MEMO

TO: Larry D. Voyles, Director

FROM: Leonard L. Ordway, Assistant Director, Field Operations Division

PRESENTER: Bob Posey, Kingman Regional Supervisor

TITLE: Department Recommendation for Mr. Rusty Braun's Petition to Close Fishing within the Confines of His Deeded Property (Riviera Marina) and Associated Public Waterway on the Colorado River, Bullhead City, Arizona

DESCRIPTION: Mr. Rusty Braun, a resident private property owner, has requested to petition the Commission to close fishing within the confines of his private property and associated public waterway located on the Colorado River at Riviera Marina Village. The Commission may vote to take action on, or provide the Department direction on, this item.

DATE: April 15, 2010

Summary:

As a result of continued and increased problems experienced over the years, Mr. Rusty Braun petitioned (see attachment) to the Commission that the fishermen conflict situation was no longer tolerable relative to his Riviera Marina property. Mr. Braun has reported numerous problems with fisherman which include potential hazards to navigation, property damage and having angry confrontations with the public over the past years. Mr. Braun believes that his only alternative to resolving the problems is to contact the Department and the Commission to seek closure of Riviera Marina to include the public waterway into and within the marina. This petition is in accord with A.R.S. § 17-304B and Commission Rule R12-4-610.

Riviera Marina (see attached map) is a man-made marina that was constructed and located on private land along the Colorado River in Bullhead City, Arizona. The marina is accessed and fed by flows from the Colorado River and provides minimal sportfishing recreation or benefit. Fishermen that access this marina can and have interfered with marina operation or caused damage to private property.

Recommendation:

The Department recommends the Commission **VOTE TO TAKE ACTION ON AND APPROVE THE FISHING CLOSURE OF RIVIERA MARINA AND ASSOCIATED PUBLIC WATERWAY.**

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Attachments