

# WHY WE LOVE THE COLORADO PIKEMINNOW!



- **THEY ARE THE LARGEST MINNOW IN NORTH AMERICA, GROWING UP TO 6 FEET LONG AND WEIGHING UP TO 80 POUNDS!**
- **THEY EVOLVED MORE THAN 3 MILLION YEARS AGO!**
- **THEY CAN LIVE FOR OVER 30 YEARS!**
- **NORMALLY THEY ARE AN OLIVE-GREEN COLOR WITH A SILVER BELLY, BUT DURING MATING SEASON THEIR HEAD AND BODY TURN ROSY-RED!**
- **THEY ARE ENDANGERED!**
- **THEY ARE NATIVE TO THE COLORADO RIVER; HOWEVER, THEY HAVE BEEN ABSENT FROM THE GRAND CANYON SINCE THE 1970S!**

INFORMATION FROM THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, US FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE, AND THE UPPER COLORADO RIVER ENDANGERED FISH RECOVERY PROGRAM, PICTURE FROM NATIONAL PARK SERVICE.

