

**Peer Review for 2016
Fiscal Year 2016 Project Proposal**

Mark McKinstry, Ph.D. UC-735
Bureau of Reclamation
125 South State Street, Room 6107
Salt Lake City, UT 84138-1147
Phone 801-524-3835
FAX 801-524-5499
mmckinstry@uc.usbr.gov

Background:

A Peer Review Panel was established in 1997 to assist the SJRIP with reports and plans for future studies. The five members of the panel participate in meetings and comment on pre-draft, draft, and final Scopes of Work, Workplans, reports, Integration analyses and reports, and other Program Documents.

This proposal provides for funding for the Peer Review Panel activities during 2016. It is anticipated that the Panel will meet with the Biology Committee at two regular Program meetings during the year and a Program workshop. The specific dates and tasks include:

1. Travel to and participate in a three (3) day San Juan RIP meeting being conducted in Durango, CO February 16-17, 2016. Review Documents prior to meeting.
2. Travel to and participate in a two (2) day San Juan RIP meeting being conducted in Durango, CO May 17-18, 2016. No review of documents required.
3. Travel to and participate in a two (2) day San Juan RIP workshop being conducted in Albuquerque, NM in 2016 (dates TBD) of for review of the Flow Recommendations. Review documents prior to meeting.

Goal:

The goal of peer review is to provide additional scientific oversight over San Juan River Recovery Implementation Program technical studies and reporting. The Peer Review Panel will work with the Biology Committee and Program Staff to produce scientific credible documents and will assist the Biology Committee in maintaining a scientific basis for the Program.

Methods:

The Peer Review Panel will meet with the Biology Committee in FY2016 two to three times to review monitoring and research progress, discuss scopes of work for 2016 and 2017, and participate in a workshop. They will provide verbal input during the meetings and provide written reviews of the progress of the Program. Their reviews will be provided to the Biology Committee through Mark McKinstry and Sharon Whitmore in letter form, or on the Biology Committee list server, and through discussions at the Biology Committee meetings. Biology Committee researchers may call Peer Review Panel members to ask for advice and Peer Review Panel members may call Biology Committee researchers if they have questions concerning Program activities. All correspondence between the Biology Committee and the Peer Review Panel will be coordinated through either Mark McKinstry or Sharon Whitmore.

Products:

Peer review participation at two Biology Committee meetings and one workshop, letter or verbal reports from each peer reviewer on an as-requested basis.

Primary Contact:

Dr. Mark McKinstry
Bureau of Reclamation
125 South State Street, UC-735
Salt Lake City, UT 84106
Phone:801/524-3835 FAX:801-524-5499
Email: mmckinstry@uc.usbr.gov

Personnel:

Dr. John Pitlick
 Department of Geology
 University of Colorado
 Boulder, CO 80309-0260
 Phone: 303-492-5906
 Email: pitlick@spot.colorado.edu

Dr. Stephen Ross
 Curator Emeritus of Fishes, Department of
 Biology and Museum of Southwestern
 Biology MSC 03-2020 University of New Mexico
 Albuquerque, NM 87131-0001
 Phone: 505-277-3893 Hm: 970-264-0158
 Email: stross1@unm.edu

Dr. Mel Warren Jr.
 Team Leader and Research Biologist
 Center for Bottomland Hardwoods Research
 Southern Research Station, USDA Forest Service
 1000 Front Street
 Oxford, MS 38655
 Phone: 662-234-2744, ext. 246
 Fax: 662-234-8318
 Email: mwarren01@fs.fed.us

Dr. Wayne A. Hubert
 Professor Emeritus, University of Wyoming
 Retired USGS Cooperative Fish & Wildlife Research
 Unit
 Hubert Fisheries Consulting, LLC
 1063 Colina Drive, Laramie, WY 82072
 307-760-8723
 Email: HubertFisheries@gmail.com

Dr. Brian P. Bledsoe, P.E.
 Professor, Department of Engineering
 Colorado State University
 Ecological Engineering International, LLC
 1904 Mohawk St.
 Fort Collins, CO 80525
 (970) 402-6100
 Email: brian.bledsoe@colostate.edu

Budget FY-16:

Payment for serving on the Peer Review Panel includes expenses for travel to and from meetings, and an hourly rate for services. It is anticipated that Panel Members will spend approximately 15-20 days each in 2016 (includes travel, meetings, and document review).

The total budget is distributed among the four peer reviewers through individual Services Contracts with Reclamation.

Salaries:	\$52,000
Travel:	\$ 8,000
Total	\$60,000

Future use of the Peer Review Panel is not known but they likely will be used each year to provide guidance to the Biology Committee.

Estimated Out-year Funding:

2017	\$60,000
------	----------