

Native Fish Species **in the** **Lower Colorado River**



Bluehead Sucker–*Catostomus discobolus*

- May grow up to 20 inches in length.
- Prefers moderate to high velocity water habitats.
- Does not have an adipose fin.
- Scrapes invertebrates from rocks with a white, crescent shaped scraper along lower lip.



Humpback Chub–*Gila cypha*

- May grow up to 23 inches in length.
- Found only in the Colorado River and Little Colorado River confluence area.
- Listed as an endangered species in 1964 by US Fish and Wildlife Service.



Speckled Dace—*Rhinichthys osculus*

- May grow up to 5 inches in length.
- Found in major rivers and tributaries from the Columbia River to the Colorado River systems.
- Prefers cool, slower moving, shallow waters.
- Breeding males have brilliant red markings around fins, mouth, gill cleft and caudal lobe.
- Has been used as a bait fish throughout its range.



Flannelmouth Sucker—*Catostomus latipinnus*

- May grow up to 27 inches in length.
- Prefers deep, slow-flowing pools in large rivers.
- Considered a species of concern by the Arizona Game and Fish.