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**ENDANGERED FISH RECOVERY PROGRAM, OPPOSITION TO MODIFICATIONS OF**

**WHEREAS:** CLUB 20 has always vigorously defended Western Colorado water rights and the Colorado system of water law, and

**WHEREAS:** A recent proposal from some participants in the Endangered Fish Recovery Program would seriously alter the historic Shoshone water right, one of the oldest water rights on the Colorado River, for the benefit of the recovery program and of the Denver Water Department, and against the wishes of its owner, and

**WHEREAS:** such a plan would change the primary purpose for which that right was decreed, resulting in a partial taking of a private property right for the program, contrary to the stated intent of the program not to alter private rights,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** CLUB 20 opposes any part of the Endangered Fish Recovery Program that would result in modifying existing water rights without the expressed consent - with just compensation - of the property owner.

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