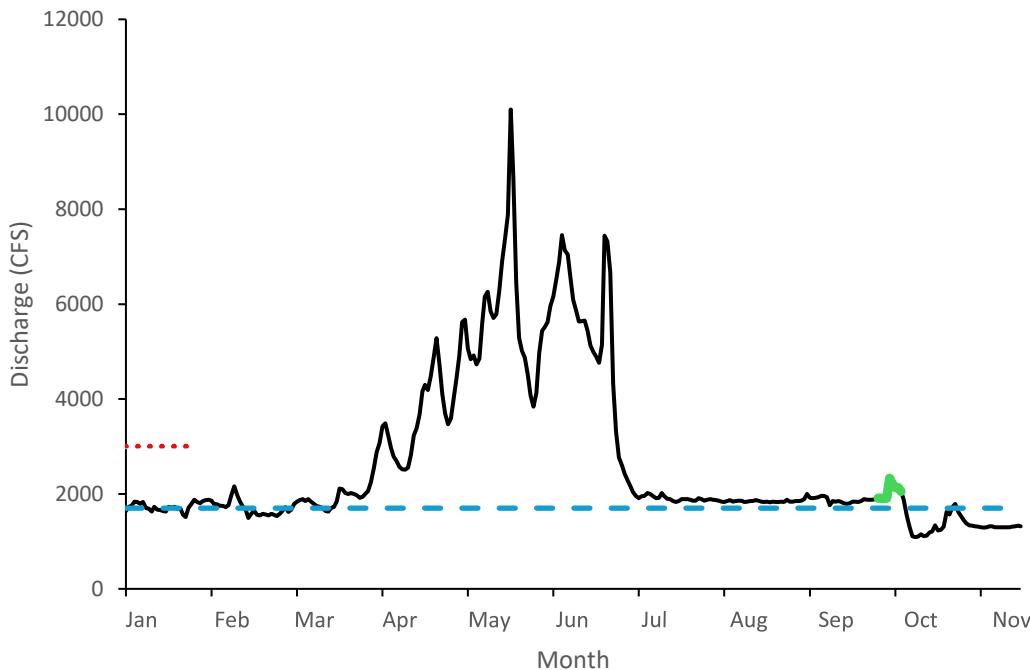


Figure 1. Discharge recorded in 2025 at USGS gage #09261000 at Jensen, UT. Red (dotted) and blue (dashed) lines represent recommended base flow ranges for the middle Green River (1,700-3,000 cfs) identified in Bestgen and Hill (2016). Green highlight denotes sampling period.

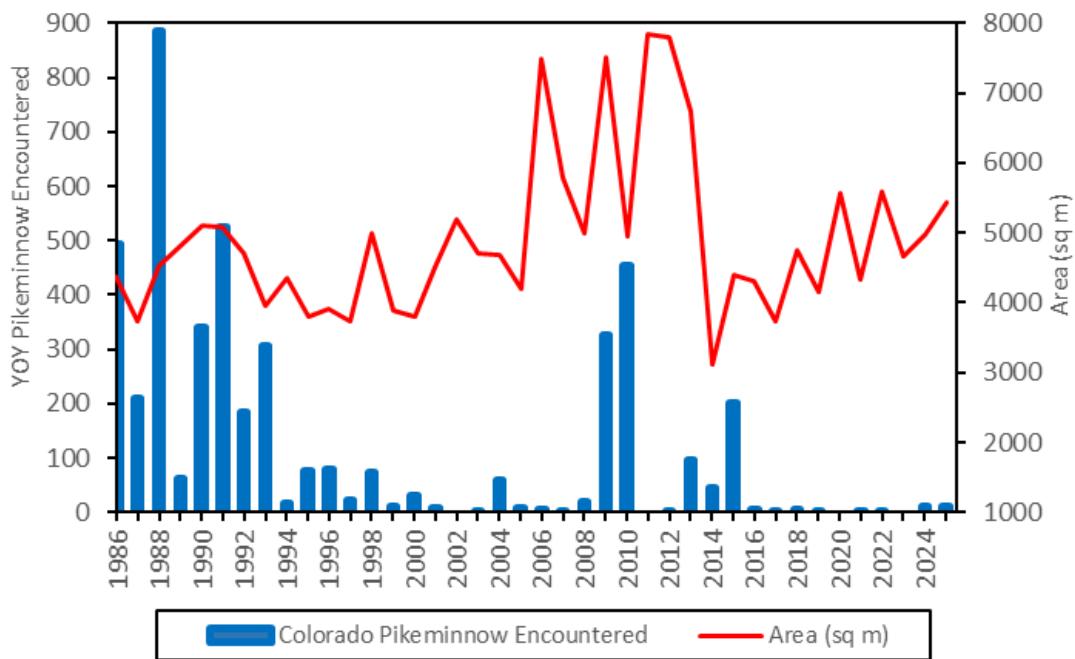


Figure 2. Annual ISMP sampling total captures and effort for the Middle Green River from 1986-2025.

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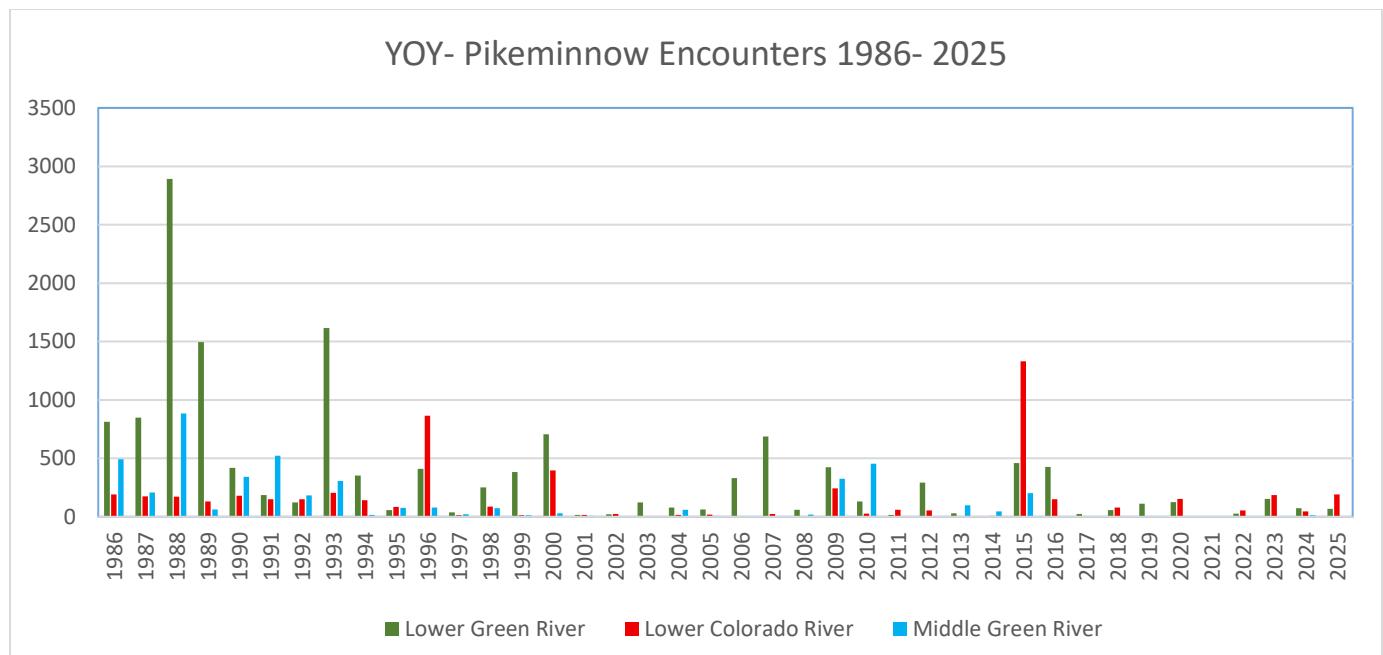


Figure 3. Total encounters for the middle Green River, lower Green River, and lower Colorado River during ISMP sampling 1986- 2025.

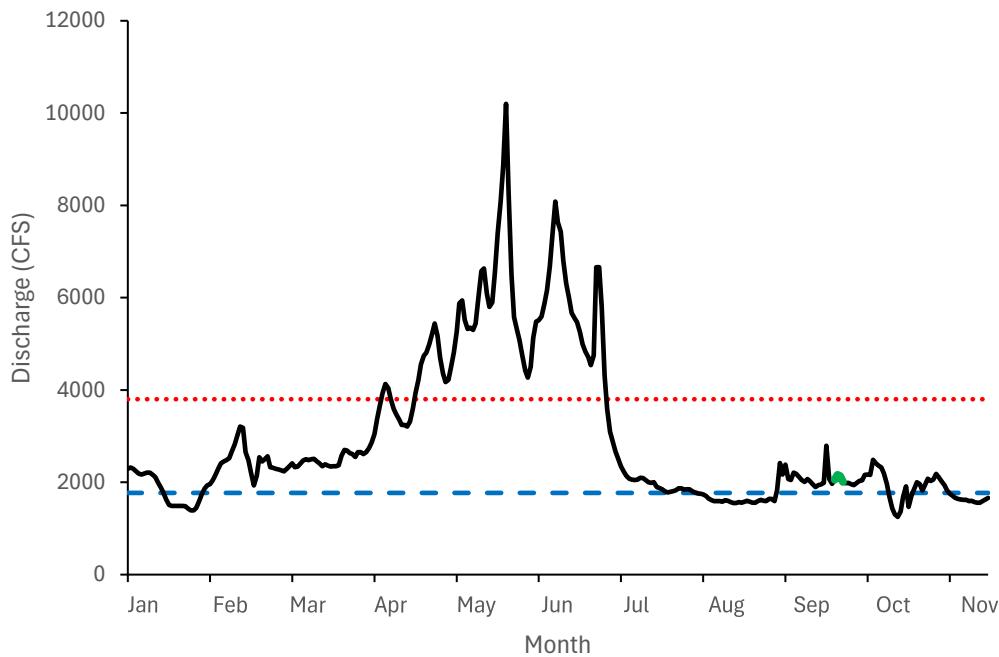


Figure 4. Discharge recorded in 2025 at USGS gage #09315000, Green River, UT. Red (dotted) and blue (dashed) lines represent recommended base flow ranges for the lower Green River (1,770-3,800 cfs) identified in Bestgen and Hill (2016). Green highlighted area denotes sampling events.

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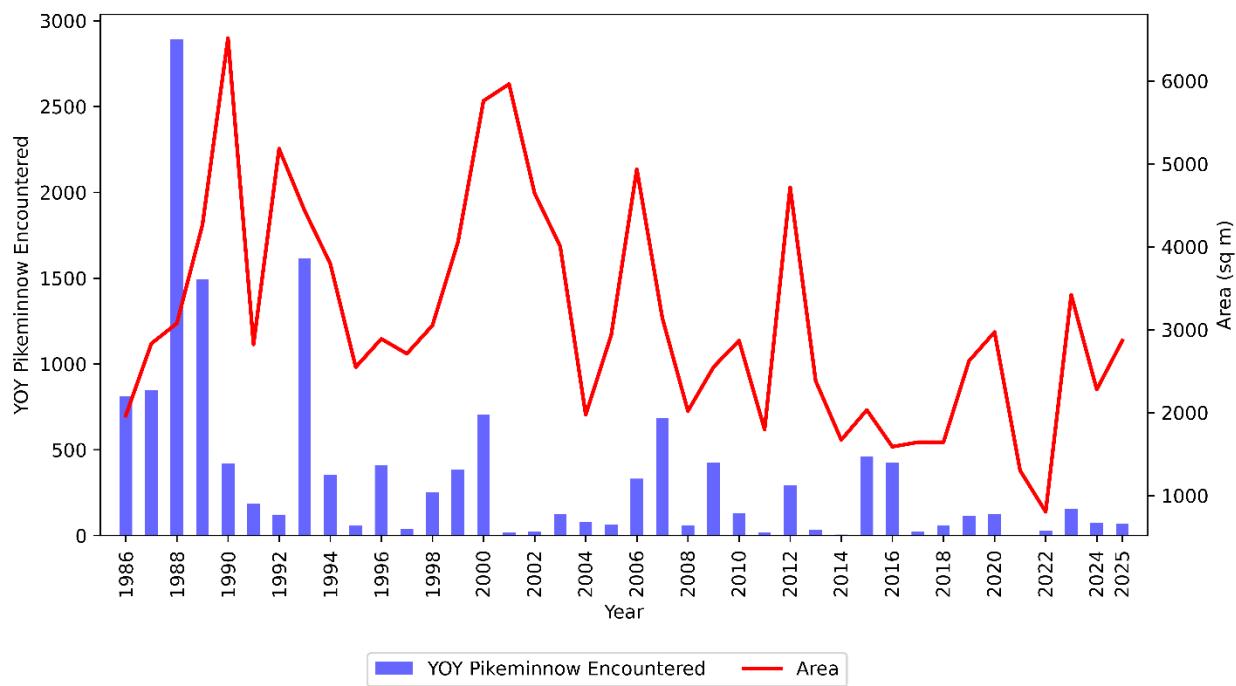


Figure 5. Annual ISMP sampling total captures and effort for the lower Green River from 1986-2025.

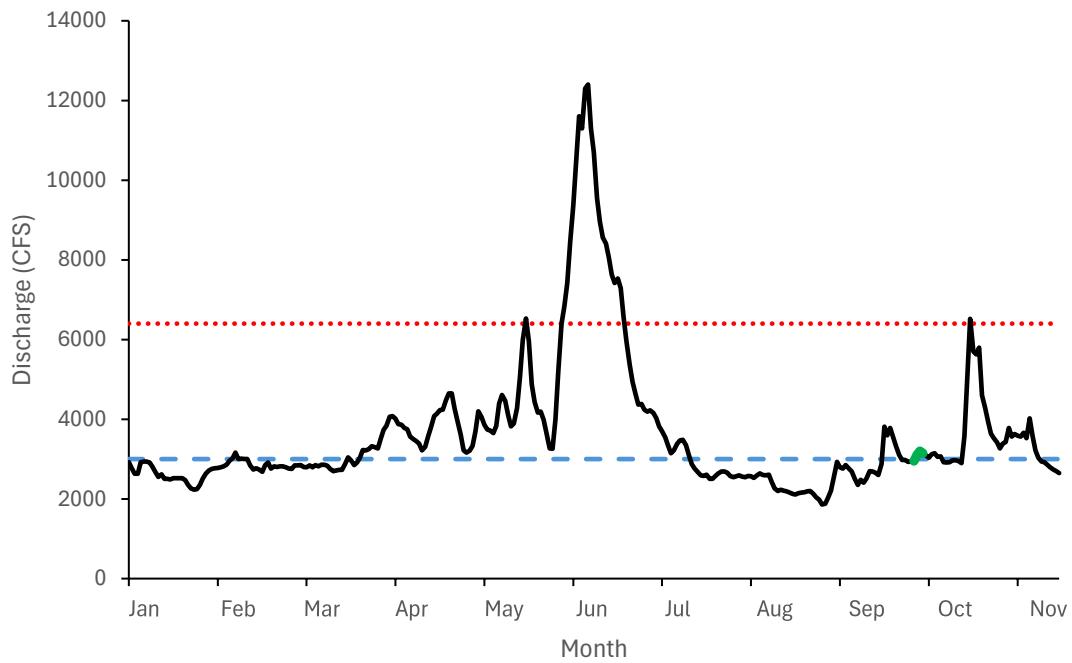


Figure 6. Discharge recorded in 2025 at USGS gage #09180500, near Cisco, UT. Red (dotted) and blue (dashed) lines represent recommended base flow ranges for the lower Colorado River (3,000-6,400 cfs) identified in Miller (2018). Green highlight denotes sampling events.

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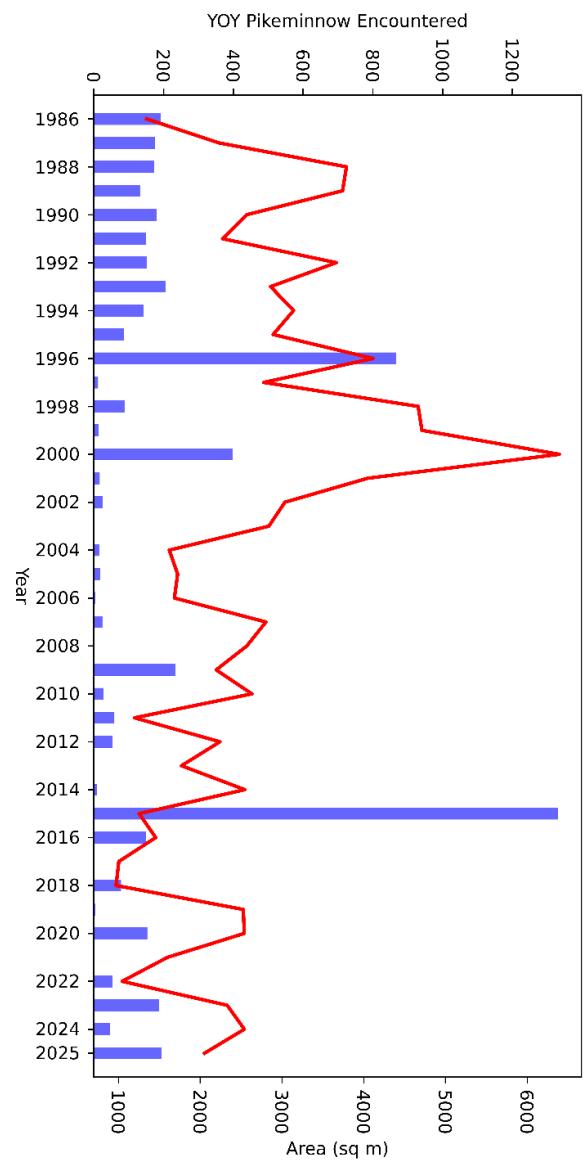


Figure 7. Annual ISMP sampling total captures and effort for the lower Colorado River from 1986- 2025.

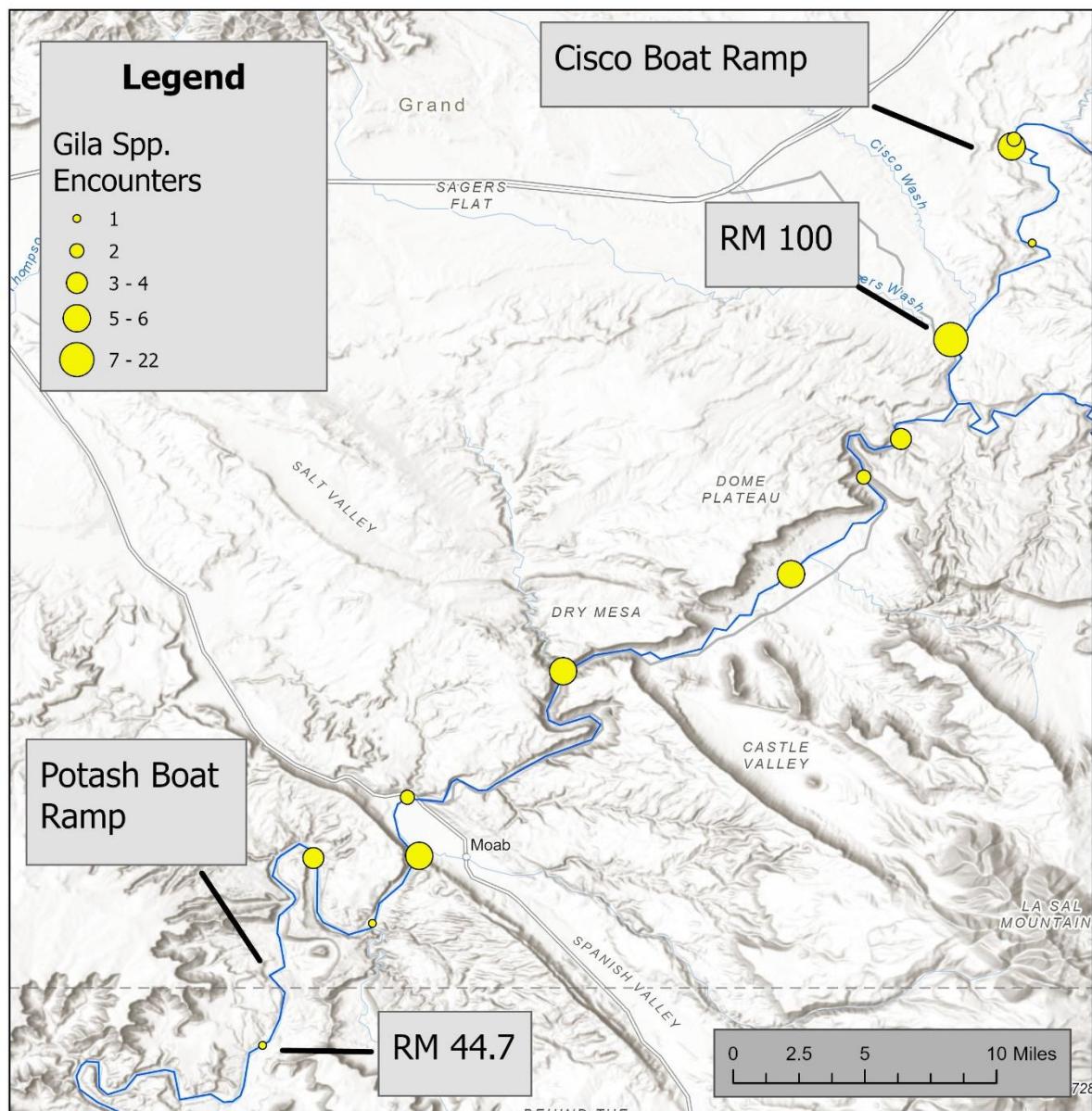


Figure 8. Map showing *Gila* spp. encounters in 2025 on the lower Colorado River, Reach 1. Upstream sampling began at RM 110, and *Gila* spp. were encountered as far downstream at RM 44.7.

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