# Initiation of studies of razorback sucker survival in lower Colorado River Reach 3

Patterson, Karam, Kesner and Marsh







 38,000 repatriated between 2006 and present

- Spawning sites located
  - Wydoski and Mueller 2005, Wydoski et al. 2010
- Population estimates?

• Survival?

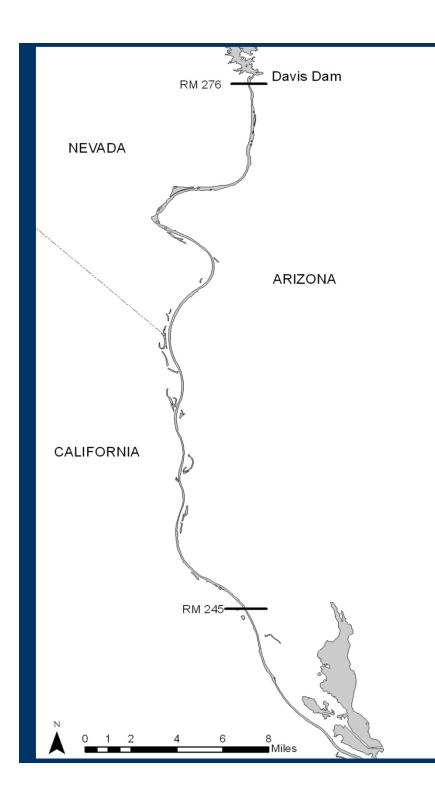


#### Goals

I. Current population

II. Survival factors





#### Area of focus

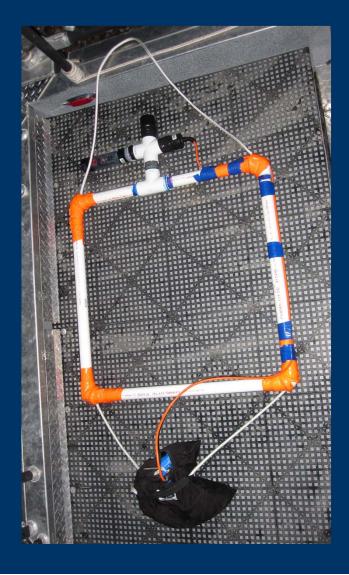
Davis Dam to Needles

Spawning sites



# Methodology

- Remote PIT scanners
  - Swift and still waters
  - 24 hour monitoring
  - Reduce handling





#### Remote PIT Scanners

- Successful in Lake Mohave
  - Kesner *et al.* 2012







# Methodology

Assess numbers of 134 kHz tags

Health monitoring

Genetics





## Addressing Goal I.

Population estimates

- Amalgamate data
  - Data! Data! Data!



#### Goal II.

- Survival estimates
  - Size at release
  - Location, time of year
  - MARK



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• That's the plan

