

FINAL State Water Project Incidental Take Permit Risk Assessment for Winter-run and Spring-run Chinook Salmon

Section 1: Overview

Date: 11/21/2023

Life Stages Present:

Winter-run Chinook salmon (juvenile)

Advice to the Water Operations Management Team (WOMT):

No advice is warranted.

For the week beginning 11/21/23, D-1641's Delta Outflow is controlling exports at the Central Valley Project (CVP) and the State Water Project (SWP). Combined exports on 11/21/23 are 5,600 cfs resulting in an Old and Middle River Index (OMRI) of -4,800 cfs and 38.3% of inflow diverted (3-day average). The Delta Cross Channel (DCC) gates closed on 11/20/23 and will re-open on 11/22/23. DCC gates are currently being driven by D-1641's Net Delta Outflow Index (NDOI) requirement. The SWP is exporting this week and no outages are planned.

SaMT estimates an overall high risk of entrainment into the central Delta for juvenile natural-origin winter-run (WR) Chinook salmon due to the continued low flows at Freeport, DCC gates opening on the weekends, and WR observations in real-time monitoring sites in the upper and lower Sacramento River over the previous few weeks. Most WR are currently still in the rearing stage as opposed to actively emigrating, which reduces the likelihood of entrainment into the central Delta; however, due to precipitation events that occurred over the weekend and DCC gate operations open from 11/22/23-11/27/23, it is likely that WR would be entrained into the central Delta. SaMT estimates an overall low risk of juvenile natural-origin young-of-year spring-run Chinook salmon (SR) entrainment into the central Delta. SR spawning has likely ended and eggs are incubating. Since SR juveniles are still estimated to be rearing and SR eggs are estimated to be incubating, entrainment downstream of their spawning area and into the central Delta is unlikely this week.

SaMT estimates an overall low risk of entrainment of juvenile WR into the export facilities this week. Salvage of WR is unlikely due to low numbers of WR estimated in the Delta and no salvage of WR yet this season. SaMT also estimates an overall low risk of juvenile SR into the export facilities due to no salvage of SR occurring so far this season and seasonal timing of SR. SaMT does not anticipate that COA 8.6.2 Early Season Natural Origin WR Discrete Daily Loss Threshold of 6 older juvenile Chinook salmon will be triggered this upcoming week. If any amount of salvage does occur, then the entrainment risk into the Delta may increase to medium because of the low number of loss associated with COA 8.6.2.

Risk Assessment:

Section 2-A: Operations and Fish Distribution Table

One yearling SR was captured at Butte Creek RST on 10/15/23.

One LAD young-of-year SR was captured at the Knights Landing RST on 11/17/23 with a fork length of 39 mm. This fish expected to be late emerging WR due to their size and because seasonal timing of downstream migration for SR is not likely to being until later in the season.

Adult Chinook salmon have been observed in Wallace Weir this season. The adults could possibly be adult WR moving upstream to hold; however, according to the field lead, the salmon are most likely not WR due to them being somewhat silvery and looking close to changing color. Genetics were taken.

Table 1. *Current Juvenile Fish Distribution. The SaMT group agreed to provide distribution estimates in five percent increments when feasible.*

Location	Yet to Enter Delta	In the Delta	Exited the Delta
Young-of-year winter-run Chinook salmon	Current 97-99% Last week 97-99%	Current 1-3% Last Week 1-3%	Current 0% Last Week 0%
Young-of-year spring-run Chinook salmon	Current 100% Last week NA	Current 0% Last Week NA	Current 0% Last Week NA
Hatchery origin winter-run Chinook salmon	Current NA Last week NA	Current NA Last Week NA	Current NA Last Week NA

Section 2-B: Sacramento River and Confluence

Assessment of risk of entrainment into the central Delta for WR and SR in the Sacramento River: (8.1.5.1 C ii, iii, iv and 8.1.5.1 B iii)

- Exposure Risk:
 - WR: Low
 - SR: Low
- Routing Risk:
 - WR: High
 - SR: Low
- Overall Entrainment Risk:
 - WR: High
 - SR: Low
- Change in risk of entrainment into the central Delta (increased/decreased risk compared to last week):
 - WR: Increased from previous week
 - Exposure Risk is estimated as low this week. SaMT estimates WR presence in the Delta is low due to seasonal timing. It is assumed that WR are beginning to migrate downstream due to WR being observed in real-time monitoring sites in the Delta; therefore, Routing Risk is estimated as high for WR this week. Due to continued low flows at Freeport and DCC gate operations remaining open from 11/22/23 – 11/27/23, the overall entrainment risk into the central Delta is estimated to remain as high this week.
 - SR: Similar to previous week
 - Exposure Risk is estimated as low this week. SR are not estimated to be in the Delta this week due to seasonal timing. SR adults spawning has likely ended and eggs are incubating in the gravel. Routing Risk is also low this week based on hydrologic

conditions. Although the DCC gates are projected to remain open for most of the week and Freeport flows remain low, SR are not anticipated to be migrating downstream where they would be affected by Delta operations. Therefore, the overall entrainment into the central Delta remains at low this week.

Section 2-C: Facilities Risk

Central Valley Project/State Water Project (CVP/SWP) facilities entrainment risk for WR and SR in the central Delta over the next week (8.1.5.1 D iii, iv, v)

- Exposure Risk:
 - WR: Low
 - SR: Low
- Reporting OMR/Export Risk:
 - Baseline OMR (-4,800 cfs)
 - WR: Low
 - SR: Low
 - Scenario 1 OMR: (-1,000 cfs)
 - WR: Low
 - SR: Low
 - Scenario 2 OMR: (-6,000 cfs)
 - WR: High
 - SR: High
- Overall Entrainment Risk:
 - WR: Low
 - SR: Low
- Change in risk of entrainment into the facilities (increased/decreased risk compared to last week):
 - WR: Similar to previous week
 - Reporting OMR/Export Risk and Exposure Risk are both low this week due to no WR salvage occurring for WY 2024. Although exports are estimated to be relatively high, WR are not expected to be near the export facilities in high numbers due to seasonal timing and no observations in salvage so far this WY. Therefore, the overall entrainment risk into the export facilities is estimated to remain low this week.
 - SR: Similar to previous week
 - Reporting OMR/Export Risk and Exposure Risk are both low this week. OMRI is expected to increase to more negative than -5,000 cfs; however, young-of-year SR have not been observed at the export facilities for WY 2024. Young-of-year SR are also not expected to be near the export facilities due to seasonal timing; therefore, the overall entrainment risk into the facilities is estimated to remain low this week.

Section 2-D: Annual Loss Threshold Risk

- Annual loss threshold risk and Alternative Actions (8.1.5.1. E I, ii, iii and 8.1.5.1 F I, ii)
 - Loss at the SWP and CVP facilities compared to the estimated remaining population in the Delta and upstream of the Delta: Salvage of California Endangered Species Act (CESA)-listed Chinook salmon has not occurred.
 - Define risk of hitting a threshold, 50%, or 75%, or 100%, and likelihood of exceeding a threshold:
 - Natural-origin WR: N/A [1.17% of the natural-origin WR Juvenile Production Estimate (JPE)]

- Current Annual Loss: N/A
- 50% Threshold based on natural-origin WR JPE: N/A
 - Risk of exceeding threshold: N/A
- 75% Threshold based on natural-origin WR JPE: N/A
 - Risk of exceeding threshold: N/A
- 100% Threshold based on natural-origin WR JPE: N/A
 - Risk of exceeding threshold: N/A
- Hatchery WR: N/A [0.12% of the Livingston Stone National Fish Hatchery (LSNFH) hatchery release JPE]
 - Current Annual Loss: N/A
 - 50% Threshold based on hatchery WR JPE: N/A
 - Risk of exceeding threshold: N/A
 - 75% Threshold based on hatchery WR JPE: N/A
 - Risk of exceeding threshold: N/A
 - 100% Threshold based on hatchery WR JPE: N/A
 - Risk of exceeding threshold: N/A

Section 2-E: Daily Loss Threshold Risk

- Daily loss threshold risk and Alternative Actions
 - Loss at the SWP and CVP facilities compared to estimated remaining population in Delta and upstream of the Delta:
 - Daily loss thresholds and subsequent loss and associated operations:
 - COA 8.6.2 Early Season Natural-Origin WR Discrete Daily Loss Threshold:
 - November Monthly Daily Loss Threshold: 6 per day older juvenile Chinook salmon
 - Highest Daily Loss: 0
 - Risk of exceeding threshold: Low

Section 3: Basis for Advice

The 2020 [Incidental Take Permit for Long-Term Operation of the State Water Project in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta 2081-2019-066-00](#) (SWP ITP) states that advice to Water Operations Management Team (WOMT) shall be consistent with the Project Description, COA in the ITP, and the applicable ESA authorizations. This week's advice is based on the following COAs which are currently applicable:

List relevant COA number and title based on species/life stage, time of year, etc.:

8.1.4 Collaborative Approach to Real-time Risk Assessment. Beginning no later than October 1 through the end of OMR Management (see Condition of Approval 8.8) the Smelt and Salmon Monitoring Teams shall meet weekly, or more often as required, to consider survey data, salvage data, and other pertinent biotic and abiotic factors and prepare risk assessments as described in Conditions of Approval 8.1.1, 8.1.2, 8.1.5.1 and 8.1.5.2.

The Smelt and Salmon Monitoring Teams shall prepare operations advice for the WOMT as required by Conditions of Approval 8.3.1, 8.3.3, 8.4.1, 8.4.2, 8.5.1, 8.5.2, 8.6.1, 8.6.2, 8.6.3, 8.6.4, 8.7, and 8.8, including advice on operations. The Smelt and Salmon Monitoring Teams shall each prepare risk assessments and operations advice. Within each team, staff jointly develop the risk assessment and supporting documentation to accompany operations advice (see Conditions of Approval 8.1.5.1 and 8.1.5.2). DWR and CDFW Smelt and Salmon Monitoring Team staff may conclude different operations advice is warranted, in which case the difference shall be noted and elevated as described in this Condition of Approval.

The Smelt and Salmon Monitoring Teams shall communicate their advice to WOMT. The WOMT shall then confer and attempt to reach a resolution and agreed-upon Project operations. If a resolution is reached, Permittee shall operate consistent with the decision regarding Project operations from WOMT. If the WOMT does not reach a resolution, the CDFW Director may require Permittee to implement an operational recommendation provided by CDFW. CDFW will provide its operational decision to Permittee in writing. Permittee shall implement the operational decision required by CDFW. Permittee shall ensure that its proportional share (see Condition of Approval 8.10) of the OMR flow requirement as a part of the operational decision is satisfied.

8.1.5 Real-time Risk Assessments. The Smelt and Salmon Monitoring Teams (Conditions of Approval 8.1.1 and 8.1.2) shall prepare weekly risk assessments, or more often as required, and operations advice (as required by Conditions of Approval 8.3.1, 8.3.3, 8.4.1, 8.4.2, 8.5.1, 8.5.2, 8.6.1, 8.6.2, 8.6.3, 8.6.4, and 8.7) during their discussions and analyses. The Smelt and Salmon Monitoring Teams shall provide the risk assessments and pertinent supporting information to the WOMT (Condition of Approval 8.1.3) within one business day of each meeting.

8.6.1 Winter-run Single-year Loss Threshold. In each year, Permittee shall, in coordination with Reclamation, operate the Project to avoid exceeding the following single-year loss thresholds:

- Natural WR (loss = 1.17% of natural WR JPE)*
- Hatchery WR (loss = 0.12% of hatchery WR JPE)*

The loss threshold and loss tracking for hatchery WR does not include releases into Battle Creek.

Loss of WR at the CVP and SWP salvage facilities shall be calculated based on LAD criteria for run assignment.

Annual loss of natural and hatchery WR at the CVP and SWP salvage facilities shall be counted cumulatively beginning November 1 each calendar year through June 30 the following calendar year.

WR shall be identified based on the Delta Model LAD criteria. Loss shall be calculated for the South Delta Export Facilities using the 2018 CDFW loss equation (Attachment 6).

During the water year, if cumulative loss of natural or hatchery WR exceeds 50% of the annual loss threshold, Permittee shall restrict south Delta exports to maintain a 14-day average OMR index no more negative than -3,500 cfs through the end of OMR Management (see Condition of Approval 8.8). After 14 days of operations to maintain an OMR index no more negative than -3,500 cfs, Permittee may convene the Salmon Monitoring Team to conduct a risk assessment (Condition of Approval 8.1.5.1) and determine whether the risk of entrainment and loss of natural and hatchery WR is no longer present. Risks shall be measured against the potential to exceed the next single-year loss threshold. The results of this risk assessment and associated OMR advice shall be provided to WOMT according to Condition of Approval 8.1.3 and the decision-making process shall follow the process described in Condition of Approval 8.1.4.

The -3,500 cfs OMR flow operational criteria, adjusted and informed by this risk assessment, shall remain in effect until the end of OMR Management (Condition of Approval 8.8).

During the water year, if cumulative loss of natural or hatchery WR at the CVP and SWP salvage facilities exceeds 75% of the single-year loss threshold, Permittee shall restrict OMR to a 14-day moving average OMR flow index that is no more negative than -2,500 cfs through the end of OMR Management (Condition of Approval 8.7). After 14 days Permittee may convene the Salmon Monitoring Team to conduct a risk assessment (Condition of Approval 8.1.5.1) and determine whether the risk of entrainment and take of natural and hatchery WR is no longer present. The results of this risk assessment and associated OMR advice shall be

provided to WOMT according to Condition of Approval 8.1.3 and the decision-making process shall follow the process described in Condition of Approval 8.1.4.

The -2,500 cfs OMR flow operational criteria adjusted and informed by this risk assessment shall remain in effect until the end of OMR Management (Condition of Approval 8.8).

During the water year, if natural or hatchery WR cumulative loss at the CVP and SWP salvage facilities exceeds the single-year loss threshold, Permittee shall immediately convene the Salmon Monitoring Team to review recent fish distribution information and operations and provide advice regarding future planned Project operations to minimize subsequent loss during that year. The Salmon Monitoring Team shall report the results of this review and advice to the WOMT (see Condition of Approval 8.1.3). Operational decisions shall be made following the process described in Condition of Approval 8.1.4 (Collaborative Real Time Risk Assessment).

If the single-year loss threshold is exceeded, Permittee and Reclamation shall also convene an independent panel to review Project operations and the single-year loss threshold prior to November 1, as described in Condition of Approval 8.2. The purpose of the independent panel is to review the actions and decisions contributing to the loss trajectory that lead to an exceedance of the single-year loss threshold, and make recommendations on modifications to Project implementation, or additional actions to be conducted to stay within the single-year loss threshold in subsequent years.

Permittee shall, in coordination with Reclamation, continue monitoring and reporting salvage at the CVP and SWP salvage facilities. Permittee and Reclamation shall continue the release and monitoring of yearling Coleman National Fish Hatchery (NFH) late fall-run and yearling SR surrogates. The Salmon Monitoring Team shall use reported real-time salvage counts along with qualitative and quantitative tools to inform risk assessments (see Condition of Approval 8.1.5.1).

8.3.2 Salmonid Presence. After January 1 each year, if Conditions of Approval 8.3.1 or 8.3.3 have not already been triggered, the OMR Management season shall begin when the Salmon Monitoring Team first estimates that 5% of the CHNWR or CHNSR population is in the Delta whichever is sooner. Upon initiation of the OMR Management season, Permittee shall reduce exports to achieve, and shall maintain a 14-day average OMR index no more negative than -5,000 cfs, until the OMR Management season ends (see Condition of Approval 8.8). In the event that a salmon daily or single-year loss threshold is exceeded (Conditions of Approval 8.6.1, 8.6.2, 8.6.3, or 8.6.4) prior to the start of OMR Management season the requirements in those Conditions shall control operations.

8.6.2 Early-season Natural Winter-run Chinook Salmon Discrete Daily Loss Threshold. To minimize entrainment, salvage, and take of early-migrating natural CHNWR Permittee shall restrict south Delta exports for five consecutive days to achieve a five-day average OMR index no more negative than -5,000 cfs when daily loss of older juveniles (natural older juvenile Chinook salmon) and yearling CHNSR used as a surrogate for CHNWR) at the SWP and CVP salvage facilities exceeds the following thresholds:

- From November 1 – November 30: 6 older juvenile Chinook salmon*
- From December 1 – December 31: 26 older juvenile Chinook salmon*

All natural older juvenile Chinook salmon juveniles shall be identified based on the Delta Model length-at-date criteria. Loss shall be calculated for the South Delta Export Facilities using the equation provided in CDFW 2018 (Attachment 6). This Condition of Approval may be modified through the process described in Condition of Approval 8.6.6 and an amendment to this ITP.

Section 4: Hydrology and Operations

Assessment of hydrologic, operational, and meteorological information. 8.1.5.1 A

Section 4-A: Water Operations, Water Operations Outlook, and Projected Conditions C 8.1.5.1 A. i, iii, iii:

- Antecedent Actions: (e.g., Actions such as integrated early winter pulse protection, etc.)
 - N/A
- Water Temperature (ITP COA 8.8 threshold: daily average water temperature exceeds 22.2°C for 7 non-consecutive days in June):
 - Mossdale (MSD): [Mossdale - CDEC](#)
 - Number of days threshold exceeded: Not applicable until June.
 - Days exceeded: N/A
 - Prisoners Point (PPT): [Prisoners Point - CDEC](#)
 - Number of days threshold exceeded: Not applicable until June.
 - Days exceeded: N/A
- Tidal Cycle: (*Spring/Neap. Note if tidal cycle has potential to affect south Delta hydrology or X2*)
 - Exiting a neap cycle and entering into a spring cycle with a full moon on 11/27/23.
- Turbidity: Not discussed
- Salinity (X2): >81 km on 11/21/23
- Outages:
 - SWP: None projected
 - CVP: None projected
- Exports: 11/21/23 – 11/27/23
 - SWP: 8000 to 4,000 cfs
 - CVP: 1,800 to 2,700 cfs
- Meteorological Forecast:
 - *“Dry and warmer weather expected through the week. A few light showers possible over the northern mountains Wednesday night. Otherwise, breezy north to east winds return late this week.”*
 - [NOAA - National Weather Service Forecast](#)
- Weather/Storm Event Projection:
 - There are no rain events this week are expected to trigger COA 8.7 Storm Flex.
 - Expected OMR flows may become more negative than -3,000 to -5,000 cfs for the next week. Under OMR flows more negative than -5,000 cfs, SaMT expects impacts to rearing, foraging, sheltering, or migration of salmonids present in the south Delta.
- DCC Gates position:
 - DCC gates closed on 11/13/23 and will re-open on 11/17/23.
- Sacramento River flow at Freeport: 8,700 cfs
 - [Sacramento River Flows - CDEC](#)
- San Joaquin River flow at Vernalis: 1,500 cfs
 - [San Joaquin River Flows - CDEC](#)
 - [San Joaquin River Guidance Plots - CDEC](#)
- QWEST: -2,000 cfs
 - DCC gates are affecting QWEST. With the gates closed, QWEST is expected to be negative, but with the DCC gates open, QWEST is expected to be more positive.
- Future export modifications: *Describe anticipated or potential changes to exports:*
 - Not applicable at this time.

Table 2. *Comparison of USGS Tidally Filtered OMR and OMR Index data.*

Date	Averaging Period	USGS gauges (cfs)	OMR Index (cfs)
11/17/23	Daily	-3,600	-2,800
11/17/23	5-day	-3,600	-3,100
11/17/23	14-day	-4,300	-3,900
11/21/23	Daily	Not Applicable	-2,700
11/21/23	5-day	Not Applicable	-2,700
11/21/23	14-day	Not Applicable	-3,400

Section 5: Distribution and Biology

8.1.5.1.B Assessment of biological information for WR and SR.

Section 5-A: WR Population Status 8.1.5.1.B i

- Adult escapement estimate:
 - Estimated spawning escapement for WR adults contributing to brood year (BY) 2023 is estimated at 2,427 adults.
 - Escapement estimate for adults contributing to BY 2023 is low at 41% of the previous 20 year average.
- Redd distribution and fry emergence timing:
 - Juvenile WR are still rearing in the upper Sacramento River and real-time monitoring stations indicate that they have begun their downstream migration to the Delta.
 - Estimated juvenile WR passage at RBDD for 11/18/23 is 720,403 fish, which represents 86.9% of historical passage. Average historic passage (7/1/2002-6/30/2023) as of 11/18/23 indicates 86.9% with one standard deviation of 10.1% have passed Red Bluff Diversion Dam.
- Juvenile Production Estimate (JPE):
 - N/A
- Livingston Stone National Fish Hatchery releases:
 - Releases of juvenile WR have not occurred.
 - See Appendix 4
- Distribution of natural WR:
 - See Table 1
- Distribution of Livingston Stone National Fish Hatchery Sacramento River WR and Battle Creek WR:
 - No releases have occurred at this time.
 - [CalFishTrack - Central Valley Enhanced Acoustic Tagging Project](#)

Section 5-B: SR Population Status 8.1.5.1.B ii

- Adult escapement estimate:
 - SR carcass counts not available.
 - Adult SR will likely complete their spawning by mid-November.
- Redd distribution and fry emergence timing:
 - SR eggs are incubating in the gravel. There have been no detections of early emergence based on lack of detections in the real-time monitoring stations. One LAD young-of-year SR was observed in the Lower Sacramento RST last week; however, due to their sizing, they are estimated to be late emerging WR.
- Hatchery release (in-river and downstream):
 - See Appendix 4
- Distribution of natural SR:
 - See Table 1
- Distribution of Feather River Fish Hatchery SR:
 - Not applicable at this time.

Section 5-C: Additional Data Sources to Assess Sensitivity to Entrainment into the Central and South Delta 8.1.5.1.C & D

- Acoustic telemetry: *Summary of acoustic telemetry tracking*
 - Not applicable at this time.
 - [CalFishTrack - Central Valley Enhanced Acoustic Tagging Project](#)
- Trawls: See Appendix 1
 - Sacramento Trawl: No salmonids were caught this week.

- Mossdale Trawl: No salmonids were caught this week.
- Chipps Island Trawl: No salmonids were caught this week.
- Rotary Screw Traps:
 - Knights Landing, Tisdale and Lower Sacramento RST Data: SR were caught at the Knights Landing RST between 11/13/23 – 11/19/23.
 - [Middle Sacramento River Salmon and Steelhead Monitoring](#)
 - Yuba River RST Data: No salmonids were caught this week.
 - Redd Bluff Diversion Dam RST Data: Total passage estimates 720,403 juvenile WR have passed RBDD. Last updated on 11/18/23.
 - Butte Creek RST Data: No salmonids were caught this week.
 - [Butte Creek Monitoring Programs](#)
- Seines:
 - Sacramento River Beach Seines: No salmonids were caught this week.
- Carcass Survey Data:
 - Lower American River Carcass Survey Data:
 - The American River Power Bypass proposal has decreased river temperatures slightly down to a weekly average of 58.8°F, whereas the previous week's average was 59.0°F.
 - Fall-run (FR) Carcass Surveys began on 10/16/23 on the Lower American River. For the week of 11/13/23 – 11/16/23, there were 28 female prespawn mortalities, 4 partial spawned females, and 95 spawned females.
- Additional hatchery release notifications: *List all relevant hatchery release notifications.*
 - No hatchery releases have occurred (See Appendix 4)
- New monitoring (as required by Condition of Approval 7.5.1, 7.5.2, and 7.5.3): *Upstream monitoring results during transfer window, additional rotary screw trap monitoring updates, additional acoustic tag study results, genetic identification results, trap capture efficiency trial results, and pathology results if available and relevant.*
 - Field crews in the Feather River conducted a redd survey on 11/3/23 in the High Flow Channel (HFC) and encountered an adult SR spawned out. Due to COA 7.5.1, crews will continue monitoring the HFC and conduct surveys to monitor juvenile stranding and redd dewatering as part of the water transfer plan.
- Anticipated emigration to continue into the Delta: WR are still rearing downstream of their spawning grounds. Hydrological and meteorological environmental cues from the weekend are likely to trigger movement into the Delta this week, especially with multiple observations of WR in real-time monitoring sites over the previous few weeks. Adult SR spawning has likely ended and eggs are incubating in the gravel. No anticipation of SR emigrating into the Delta this week.
 - [SacPAS - Migration Timing and Conditions by Cohort](#)
 - [SacPAS - Salvage Timing](#)
- Routing and Survival Analysis:
 - Delta STARS Model: See Table 6 in Appendix 1
 - [STARS Model](#)
- Tillotson entrainment model or other entrainment models as they become available:
 - The entrainment tool estimates a median of 0 WR and a maximum loss of 13 WR this week (SacPas last updated on 11/21/23).
 - [SacPAS - Loss and Salvage Predictor](#)
- Salvage trends in relation to OMRI: *Provide overview of salvage data and insert salvage table as attachment at end of document:* Not applicable due to no salvage of salmonids for WY 2024 (See Appendix 2).

- [USFWS - Fish Salvage Monitoring](#)

Appendix 1: SaMT Monitoring and Modeling Data

Table 3. Fish monitoring data for the 11/21/23 SaMT meeting. The following table presents fish monitoring data summarized over the past week. Unless otherwise noted, reported sizes are fork length. FR = fall-run, WR = winter-run, SR = spring-run, LFR = late-fall-run.

Location	GCID RST	Butte Creek RST	Tisdale RST	Knights Landing RST	Lower Sac RST	Beach Seines	Sacramento Trawl
Sample Date	N/A	11/11/23 - 11/17/23	11/10/23- 11/16/23	11/13/23- 11/19/23	11/13/23- 11/19/23	11/13/23- 11/16/23	11/13/23, 11/14/23, 11/16/23
Chinook Adults	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	0
FR Chinook	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	0
SR Chinook	N/A	0	0	1	1	0	0
WR Chinook	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	0
LFR Chinook	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chinook (ad-clip)	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	0
Steelhead (wild)	N/A	1	0	0	0	0	0
Steelhead (ad-clip)	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	0
Green Sturgeon	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	0
Flows (avg. cfs)	N/A	100	3,988	3,741	6,710	N/A	N/A
W. Temp. (avg. °F/°C)	N/A	9.5°C	11.8°C	12.3°C	12.6°C	13.6°C	13.1°C
Turbidity (avg. NTU)	N/A	0.5	4.6	5.5	4.4	8.7	6.6

Table 3 Continued. Fish monitoring data for the 11/21/23 SaMT meeting. The following table presents fish monitoring data summarized over the past week. Unless otherwise noted, reported sizes are fork length. FR = fall-run, WR = winter-run, SR = spring-run, LFR = late-fall-run.

Location	Chippis Is. Midwater Trawl	Mossdale Kodiak Trawl	EDSM	Lower Feather RST	Feather at Herringer RST	Feather at Eye- Side RST	Yuba River RST
Sample Date	11/13/23, 11/15/23, 11/16/23	11/13/23, 11/14/23, 11/16/23	11/13/23- 11/16/23	11/14/23- 11/20/23	N/A	N/A	11/13/23- 11/17/23
Chinook Adults	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0
FR Chinook	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0
SR Chinook	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0
WR Chinook	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0
LFR Chinook	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0
Chinook (ad-clip)	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0
Steelhead (wild)	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	1
Steelhead (ad-clip)	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0
Green Sturgeon	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0
Flows (avg. cfs)	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,139	N/A	N/A	521
W. Temp. (avg. °F/C)	15.7°C	13.9°C	N/A	12.4°C	N/A	N/A	11.5°C
Turbidity (avg. NTU)	10.7	14.4	N/A	2.2	N/A	N/A	1.4

Table 4. Delta sturgeon tagging and monitoring.

Date	Comments
11/14/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 juvenile white sturgeon located/ tagged near Sacramento River north of Marsh Island on 10/24/23

Table 5. *CDFW adult monitoring surveys.*

Location	American River Carcass Survey	Stanislaus River Carcass Survey
Sample Dates	11/13/23 – 11/16/23	11/13/23 – 11/16/23
Live Fish	Not Available	387
Redds	146	362
Total Carcasses	881	24
Ad-clipped	127	14
Spawn Condition	Prespawn Mortality: 28%	Not Available
Flows (avg. cfs)	2,000 cfs	200
Water Temp (avg. °F)	58.8°F	Not Available

Table 6. *STARS Modeling*

<u>Date:</u> (11/20/23)	<u>DCC</u>	<u>Georgiana</u> <u>Slough</u>	<u>Sacramento</u> <u>River</u>	<u>Sutter and</u> <u>Steamboat</u> <u>Slough</u>	<u>Yolo</u> <u>Bypass</u>
Late Fall-Run Proportion of Entrainment	0	0.30	0.45	0.25	N/A
Late Fall-Run Survival	0	0.17	0.50	0.37	N/A
Winter-Run Proportion of Entrainment	N/A	0.14	0.58	0.29	0
Winter-Run Survival	N/A	0.06	0.25	0.61	N/A

Appendix 2: Salvage Data

Table 7. SWP and CVP SaMT update (11/13/23 – 11/19/23). Trend is the current value compared to the previous week. Reduced counts are the percentage of time that routine salvage sample times were less than 30 minutes per two hours of salvage and export operations. Prepared by Kyle Griffiths on 11/20/23. These are preliminary results and are subject to revision.

Criteria	13-Nov	14-Nov	15-Nov	16-Nov	17-Nov	18-Nov	19-Nov	Trend	Weekly Summary
Wild older juvenile CHN Loss	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	→	0.00
Wild Steelhead Loss	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	→	0.10
SWP daily export (acre-feet)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
CVP daily export (acre-feet)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
SWP reduced counts	Yes	None	None	None	None	None	None	N/A	N/A
CVP reduced counts	None	Yes	None	Yes	None	None	None	N/A	N/A

Table 8. Chinook salmon weekly salvage and loss combined for both the SWP and the CVP fish collection facilities between 11/13/23 – 11/19/23. Race is determined by LAD on the date of capture. Hatchery origin fish are determined by the lack of adipose fin. Salvage is equal to the estimated number of fish collected by the CVP and SWP fish protective facilities per unit of time. SWP loss is equal to salvage multiplied by 4.33. CVP loss is equal to salvage multiplied by 0.68. Prepared by Kyle Griffiths on 11/20/23. These are preliminary results and are subject to revision.

Category	Salvage	Loss	Trend
Wild winter-run	0	0	→
Wild spring-run	0	0	→
Wild late Fall-run	0	0	→
Wild fall-run	0	0	→
Weekly Total	0	0	Not Applicable
Hatchery winter-run	0	0	→
Hatchery spring-run	0	0	→
Hatchery late Fall-run	0	0	→
Hatchery fall-run	0	0	→
Weekly Total	0	0	Not Applicable

Table 9. Chinook salmon cumulative salvage and loss combined for both the SWP and the CVP fish collection facilities across WY 2024. Race is determined by LAD on the date of capture. Hatchery-origin fish are determined by the lack of adipose fin. Salvage is equal to the estimated number of fish collected by the CVP and SWP fish protective facilities per unit of time. SWP loss is equal to salvage multiplied by 4.33. CVP loss is equal to salvage multiplied by 0.68. Prepared by Kyle Griffiths on 11/20/23. These are preliminary results and are subject to revision.

Category	Cumulative Salvage	Cumulative Loss	Trend
Wild winter-run	0	0	→
Wild spring-run	0	0	→
Wild late Fall-run	0	0	→
Wild fall-run	0	0	→
Season Total	0	0	Not Applicable
Hatchery winter-run	0	0	→
Hatchery spring-run	0	0	→
Hatchery late Fall-run	0	0	→
Hatchery fall-run	0	0	→
Season Total	0	0	Not Applicable

Table 10. Steelhead weekly salvage and loss combined for both the SWP and the CVP fish collection facilities for 11/6/23 – 11/12/23. Hatchery origin fish are determined by the lack of adipose fin. Salvage is equal to the estimated number of fish collected by the CVP and SWP fish protective facilities per unit of time. SWP loss is equal to salvage multiplied by 4.33. CVP loss is equal to salvage multiplied by 0.68. Prepared by Kyle Griffiths on 11/13/23. These are preliminary results and are subject to revision.

Category	Salvage	Loss	Trend
Wild steelhead	0	0	→
Hatchery steelhead	0	0	→
Weekly Total	0	0	Not Applicable

Table 11. Steelhead cumulative salvage and loss combined for both the SWP and the CVP fish collection facilities across WY 2024. Hatchery origin fish are determined by the lack of adipose fin. Salvage is equal to the estimated number of fish collected by the CVP and SWP fish protective facilities per unit of time. SWP loss is equal to salvage multiplied by 4.33. CVP loss is equal to salvage multiplied by 0.68. Prepared by Kyle Griffiths on 11/20/23. These are preliminary results and are subject to revision.

Category	Cumulative Salvage	Cumulative Loss	Trend
Wild steelhead	0	0	→
Hatchery steelhead	0	0	→
Season Total	0	0	Not Applicable

Appendix 3: Relevant Actions

Table 12. *Relevant WY 2024 Criteria and Status for Listed Chinook Salmon under the SWP Long-Term Incidental Take Permit.*

<u>Action</u>	<u>Timeframe</u>	<u>Current Action Status</u>	<u>Threshold(s)</u>	<u>Current Relevant Data</u>	<u>Weekly Trend</u>	<u>Last Updated</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Onset of OMR Mgmt. Salmonid Presence (8.3.2)	Jan. 1 - Jun. 30 <i>(when ≥ 5% of winter-run or spring-run are in the Delta)</i>	Not In effect	5% of the winter-run or spring-run population are present in the Delta	Winter-run = 1-3% estimated in the Delta Spring-run = 0% estimated in the Delta	N/A	11/21/23	N/A
Winter-run yearly loss (8.6.1)	Nov. 1 - Jun. 30	In effect	Natural CHNWR (loss = 1.17% of JPE) 50% of 1.17% of JPE = N/A Hatchery CHNWR (loss = 0.12% of JPE) 50% of 0.12% of JPE = N/A	Current yearly WR loss (natural LAD) = N/A Current yearly WR loss (hatchery) = N/A	N/A	11/21/23	N/A
Winter-run discrete daily loss (8.6.2)	Nov. 1 - Dec. 31	In effect	11/1-11/30: loss of 6/day unclipped older juvenile Chinook salmon 12/1-12/31: loss of 26/day unclipped older juvenile Chinook salmon	Max single daily loss from previous week = 0.00 fish (No older juveniles observed yet)	No change expected	11/21/23	N/A

<u>Action</u>	<u>Timeframe</u>	<u>Current Action Status</u>	<u>Threshold(s)</u>	<u>Current Relevant Data</u>	<u>Weekly Trend</u>	<u>Last Updated</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Mid- and Late-season Natural WR Daily Loss Threshold defined as natural origin juvenile Chinook salmon (8.6.3)	Jan 1 – May 31	Not in effect	<p>January 1 – 31: 0.00635% of the CHNWR JPE</p> <p>February 1 – 28: 0.00991% of the CHNWR JPE</p> <p>March 1 – 31: 0.0146% of the CHNWR JPE</p> <p>April 1 – 30: 0.00507% of the CHNWR JPE</p> <p>May 1 – 31: 0.0077% of the CHNWR JPE</p>	N/A	N/A	11/21/23	N/A

<u>Action</u>	<u>Timeframe</u>	<u>Current Action Status</u>	<u>Threshold(s)</u>	<u>Current Relevant Data</u>	<u>Weekly Trend</u>	<u>Last Updated</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Spring-run surrogate protection (8.6.4)	Feb. 1 - Jun. 30	Not in effect	<p>Coleman National Fish Hatchery (CNFH) Group 1: 0.25% of total in-river CWT fall-run release</p> <p>Feather River Fish Hatchery (FRFH) Group 1: 0.25% of total in-river CWT spring-run release</p> <p>Nimbus Fish Hatchery (NIM) Group 1: 0.25% of total in-river CWT fall-run release</p>	N/A	N/A	11/21/23	N/A

<u>Action</u>	<u>Timeframe</u>	<u>Current Action Status</u>	<u>Threshold(s)</u>	<u>Current Relevant Data</u>	<u>Weekly Trend</u>	<u>Last Updated</u>	<u>Comments</u>
End of OMR Management (8.8)	Jan – Jun. 30	Not in effect	More than 95% of WR and SR have migrated past Chipps Island as determined by SaMT, AND Daily average water temperature at Mossdale exceeds 22.2°C (71.96°F) for 7 non-consecutive days in June, AND Daily average water temperature at Prisoner’s Point exceeds 22.2°C (71.96°F) for 7 non-consecutive days in June	N/A	N/A	11/21/23	N/A

Appendix 4: Hatchery Releases

Table 13. Hatchery salmon release data for BY 2023 and WY 2024.

Release Date	Hatchery	Race	CWT	Marked Release Number	Total Release	Percent Marked	Release Location	Mark	Agency	Release Type
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Table 14. Hatchery steelhead release data for BY 2023 and WY 2024.

Release Date	Hatchery	CWT	Marked Release Number	Total Release	Percent Marked	Release Location	Mark	Agency	Release Type
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Table 15. COA 8.6.4 Young-of-Year Spring-run Chinook Salmon Hatchery Surrogate Summary Table, WY 2024.

Hatchery	Release Group	Date	Race	Total Fish Released	CWT Fish	Tag Codes	Loss Threshold
Coleman National Fish Hatchery	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Feather River Fish Hatchery	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Nimbus Fish Hatchery	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A