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**DATABASE FOR SENSITIVE AND SPECIAL CONCERN FISHES
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ABSTRACT

Part of the mission of the Idaho Conservation Data Center (CDC) is to collect, store, and provide (upon request) site-specific information on species with special status--threatened, endangered, and candidate species along with U.S. Forest Service (USFS) and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) sensitive species, and state species of special concern. During the 1993 state fiscal year, the CDC added new information on seven rare, resident fish species to a computerized database (Element Occurrence Record database), one of several related databases in what is termed the Biological and Conservation Data system (BCD). The BCD is a dynamic relational database management system, whose records are intended to be updated as new information becomes available.

Data on the following seven fish species were processed over the past year:

white sturgeon
Snake River fine-spotted cutthroat trout
bull trout
Bear Lake cutthroat trout
Bear Lake whitefish
Bear Lake sculpin
Bonneville whitefish

Additionally, the pertinent literature on these species was added to the CDC library, and the associated bibliographic information was entered into a computerized (Source Abstract) bibliographic database in BCD.

As a provider of information, the Conservation Data Center routinely responds to site-specific requests, primarily from federal agencies, state agencies, conservation organizations, and private consultants. During fiscal year 1993, the CDC responded to 467 such requests; roughly a third of these requests involved waterways and wetlands.

In addition, the CDC provided its database records on fish species to appropriate BLM district wildlife biologists and to the sensitive species coordinators in USFS regions 1 and 4, and will continue to do so on an annual basis for BLM and a semi-annual basis for both regional offices of the Forest Service.

The efforts of the past year have resulted in increased dialogue and cooperation between the Department of Fish and Game's Fisheries Bureau and the Conservation Data Center. The staff of the CDC looks forward to maintaining these important additions to BCD and to continued cooperation with the Department's Fisheries staff biologists.

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