

Stocking of Non-indigenous Species Already Occurring:

SALMONIDS:

Several species of salmonids are routinely stocked in the Virgin River Basin. Stocking of salmonids is to be restricted to areas in association with existing salmonid populations OR made in new areas only where they will not conflict with native species of special concern. Areas where salmonids are routinely stocked are presented in Table 5.

Rainbow Trout (*Onchorhynchus mykiss*)

New stockings are prohibited where self-sustaining populations would establish in association with native fishes of special concern or where stocking would cause conflicts with native species of special concern.

Brown Trout (*Salmo trutta*)

Brook Trout (*Salvelinus fontinalis*)

Cutthroat Trout (*Onchorhynchus clarki*)

Other Hybrid Trout

Stocking is prohibited in areas under 5,000 feet elevation or at higher elevations where stocking would cause conflicts with native species of special concern. The only area where maintenance stocking of brown trout occurs in the Virgin River basin is upstream from Glendale, Utah in the East Fork of the Virgin River (Table 5).

OTHER NON-INDIGENOUS SPECIES:

Channel Catfish (*Ictalurus punctatus*)

Stocking is prohibited except in isolated ponds and reservoirs as determined on a case by case basis.

Largemouth bass (*Micropterus salmoides*)

Bluegill sunfish (*Lepomis macrochirus*)

Stocking to be restricted to standing water impoundments, including existing mainstream reservoirs and other isolated ponds and reservoirs. Direct conflicts with native fish species of special concern will be avoided.

Introduction of a New Species:

Guidelines for introducing a new species to the drainage will follow the "Introduction of Aquatic Species, Environmental Policy Statement of the American Fisheries Society" and the "Non-indigenous Aquatic Nuisance/Prevention and Control Act of 1990".

Prohibited Species:

Non-indigenous minnows (Family: Cyprinidae), smallmouth bass (*Micropterus dolomieu*), green sunfish (*Lepomis cyanellus*), black crappie (*Pomoxis nigromaculatus*), all crayfish species (i.e., Astacidae) and all other non-indigenous aquatic species prohibited by respective state regulations or recommended for prohibition by the Colorado River Wildlife Council.