

**CALIFORNIA - ARIZONA COLORADO RIVER COMPACT FOR THE RECIPROCAL
RECOGNITION OF LICENSES AND PERMITS TO FISH ANY PORTION OF THE
COLORADO RIVER THAT IS THE BOUNDARY BETWEEN CALIFORNIA AND
ARIZONA**

This Compact is executed by and between the Arizona Game and Fish Commission and the California Fish and Game Commission (Commission) for the reciprocal recognition of licenses and permits for fishing any portion of the Colorado River that is the boundary between Arizona and California.

Whereas, Arizona has recently amended its laws and Rules: (a) to include a general fishing license or combination hunting and fishing license and at no additional fee, rights for taking amphibians or fish anywhere on the Colorado River; and (b) to cease issuing Colorado River special use stamps or validations. Arizona's amended hunting and fishing license changes were authorized by ARS § 17-333 and will become effective on January 1, 2014.

Whereas, Arizona fishing licenses and combination hunting and fishing licenses will be valid for 365 days from the date of issuance, and no longer valid for a calendar year.

Whereas, with these changes in Arizona law, Arizona will now issue licenses and permits for taking amphibians and fish on the Colorado River under terms and conditions that are substantially different than the terms and conditions for issuing licenses and permits under California law.

Whereas, with the changes to Arizona law and pursuant to California Fish and Game Code section 7185, California's Fish and Game Code sections 7180 through 7185 are no longer operative and effective as of January 1, 2014.

Whereas, pursuant to California Fish and Game Code section 375, California is authorized by law to negotiate the terms of this Compact for reciprocal privileges and licenses by residents of one of the states within the territorial jurisdiction of the other to allow the residents of Arizona and California to enjoy fishing on the Colorado River despite the fact that the boundary line between Arizona and California is the middle of the channel of the Colorado River.

Whereas, Fish and Game Code section 375 states that "[i]t is the primary purpose of this section to provide a method whereby the hunting and fishing opportunities afforded by the Colorado River may be mutually enjoyed by the residents of the States of Arizona and California despite the difficulties and inconveniences that result from the fact that the boundary line between the States of Arizona and California is the middle of the channel of the Colorado River."

Whereas, Section 17-343, Arizona Revised Statutes, authorizes the Arizona Game and Fish Commission to enter into reciprocal agreements with California Fish

and Game for reciprocal recognition of licenses and permits issued by either party and the use of said licensees within the jurisdiction of either state.

Therefore, it is mutually agreed that:

1. This agreement will govern the reciprocal recognition by Arizona and California of licenses and privileges to take fish and amphibians on any portion of the Colorado River and connected adjacent water that is the boundary between Arizona and California. This agreement does not apply to canals, drains or ditches used to transport water for irrigation, municipal or domestic purposes.

2. California shall recognize a valid Arizona fishing license, or combination hunting and fishing license, as authorizing the licensee to take fish or amphibians on any portion of the Colorado River and connected adjacent water that is the boundary between Arizona and California, including either shore.

3. Arizona shall recognize a valid California fishing license, or combination hunting and fishing license, as authorizing the licensee to take fish or amphibians on any portion of the Colorado River and connected adjacent water that is the boundary between Arizona and California, including either shore.

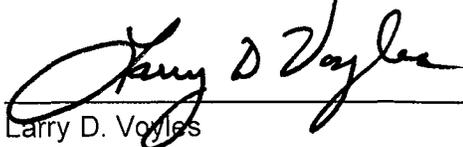
4. Anglers fishing under the authority of an Arizona license must follow Arizona regulations and anglers fishing under the authority of a California license must follow California regulations.

5. Arizona and California will recognize the reciprocal state's privilege of a minor to take fish or amphibians without a license as prescribed in law in minor's state of residence.

6. As of January 1, 2014, this agreement is effective and the previous California-Arizona Colorado River Agreement, dated December 1, 1979, between the California Fish and Game Commission and the Arizona Game and Fish Commission is hereby cancelled.

7. This agreement is subject to cancellation for conflict of interest as provided in A.R.S. § 38-511.

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Approved as to form this ____ day of December, 2013

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