

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

Section 1: Overview

Date: 3/26/2024

Life Stages Present:

Winter-run Chinook salmon (juveniles)

Winter-run Chinook salmon (adults)

Spring-run Chinook salmon (juveniles)

Spring-run Chinook salmon (adults)

Advice to the Water Operations Management Team (WOMT):

CDFW recommends that OMRI should remain more positive than -500 cfs in order to minimize subsequent loss of winter-run Chinook salmon due to the 100% Annual Loss Threshold exceedance. See Section 2-A for the discussion on technical assistance to WOMT from SaMT on the evaluation of winter-run loss with the OMRI target of no more negative than -500 cfs.

For the week beginning 3/26/24, the Proposed Action Section 4.10.5.10.2 Steelhead 100% Annual Loss Threshold restricts Old and Middle River Index (OMRI) to -500 cfs and is controlling exports at the State Water Project (SWP) and Central Valley Project (CVP). Combined exports on 3/26/24 are 3,100 cfs resulting in an OMRI of -600 cfs and 5.1% of inflow diverted (14-day average). The Delta Cross Channel (DCC) gates closed on 11/27/23 and will likely remain closed for the OMR season. The SWP is exporting this week and no outages are planned.

SaMT estimates an overall medium risk of entrainment into the central Delta for juvenile natural-origin winter-run Chinook salmon (WR). Georgiana Slough is estimating low entrainment risk this week. However, due to the hydrological events predicted in the upcoming week, 55-69% of WR estimated in the Delta and alternative entrainment routes such as Threemile Slough and Georgiana Slough, SaMT estimates WR entrainment into the central Delta at medium risk this week. SaMT estimates an overall medium risk of juvenile natural-origin spring-run Chinook salmon (SR) entrainment into the central Delta. SR juveniles are estimated to be migrating downstream into the Delta in high numbers (60-75%) and although current hydrology is expected to decrease entrainment into Georgiana Slough, there are still other alternative routes, including Threemile Slough, that SR may be entrained into. Therefore, SaMT estimates SR entrainment into the central Delta at medium risk this week.

SaMT estimates an overall high risk of entrainment of juvenile WR into the export facilities this week. Salvage of WR is likely due to WR movement into the Delta and salvage events in the previous week. WR have been observed in salvage throughout the week; therefore, SaMT estimates that additional WR are likely near the export facilities. Seasonal timing and a potential decrease in OMRI to -2,500 cfs are contributing factors for the high entrainment risk this week. Although weekly LAD WR salvage decreased by nearly half from the previous week's total salvage, OMRI may become more negative than -500 cfs which is likely to also increase LAD WR salvage. SaMT also estimates an overall high risk of entrainment for SR into the export facilities. Length-at-date (LAD) young-of-year SR have been observed in salvage in the previous week in higher numbers. SaMT estimates that it is likely to see additional young-of-year SR in salvage in the upcoming week, especially with an OMRI more negative than -500 cfs; therefore, entrainment risk is estimated as high this week.

Section 2: Risk Assessment

Section 2-A: Operations and Fish Distribution Table

The 100% Annual Loss Threshold in COA 8.6.1 for LAD WR was exceeded on 3/20/24. SaMT held an off-cycle meeting on 3/22/24 to discuss fish trends and operations. In the SaMT meeting on 3/26/24, CDFW presented the information below in SaMT to further support minimizing subsequent loss of LAD WR.

On 3/11/24, DWR and Reclamation began operating to an OMRI no more negative than -500 cfs in order to decrease steelhead loss and avoid hitting the NMFS Incidental Take Limit. Loss of WR decreased by nearly half when the projects began targeting -500 cfs. Below are total loss estimates from the previous 3 weeks to show this trend:

- 3/4/24-3/10/24: 627.93 (-2,500 cfs OMRI)
- 3/11/24-3/17/24: 336.83 (-500 cfs OMRI)
- 3/19/24-3/24/24: 396.78 (-500 cfs OMRI)

Historical LAD WR data from 1993-2022 that shows LAD WR peak salvage occurs in March (Figure 1). Due to this, SaMT estimates that loss of LAD WR will continue throughout this week; therefore, loss of LAD WR is likely and the risk of entrainment into the SWP and CVP export facilities is high.

Hatchery winter-run Chinook salmon that were acoustically tagged on 2/16/24 began migrating downstream into the Delta in high numbers in the past week ([CalFishTrack \(noaa.gov\)](https://www.calfishtrack.noaa.gov)). Since Chinook salmon tend to move in groups with other large schools of fish, it is likely that the high numbers of hatchery winter-run moving downstream are also causing natural-origin winter-run Chinook salmon to move downstream.

The CVP and SWP may target an OMRI as negative as -2,500 cfs this week. **SaMT acknowledges that while there does not seem to be any export level that would result in zero loss, an OMRI of -2,500 cfs would likely result in an increase in loss per day based on the Tillotson Model and an increase in observed loss based on previous weeks operations targeting an OMRI no more negative than -2,500 cfs. Any increase in loss would not be beneficial to the winter-run population.**

Although loss has decreased significantly over the previous few weeks since OMRI of -500 cfs has been targeted, loss of winter-run Chinook salmon is still occurring in high numbers. CDFW notes that increasing OMRI to -2,500 cfs also increases exports, which is not supported by SaMT's off-cycle meeting on 3/22/24 which states "advice regarding future project operations to minimize subsequent loss during the year" (as required by ITP COA 8.6.1) which was clear that "lowering exports would contribute to minimizing subsequent loss [of winter-run Chinook Salmon] this year." Therefore, CDFW recommends that OMRI should remain more positive than -500 cfs in order to minimize subsequent loss due to the 100% Annual Loss Threshold exceedance. Loss has decreased by nearly half since an OMRI of -500 cfs was targeted. Decreasing OMRI to -2,500 cfs is likely to increase loss, according to previous week's loss data when OMRI was targeting -2500 cfs.

Other agencies abstained from providing any recommendation to WOMT. Reclamation elevated operational changes from OMRI of -500 cfs to an OMRI of -2,500 cfs to WOMT.

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 1-5% Last week 1-5%	Current 55-69% Last Week 65-79%	Current 30-40% Last Week 20-30%
Young-of-year spring-run Chinook salmon	Current 20-30% Last week 29-40%	Current 60-75% Last Week 55-70%	Current 5-10% Last Week 1-5%
Hatchery origin winter-run Chinook salmon	Current 20-30% Last week 79-85%	Current 40-60% Last Week 10-20%	Current 20-30% Last Week 1-5%

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: High
 - SR: High
- Routing Risk:
 - WR: Low
 - SR: Low
- Overall Entrainment Risk:
 - WR: Medium
 - SR: Medium
- Change in risk of entrainment into the central Delta (increased/decreased risk compared to last week):
 - WR: Similar to previous week
 - Exposure Risk is estimated as high this week due to WR presence in the Delta at 55-69%. WR are actively migrating downstream and being observed in real-time monitoring sites in the Delta, as well as in the CVP and SWP export facilities. Routing Risk is estimated as low for WR this week. Freeport flows are at 39,000 cfs, the DCC gates are closed for the season and although routing is estimated at 19% through Georgiana Slough, the Georgiana BAFF is assumed to decrease entrainment for juveniles. However, due to increased presence of WR in the Delta and alternate migration routes that may entrain WR into the south Delta, the overall entrainment risk into the central Delta is estimated to remain at medium this week.
 - SR: Similar to previous week
 - Exposure Risk is estimated as medium this week. SR are beginning to actively migrate into the Delta according to real-time monitoring stations (60-75%). Routing Risk is estimated as low this week. Freeport flows are at 39,000 cfs and DCC gates are closed. Although the STARS model predicts routing at 19% through Georgiana Slough, the Georgiana BAFF is assumed to decrease routing into Georgiana Slough. However, due to SR presence in the Delta this week based on real-time monitoring estimates and alternate migration routes that may entrain SR into the south Delta, the overall entrainment into the central Delta is estimated remain at medium 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: High
 - SR: High
- Reporting OMRI/Export Risk:
 - Baseline OMRI (-600 cfs)
 - WR: Low
 - SR: Low
 - Scenario 1 OMRI: (-500 cfs)
 - WR: Medium
 - SR: Medium
 - Scenario 2 OMRI: (-2500 cfs)
 - WR: High
 - SR: High
- Overall Entrainment Risk:
 - WR: High
 - SR: High
- Change in risk of entrainment into the facilities (increased/decreased risk compared to last week):
 - WR: Increased from previous week
 - Exposure Risk is high this week due to high numbers of WR being observed in salvage over the previous week. The likelihood that additional WR will be observed at the export facilities in the upcoming week is high due to seasonal timing and recent salvage events. Reporting OMRI/Export Risk this week is estimated as medium/high. WR still continue to be salvaged in high numbers at an OMRI of -500 cfs; therefore, decreasing OMRI to anything more negative than -500 cfs increases the risk of entraining more WR into the facilities. If projects continue to operate to no more negative than -500 cfs then it is likely that loss of WR will continue to remain similar to the previous few weeks weekly salvage. However, export facilities may operate to a more negative OMRI of -2,500 cfs, which is likely to increase entrainment of WR into the facilities and further increase WR loss. Therefore, the overall entrainment risk is estimated as high this week for WR.
 - SR: Increased from previous week
 - Exposure Risk is high this week due to multiple young-of-year SR was observed in salvage over the previous week. SaMT estimates more may be observed in salvage in the upcoming week due to seasonal timing and recent salvage events. Reporting OMRI/Export Risk is estimated as medium/high. Real-time monitoring stations in the Delta have observed high numbers of young-of-year SR, which increases the likelihood of young-of-year SR entrainment into the export facilities this week. If OMRI is no more negative than -500 cfs, it is likely to decrease salvage of SR. However, export facilities may operate to a more negative OMRI of -2,500 cfs, which is likely to increase entrainment of WR into the facilities. Therefore, the overall entrainment risk into the facilities is estimated as high 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: 2,748.28 [1.17% of the natural-origin WR Juvenile Production Estimate (JPE)]
 - Current Annual Loss: 3,030.44 (with salvage data up to 3/24/24)
 - 50% Annual Loss Threshold based on natural-origin WR JPE: 1,374.14
 - Risk of exceeding threshold: *Not applicable since threshold has been exceeded.*
 - The 50% Annual Loss Threshold was exceeded on 2/25/24 which restricts OMRI to a 14-day moving average that is no more negative than -3,500 cfs through the end of OMR Management. However, after 14 days Permittee may convene SaMT to conduct a risk assessment and determine whether the risk of entrainment and take of natural and hatchery CHNWR is no longer present.
 - 75% Annual Loss Threshold based on natural-origin WR JPE: 2,061.21
 - Risk of exceeding threshold: *Not applicable since threshold has been exceeded.*
 - The 75% Annual Loss Threshold was exceeded on 3/7/24 which restricts OMRI to a 14-day moving average that is no more negative than -2,500 cfs through the end of OMR Management. However, after 14 days Permittee may convene SaMT to conduct a risk assessment and determine whether the risk of entrainment and take of natural and hatchery CHNWR is no longer present.
 - 100% Annual Loss Threshold based on natural-origin WR JPE: 2,748.28
 - Risk of exceeding threshold: *Not applicable since threshold has been exceeded.*
 - SaMT will continue to review recent fish distribution information and operations each week and provide advice regarding future planned Project operations to minimize subsequent loss during that year. Entrainment risk will be measured against the potential to exceed the 100% annual loss threshold. SaMT shall use reported real-time salvage data along with qualitative and quantitative tools to inform risk assessments to determine if entrainment risk of WR is still present and to minimize subsequent loss of WR.
 - Hatchery WR: 232.30 [0.12% of the Livingston Stone National Fish Hatchery (LSNFH) hatchery release JPE]
 - Current Annual Loss: 4.33
 - 50% Threshold based on hatchery WR JPE: 116.15
 - Risk of exceeding threshold: Low
 - 75% Threshold based on hatchery WR JPE: 174.23
 - Risk of exceeding threshold: Low
 - 100% Threshold based on hatchery WR JPE: 232.30

- Risk of exceeding threshold: Low

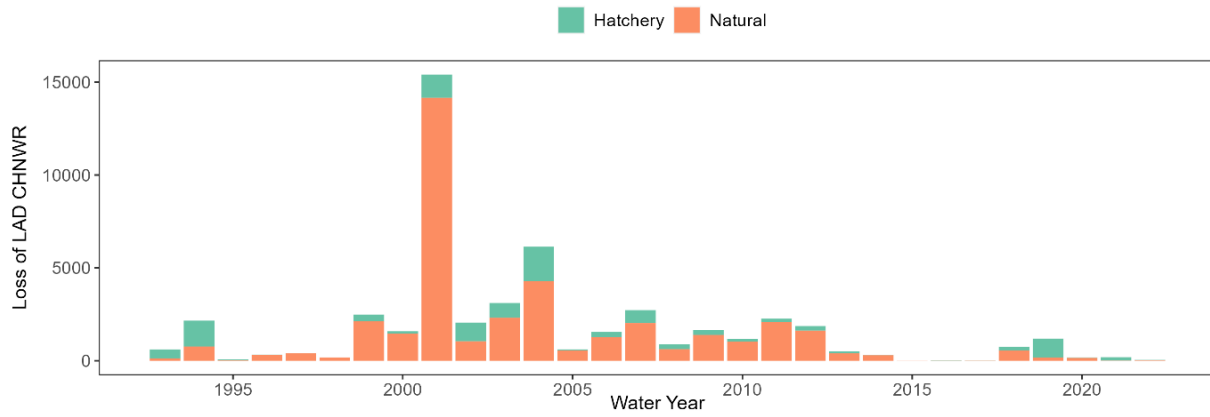


Figure 1. Juvenile hatchery-origin and natural-origin LAD CHNWR monthly loss, March, Water Years 1993-2022. Loss was combined for CVP and SWP export facilities.

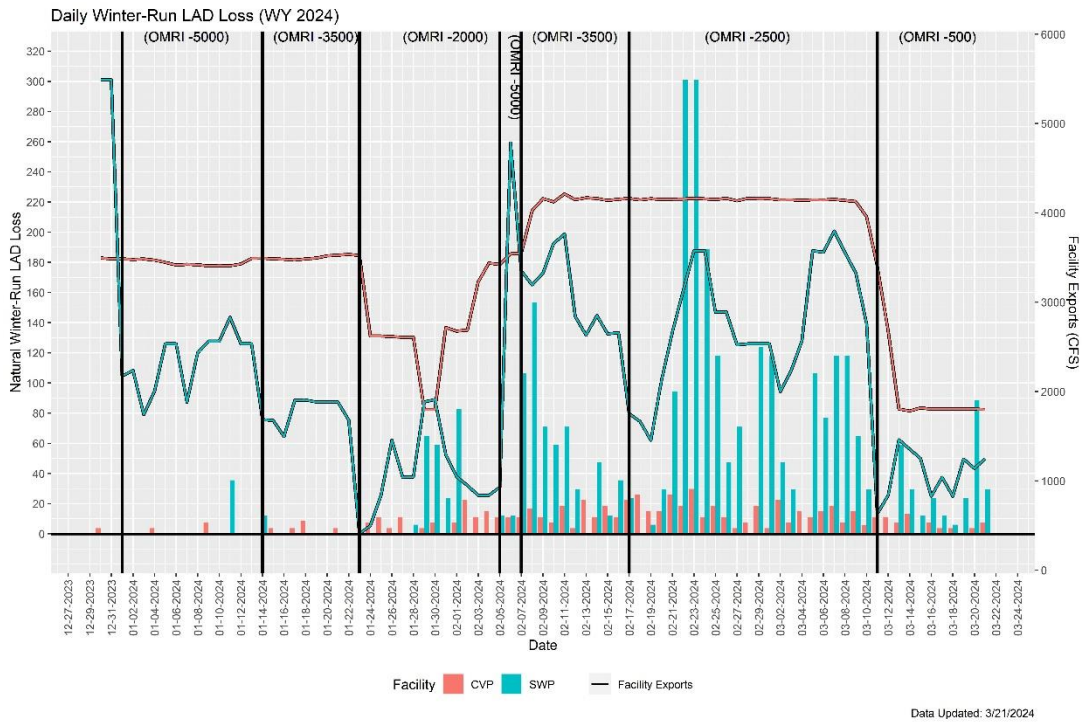


Figure 2. Daily LAD natural-origin winter-run Chinook salmon (CVP=red bars and SWP=blue bars) with daily exports at both the CVP (red line) and SWP (blue line). Vertical black bars are approximate dates when OMRI controlling factors change.

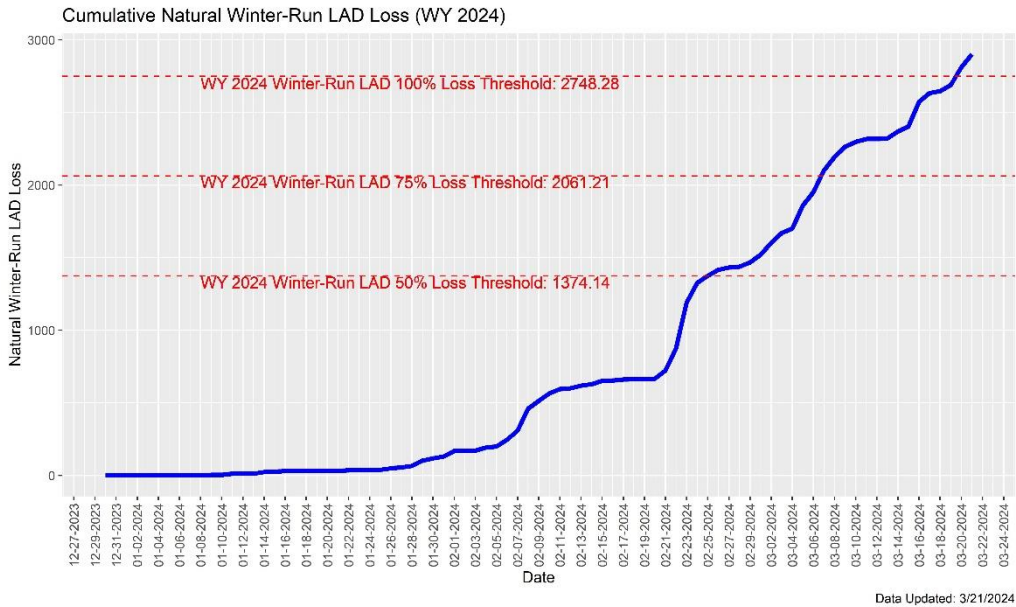


Figure 3. Cumulative Loss of LAD WR for WY 2024 with the 50%, 75% and 100% Annual Loss Thresholds through 3/24/24.

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 8.6.4 Daily Spring-run Chinook Salmon Hatchery Surrogate Loss Threshold:
 - Hatchery Origin Young-of-Year SR Surrogates (0.25% of total in-river SR releases for each release group from Feather River Hatchery (FRH):
 - Group 1 Loss Threshold: 1,749.64
 - Highest Daily Loss: 0
 - Risk of Exceeding Threshold: Low
 - Risk of Exceeding Threshold: Low Hatchery Origin Young-of-Year SR Surrogates (0.25% of total in-river FR releases for each release group from Coleman National Fish Hatchery (CNFH):
 - Group 1 Loss Threshold: 1,780.44
 - Highest Daily Loss: 0
 - Risk of Exceeding Threshold: Low
 - COA 8.6.3 Mid- and Late-season Natural Winter-run Chinook Salmon Daily Loss Threshold:
 - January 1 – January 31: $0.0000124 * 234,896 = 2.91$
 - February 1 – February 28: $0.0000231 * 234,896 = 5.43$
 - March 1 – March 31: $0.000372 * 234,896 = 8.74$
 - April 1 – April 30: $0.0000226 * 234,896 = 5.31$
 - May 1 – May 31: $0.0000226 * 0 = 0$
 - Highest LAD Older Juvenile Daily Loss for March: 169.43
 - Highest Genetic WR Daily Loss for February: 21.78
 - Risk of exceeding threshold: High

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.

8.6.3 Mid- and Late-season Natural Winter-run Chinook Salmon Daily Loss Threshold. The ITP is amended as follows (amended language in bold italics; deleted language in strikethrough): To minimize entrainment, salvage, and take of natural CHNWR during the peak and end of their migration through the Delta. Permittee shall restrict south Delta exports for five days to achieve a five-day average OMR index no more negative than -3,500 cfs when daily loss of natural older juveniles at the SWP and CVP salvage facilities exceeds the following thresholds based on the JPE reported in January of the same calendar year:

- January 1 – January 31: ~~0.00635~~ **0.00124%** of the CHNWR JPE
- February 1 – February 28: ~~0.00991~~ **0.00231%** of the CHNWR JPE
- March 1 – March 31: ~~0.0146~~ **0.00372%** of the CHNWR JPE
- April 1 – April 30: ~~0.00507~~ **0.00226%** of the CHNWR JPE
- May 1 – May 31: ~~0.0077~~ **>0%** of the CHNWR JPE

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.

For the time this Amendment is in effect, Permittee shall restrict exports in response to the initial length-at-date identification of natural older juvenile Chinook salmon and the thresholds described above. If genetic analysis of an individual natural older juvenile Chinook salmon observed in salvage at the SWP or CVP indicates that it is not CHNWR, that individual shall not count toward the daily loss threshold and continued export restrictions under this Condition of Approval are not required if the daily loss threshold has consequently not been met. All genetic analyses shall be conducted using CDFW-approved genetic methods.

8.6.4 Daily Spring-run Chinook Salmon Hatchery Surrogate Loss Threshold. To minimize entrainment of emigrating natural juvenile CHNSR from the Sacramento River and tributaries, including the Feather and Yuba rivers into the channels of the central Delta, south Delta, CCF, and the Banks Pumping Plant, Permittee shall restrict exports based on the presence of hatchery produced CHNSR surrogate groups at the CVP and SWP salvage facilities. CHNSR surrogate groups shall consist of all in-river fall- and spring-run surrogate release groups of Chinook salmon from the Coleman National Fish Hatchery, Feather River Hatchery, and the Nimbus Fish Hatchery.

Each water year between February 1 and June 30 Permittee shall reduce south Delta exports for five consecutive days to achieve a five-day average OMR index no more negative than -3,500 cfs when:

- Feather River Hatchery coded wire tagged (CWT) CHNSR surrogates (includes both spring- and fall-run hatchery release groups) cumulative loss at the at the CVP and SWP salvage facilities is greater than 0.25% for each release group, OR
- Coleman National Fish Hatchery and Nimbus Fish Hatchery CWT fall-run release groups cumulative loss at the at the CVP and SWP salvage facilities is greater than 0.25% of the total in-river releases for each release group.

This Condition of Approval may be modified through the process described in Condition of Approval 8.6.6 and an amendment to this ITP.

8.7 OMR Flexibility During Delta Excess Conditions. *Permittee may increase exports to capture peak flows in the Delta during storm-related events (hereafter OMR flex) when:*

- *The Delta is in excess conditions,²² AND*
- *QWEST is greater than 0, AND*
- *A measurable precipitation event has occurred in the Central Valley, AND*
- *Permittee, in coordination with Reclamation, determines that the Delta outflow index indicates a higher level of outflow available for diversion due to peakstorm flows, AND*
- *None of the following Conditions of Approval are controlling Project operations: 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, and 8.6.4, AND*
Risk assessments conducted by the Salmon and Smelt Monitoring Teams (Conditions of Approval 8.1.5.1 and 8.1.5.2) indicate that an OMR more negative than -5,000 cfs is not likely to trigger an additional real-time OMR restriction (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, and 8.6.4), AND
- *Cumulative salvage at the CVP and SWP facilities of yearling Coleman NFH late fall-run Chinook salmon (as yearling CHNSR surrogates) is less than 0.5% within any of the release groups, AND*
- *Risk assessments conducted by the Salmon and Smelt Monitoring Teams determines that no changes in spawning, rearing, foraging, sheltering, or migration behavior as a result of OMR Flex operations beyond those anticipated to occur through operations described in 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, and 8.6.4 are likely to occur.*

If none of the restrictions listed above apply, Permittee may increase south Delta exports but shall manage Project operations to achieve a five-day average OMR index no more negative than -6,250 cfs. The decision to operate under this Condition of Approval shall be made following the process described in Condition of Approval 8.1.4 (Collaborative Real Time Risk Assessment), and SWP OMR flex is subject to approval by CDFW.

If, during OMR flex operations, any of the following conditions occurs, Permittee shall reduce south Delta exports to achieve a 14-day average OMR index no more negative than -5,000 cfs, unless a further reduction in exports is required by another Condition of Approval. The more positive OMR index shall be achieved within 48 hours of the occurrence of the condition, and the 14-day moving average shall apply from that point forward.

- *Risk assessments conducted by the Salmon and Smelt Monitoring Teams (Conditions of Approval 8.1.5.1 and 8.5.1.2) indicate that an OMR more negative than -5,000 cfs is likely to trigger an additional real-time OMR restriction (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, and 8.6.4), OR*

- *Cumulative salvage at the CVP and SWP facilities of yearling Coleman NFH late fall-run Chinook salmon (as yearling CHNSR surrogates) exceeds 0.5% within any of the release groups, OR*
- *A risk assessment conducted by the Salmon or Smelt Monitoring Teams identifies changes in spawning, rearing, foraging, sheltering, or migration behavior as a result of OMR Flex operations beyond those anticipated to occur through operations described in 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, and 8.6.4, OR*
- *Operational restrictions described in 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 8.17 are required.*

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.)
 - Proposed Action Section 4.10.5.10.2 Steelhead 50%, 75%, and 100% Annual Loss Thresholds were exceeded on 2/11/24, 2/22/24, and 2/23/24, respectively, with operations targeting an OMRI 14-day average of no more negative than -500 cfs beginning 3/11/24.
 - Since 3/11/24, the CVP and SWP have been operating to OMRI of no more negative than -500 cfs. Weekly loss of natural-origin steelhead has decreased significantly since 3/11/24. Below are the previous few weeks salvage data for steelhead:
 - 2/19/24-2/25/24: 1650.16
 - 2/26/24-3/3/24: 530.81
 - 3/4/24-3/10/24: 723.80
 - 3/11/24-3/17/24: 139.03
 - 3/18/24-3/24/24: 186.30
 - Steelhead loss is likely to remain lower when targeting a -500 cfs OMRI than when targeting a -2,500 cfs OMRI, which is based on the previous 5 weeks of salvage (see above).
- 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 spring cycle and entering into a neap cycle.
- Turbidity: Not discussed
- Salinity (X2): <56 km on 3/26/24
- Outages:
 - SWP: None projected
 - CVP: Planned outage on 3/28/24
- Exports: 3/26/24 – 4/1/24
 - SWP: 400 to 3,400 cfs
 - CVP: 900 to 2,700 cfs
- Meteorological Forecast:
 - *“Dry conditions through Wednesday AM before the first of two weather systems bring periods of mountain snow, widespread rain, breezy winds, and thunderstorm chances. The first storm is expected Wednesday into Thursday morning, and the second from Friday into Saturday morning.”*
 - [NOAA - National Weather Service Forecast](#)
- Weather/Storm Event Projection:

- These rain events are not likely to trigger COA 8.7 OMR Flexibility During Delta Conditions. Even if the rain events were to trigger COA 8.7, controlling conditions are in place and would not allow for COA 8.7 to onramp.
- 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 11/27/23 and will remain closed for the OMR management season.
- Sacramento River flow at Freeport: 39,000 cfs
 - [Sacramento River Flows - CDEC](#)
- San Joaquin River flow at Vernalis: 5,400 cfs
 - [San Joaquin River Flows - CDEC](#)
 - [San Joaquin River Guidance Plots - CDEC](#)
- QWEST: +11,500 cfs
- Future export modifications: *Describe anticipated or potential changes to exports:*
 - Exports are anticipated to remain similar or slightly increase this week. However, the SWP and CVP will operate to a 14-day OMRI of -2,500 for the SWP's ITP COA 8.6.1 75% Annual Loss Threshold Exceedance through 6/30/24, and the Proposed Action's Section 4.10.5.10.2 for the 100% annual loss threshold exceedance of steelhead that requires a 14-day average OMRI of -2,500 cfs through 3/31/24. CDFW recommended that the CVP and SWP will continue to operate to this -500 cfs OMRI due to the 100% Annual Loss Threshold being exceeded for WR.
 - Exports may increase due to Reclamation and DWR proposing to operate to an OMRI of -2,500 cfs for the upcoming week. Due to the PA's Section 4.10.5.10.2 100% annual loss threshold being exceeded for steelhead, an OMRI of -500 cfs was approved by the Directors beginning 3/11/24. SaMT reassessed winter-run and steelhead loss this week and agreed that due to a decrease in salvage that occurred during the targeted OMRI of -500 cfs timeframe, and the decreased salvage that is predicted from an OMRI of -500 cfs from the Tillotson Model run, an OMRI more negative than -500 cfs would likely result in an increase in loss per day, based on the Tillotson Model, which would not be beneficial to the winter-run or steelhead population.

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

Date	Averaging Period	USGS gauges (cfs)	OMR Index (cfs)
3/19/24	Daily	-1,200	-600
3/19/24	5-day	-1,200	-500
3/19/24	14-day	-2,000	-1,200
3/25/24	Daily	Not Applicable	-300
3/25/24	5-day	Not Applicable	-450
3/25/24	14-day	Not Applicable	-460

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:
 - Final spawning escapement for WR adults contributing to brood year (BY) 2023 is 2,427 adults.
 - Escapement estimate for adults contributing to BY 2023 was low at only 41% of the previous 20-year average.
- Redd distribution and fry emergence timing:
 - Juvenile WR are migrating downstream into the Delta.
 - Estimated juvenile WR passage at Red Bluff Diversion Dam for 3/24/24 is 1,110,528 fish, which represents 99.8% of historical passage. Average historic passage (7/1/2002-6/30/2023) as of 3/24/24 indicates 99.8% with one standard deviation of 0.2% have passed Red Bluff Diversion Dam.
- Juvenile Production Estimate (JPE):
 - WR JPE PWT distributed the Final JPE letter on 1/12/24.
- Livingston Stone National Fish Hatchery (LSNFH) releases:
 - On 12/28/23, LSNFH released 150,654 winter-run Chinook salmon into the Sacramento River.
 - On 1/19/24, LSNFH released 227,527 winter-run Chinook salmon into the Sacramento River.
 - On 2/16/24, LSNFH released 365,893 winter-run Chinook salmon into the Sacramento River. A subset of these fish were acoustically tagged and will be tracked through CalFishTrack and estimated in the fish distribution table (Table 1).
 - See Appendix 4
- Distribution of natural WR:
 - See Table 1
- Distribution of LSNFH Sacramento River WR and Battle Creek WR:
 - The fish released on 12/28/23 were not acoustically tagged; therefore, will not be found on CalFishTrack. LSNFH made an early release this year due to excess winter-run juveniles; therefore, the WR released on 12/28/23 were released prior to being acoustically tagged.
 - The fish released on 1/19/24 were also not released prior to being acoustically tagged.
 - CNFH released Battle Creek jumpstarters into North Fork Battle Creek on 3/4/24.
 - One fish from the release made on 12/28/24 was observed in at the SWP on 3/10/24.
 - [CalFishTrack \(noaa.gov\)](https://www.noaa.gov)

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

- Adult escapement estimate:
 - SR carcass counts not available.
 - An adult SR contributing to BY 2024 may have been seen upstream at the VAKI Riverwatcher at Butte Creek. Field crews believe it may have been a late spawning adult fall-run Chinook salmon but have not been able to confirm.
- Redd distribution and fry emergence timing:
 - Based on the real-time monitoring stations in the Delta and at RBDD RST, SR fry are rearing and migrating into the Delta.
- Hatchery release (in-river and downstream):
 - Coleman National Fish Hatchery (CNFH) began releasing yearling spring-run Chinook salmon surrogates (late fall-run Chinook salmon) for COA 8.7 OMR Flexibility During Delta Excess Conditions. The first release occurred on 12/22/23, 4 days after the late fall-run production release. The second release occurred on 12/29/23. The third release occurred on 1/11/24.

- Loss from the first, second, and third release groups has occurred with loss for release group 1 totaling 36.83 fish, loss for release group 2 totaling 17.30 fish, and loss for release group three totaling 69.88 fish.
- See Appendix 2 and Appendix 3
- Distribution of natural SR:
 - See Table 1
- Distribution of Feather River Fish Hatchery SR:
 - The first release of SR for COA 8.6.4 was released on 3/15/24 from the Feather River Fish Hatchery. This release was a total of 699,854 CWT and adipose-clipped SR. These fish will be tracked for COA 8.6.4 in the SWP and CVP export facilities.

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*
 - DWR acoustically tagged LFR for a study on the newly installed Georgiana BAFF. These fish are currently being tracked on CalFishTrack but additional data and information will be distributed to SaMT once the data becomes available.
 - [CalFishTrack \(noaa.gov\)](https://www.calfishtrack.noaa.gov)
- Trawls: See Appendix 1
 - Sacramento Trawl: WR and SR were caught between 3/17/24 – 3/21/24.
 - Mossdale Trawl: WR and SR were caught between 3/18/24 – 3/20/24.
 - Chippis Island Trawl: WR and SR were caught between 3/17/24 – 3/21/24.
- Rotary Screw Traps:
 - Knights Landing RST Data: SR were caught between 3/18/24 – 3/24/24.
 - [Middle Sacramento River Salmon and Steelhead Monitoring](#)
 - Tisdale RST Data: WR and SR were caught between 3/18/24 – 3/24/24.
 - [Middle Sacramento River Salmon and Steelhead Monitoring](#)
 - Lower Sacramento RST Data: WR and SR were caught between 3/17/24 – 3/24/24.
 - [Middle Sacramento River Salmon and Steelhead Monitoring](#)
 - Lower Feather RST Data: SR were caught between 3/16/24 – 3/22/24.
 - Yuba River RST Data: Data was not received prior to the SaMT meeting.
 - Red Bluff Diversion Dam RST Data: Total passage estimates 1,110,528 juvenile WR have passed RBDD. Last updated on 3/24/24.
 - Butte Creek RST Data: SR were caught between 3/12/24 – 3/18/24.
 - [Butte Creek Monitoring Programs](#)
- Seines:
 - Sacramento River Beach Seines: SR were caught between 3/18/24 – 3/20/24.
- Carcass Survey Data:
 - Lower American River Carcass Survey Data:
 - The American River Power Bypass proposal decreased river temperatures down to a weekly average below 56°F. The power bypass officially ended on 12/10/23.
 - Fall-run Carcass Surveys began on 10/16/23 on the Lower American River and concluded on 1/24/24. Total number of fish observed was roughly 18,000 fish which is the highest carcass survey numbers since 2013.
- Additional hatchery release notifications: *List all relevant hatchery release notifications.*
 - 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.*
 - An acoustic tag study is being conducted near Georgiana Slough for the newly installed Georgiana BAFF. Late fall-run Chinook salmon have been tagged and released and can be tracked on CalFishTrack (link below). DWR will provide updates once data is collected.
 - An acoustic tag study is being conducted at Lighthouse Resort with steelhead from the Mokelumne Fish Hatchery to observe movements of steelhead at an OMRI of -500 cfs.
 - [CalFishTrack \(noaa.gov\)](#)
- Anticipated emigration to continue into the Delta:
 - WR are moving into the Delta in high numbers according to real-time monitoring stations and observations in salvage, which is likely due to current hydrology in the Sacramento River and seasonal timing. WR are also beginning to exit the Delta according to Chipps Island trawls.
 - Young-of-year SR have also begun emigrating into the Delta according to young-of-year SR observations in the real-time monitoring sites as well as being observed in salvage. Young-of-year SR have also been observed at Chipps Island in small numbers. Both WR and SR are likely to have increased movement throughout this week due to the rain events that have occurred.
 - [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 46 WR and a maximum loss of 456 WR this week (SacPAS last updated on 3/26/24).
 - [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:*
 - LAD WR have been observed in salvage over the previous week. SaMT expects continued salvage over the upcoming week due to salvage in the previous week.
 - [USFWS - Fish Salvage Monitoring](#)

Appendix 1: SaMT Monitoring and Modeling Data

Table 3. Fish monitoring data for the 3/26/24 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	Butte Creek RST	Tisdale RST	Knights Landing RST	Lower Sac RST	Beach Seines	Sacramento Trawl
Sample Date	3/12-3/18	3/18-3/24	3/18-3/24	3/17-3/19, 3/21-3/24 ¹	3/18-3/20	3/17-3/21
Chinook Adults	0	0	0	0	0	0
FR Chinook	0	20	11	493	134	28
SR Chinook	10	51	9	20	2	0
WR Chinook	0	0	0	1	0	2
LFR Chinook	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chinook (ad-clip)	0	5 FR 21 SR 3 WR	2 SR 2 WR	11 FR 136 SR 10 WR	1	39
Steelhead (wild)	2	1	1	0	0	0
Steelhead (ad-clip)	0	0	0	0	0	1
Green Sturgeon	0	0	0	0	0	0
Flows (avg. cfs)	758	16,004	17,624	36,845	-	-
W. Temp. (avg. °C)	8.3	13.7	13.5	12.7	163.8	13.1
Turbidity (avg. NTU)	1.6	22.2	24.1	10.6	14.5	26.1

¹ Lower Sac River RST cones lifted due to debris on 3/19. Traps not fished due to log caught on trap on 3/20. Cones dropped on 3/21.

Table 3 Continued. Fish monitoring data for the 3/26/24 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	Feather at Herringer RST	Feather at Eye-Side RST	Lower Feather River RST ¹	Yuba River RST
Sample Date	3/17-3/21	3/18, 3/20	3/18-3/21	N/A	N/A	3/16-3/22	N/A
Chinook Adults	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0	N/A
FR Chinook	0	4	5	N/A	N/A	689	N/A
SR Chinook	2	0	3	N/A	N/A	0	N/A
WR Chinook	13	0	0	N/A	N/A	0	N/A
LFR Chinook	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0	N/A
Chinook (ad-clip)	7	1	4	N/A	N/A	10 FR 314 SR	N/A
Steelhead (wild)	0	1	0	N/A	N/A	0	N/A
Steelhead (ad-clip)	4	0	1	N/A	N/A	0	N/A
Green Sturgeon	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0	N/A
Flows (avg. cfs)	-	-	-	N/A	N/A	12,684	N/A
W. Temp. (avg. °F/C)	13.3	14.4	-	N/A	N/A	12.2	N/A
Turbidity (avg. NTU)	23.4	29.3	-	N/A	N/A	3.1	N/A

¹ Lower Feather River trap cone effort at 50% on 3/16/24 - 3/20/24.

Table 4. Delta sturgeon tagging and monitoring.

Date	Comments
3/26/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 juvenile white sturgeon located/ tagged near Sacramento River north of Marsh Island on 10/24/23 1 white sturgeon was tagged on 3/8/24 4 adult white sturgeon were rescued from the Fremont Weir basin and released into the Sacramento River between 2/12/24-2/14/24

Table 5. CDFW adult monitoring surveys. N/A means Not Available due to Carcass Survey ending on 1/24/24.

Location	American River Carcass Survey	Stanislaus River Carcass Survey
Sample Dates	Not Sampling	Not Sampling
Live Fish	Not Available	N/A
Redds	N/A	N/A
Total Carcasses	N/A	N/A
Ad-clipped	N/A	N/A
Spawn Condition	Prespawn Mortality: N/A	Not Available
Flows (avg. cfs)	N/A	N/A
Water Temp (avg. °F)	N/A	Not Available

Table 6. STARS Modeling

<u>Date:</u> (3/21/24)	<u>DCC</u>	<u>Georgiana Slough</u>	<u>Sacramento River</u>	<u>Sutter and Steamboat Slough</u>	<u>Yolo Bypass</u>
Late Fall-Run Routing Probabilities	N/A	0.19	0.47	0.33	N/A
Late Fall-Run Route Specific Survival	N/A	0.33	0.69	0.66	N/A
Winter-Run Routing Probabilities	N/A	0.11	0.64	0.13/0.11	0
Winter-Run Route Specific Survival	N/A	0.37	0.60	0.51/0.57	N/A

Appendix 2: Relevant Actions

Table 7. 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>	In effect	≥ 5% of the winter-run or spring-run population are present in the Delta	Winter-run = 55-69% estimated in the Delta Spring-run = 60-75% estimated in the Delta	N/A	3/26/24	N/A
Winter-run yearly loss (8.6.1)	Nov. 1 - Jun. 30	In effect	Natural CHNWR (loss = 1.17% of JPE): <i>50% of 1.17% of JPE = 1,374.14</i> <i>75% of 1.17% of JPE = 2,061.21</i> Hatchery CHNWR (loss = 0.12% of JPE): <i>50% of 0.12% of JPE = 116.15</i>	Current yearly WR loss (natural LAD) = 3030.44 (updated with 3/24/24 salvage data) Current yearly WR loss (hatchery) = 4.33	LAD natural-origin WR are likely to be observed in salvage in the upcoming week.	3/26/24	LAD natural-origin WR have been observed in salvage over the previous week in high numbers. The 100% Annual Loss Threshold was exceeded on 3/20/24.

<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>
Winter-run discrete daily loss (8.6.2)	Nov. 1 - Dec. 31	Not 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	N/A	N/A	3/26/24	N/A
Mid- and Late-season Natural WR Daily Loss Threshold defined as natural origin juvenile Chinook salmon (8.6.3)	Jan 1 – May 31	In effect	January 1 – 31: 0.00124% of the CHNWR JPE February 1 – 28: 0.00231% of the CHNWR JPE March 1 – 31: 0.00372% of the CHNWR JPE April 1 – 30: 0.00226% of the CHNWR JPE May 1 – 31: 0% of the CHNWR JPE	January: 0.0000124*234,896 = 2.9127104 (2.91) February: 0.0000231 * 234,896 = 5.4260976 (5.43) <u>March: 0.0000372 * 234,896 = 8.7381312 (8.74)</u> <u>April: 0.0000226 * 234,896 = 5.3086496 (5.31)</u> May: 0 * 234,896 = 0 (0)	Salvage of older juvenile Chinook salmon is likely to occur this upcoming week.	3/26/24	LAD WR have been observed in salvage in high numbers over the previous week.

<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	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 (FRH) 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>	<p>FRH Group 1: $0.0025 * 699,854 = 1,749.64$</p> <p>CNFH Group 1: $0.0025 * 712,177 = 1,780.44$</p>	<p>FRH Group 1 release occurred on 3/15/24</p> <p>CNFH Group 1 release occurred on 3/21/24</p>	3/26/24	N/A

<p>OMR Flexibility During Delta Excess Conditions (8.7)</p>	<p>Nov. 1 - Jun. 30</p>	<p>Not in effect</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The Delta is in excess conditions, AND •QWEST is >0, AND •A measurable precipitation event has occurred, AND •DWR and Reclamation determines that the Delta outflow index indicates a higher level of outflow available for diversion due to peak storm flows, AND •None of the following COA's are controlling Project operations: 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, and 8.6.4, AND •Risk assessments indicate that an OMR more negative than - 5,000 cfs is unlikely to trigger an additional real-time OMR restriction •Cumulative salvage at the CVP and SWP facilities of yearling CNFH LFR (as yearling CHNSR surrogates) is 	<p>COA 8.7 will not trigger this week due to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The Delta is in excess conditions with restrictions. •There has not been a measurable precipitation event •Risk assessments indicate that an OMR more negative than - 5,000 cfs is likely to trigger an additional real-time OMR restriction •Risk assessments determine that changes in spawning, rearing, foraging, sheltering, or migration behavior as a result of OMR Flex operations will occur. 	<p>Current storm events are being monitored for COA 8.7.</p>	<p>3/26/24</p>	<p>N/A</p>
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<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>
			less than 0.5% within any of the release groups, AND <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Risk assessments determine that no changes in spawning, rearing, foraging, sheltering, or migration behavior as a result of OMR Flex operations 				
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 Mosssdale 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	3/26/24	N/A

Appendix 3: Hatchery Releases

Table 8. 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
12/6/2023	SCARF	Spring	06-29-45	2,477	2,477	100%	San Joaquin River at Highway 140	PIT, CWT, and Ad-Clip	CDFW	SJRRP
12/6/2023	SCARF	Spring	06-29-46	1,060	1,060	100%	San Joaquin River at Highway 140	PIT, CWT, and Ad-Clip	CDFW	SJRRP
12/18/2023	CNFH	Late Fall	05-67-28	66,574	66,574	100%	Battle Creek at CNFH	CWT and Ad-clip	USFWS	Production
12/18/2023	CNFH	Late Fall	05-67-29	68,204	68,204	100%	Battle Creek at CNFH	CWT and Ad-clip	USFWS	Production
12/18/2023	CNFH	Late Fall	05-67-30	73,473	73,473	100%	Battle Creek at CNFH	CWT and Ad-clip	USFWS	Production
12/18/2023	CNFH	Late Fall	05-67-31	74,938	74,938	100%	Battle Creek at CNFH	CWT and Ad-clip	USFWS	Production
12/18/2023	CNFH	Late Fall	05-67-32	67,155	67,155	100%	Battle Creek at CNFH	CWT and Ad-clip	USFWS	Production
12/18/2023	CNFH	Late Fall	05-67-33	70,038	70,038	100%	Battle Creek at CNFH	CWT and Ad-clip	USFWS	Production
12/18/2023	CNFH	Late Fall	05-67-34	61,405	61,405	100%	Battle Creek at CNFH	CWT and Ad-clip	USFWS	Production
12/18/2023	CNFH	Late Fall	05-67-35	69,674	69,674	100%	Battle Creek at CNFH	CWT and Ad-clip	USFWS	Production
12/18/2023	CNFH	Late Fall	05-67-36	71,048	71,048	100%	Battle Creek at CNFH	CWT and Ad-clip	USFWS	Production
12/18/2023	CNFH	Late Fall	05-66-87	74,745	74,745	100%	Battle Creek at CNFH	CWT and Ad-clip	USFWS	Production
12/18/2023	CNFH	Late Fall	05-66-88	35,387	35,387	100%	Battle Creek at CNFH	CWT and Ad-clip	USFWS	Production
12/18/2023	CNFH	Late Fall	05-00-45	70,552	70,552	100%	Battle Creek at CNFH	CWT and Ad-clip	USFWS	Production
12/18/2023	CNFH	Late Fall	05-00-46	72,539	72,539	100%	Battle Creek at CNFH	CWT and Ad-clip	USFWS	Production
12/18/2023	CNFH	Late Fall	05-00-47	66,946	66,946	100%	Battle Creek at CNFH	CWT and Ad-clip	USFWS	Production
12/22/2023	CNFH	Late Fall	05-66-89	60,764	60,764	100%	Battle Creek at CNFH	CWT and Ad-clip	USFWS	Experimental
12/28/2023	LSNFH	Winter	05-00-31	74,940	74,940	100%	Sacramento River at John F. Reginato River Access	CWT and Ad-clip	USFWS	Production
12/28/2023	LSNFH	Winter	05-00-32	75,714	75,714	100%	Sacramento River at John F. Reginato River Access	CWT and Ad-clip	USFWS	Production
12/29/2023	CNFH	Late Fall	05-66-90	71,049	71,049	100%	Sacramento River at John F. Reginato River Access	CWT and Ad-clip	USFWS	Experimental
1/11/2024	CNFH	Late Fall	05-66-91	67,018	67,018	100%	Battle Creek at CNFH	CWT and Ad-clip	USFWS	Experimental
1/19/2024	LSNFH	Winter	05-00-33	71,101	71,101	100%	Sacramento River at John F. Reginato River Access	CWT and Ad-clip	USFWS	Production

Release Date	Hatchery	Race	CWT	Marked Release Number	Total Release	Percent Marked	Release Location	Mark	Agency	Release Type
1/19/2024	LSNFH	Winter	05-00-34	77,433	77,433	100%	Sacramento River at John F. Reginato River Access	CWT and Ad-clip	USFWS	Production
1/19/2024	LSNFH	Winter	05-00-35	78,993	78,993	100%	Sacramento River at John F. Reginato River Access	CWT and Ad-clip	USFWS	Production
2/5/24-2/6/24	MOK	Steelhead	06-19-43	63,260	63,260	100%	New Hope Landing	Ad-clip	CDFW	Production
2/12/24	NIM	Fall	N/A	0	1,198,682	0%	Lower American River at Nimbus Fish Hatchery	None	CDFW	Experimental
2/14/24	SCARF	Spring	06-19-39	53,446	53,446	100%	San Joaquin River at Highway 140	CWT and Ad-clip	CDFW	SJRRP
2/16/24	LSNFH	Winter	05-00-36	79,092	79,092	100%	Sacramento River at John F. Reginato River Access	CWT and Ad-clip	USFWS	Production
2/16/24	LSNFH	Winter	05-64-99	43,382	43,382	100%	Sacramento River at John F. Reginato River Access	CWT and Ad-clip	USFWS	Production
2/16/24	LSNFH	Winter	05-65-01	51,003	51,003	100%	Sacramento River at John F. Reginato River Access	CWT and Ad-clip	USFWS	Production
2/16/24	LSNFH	Winter	05-65-02	42,670	42,670	100%	Sacramento River at John F. Reginato River Access	CWT and Ad-clip	USFWS	Production
2/16/24	LSNFH	Winter	05-65-03	46,419	46,419	100%	Sacramento River at John F. Reginato River Access	CWT and Ad-clip	USFWS	Production
2/16/24	LSNFH	Winter	05-65-04	43,654	43,654	100%	Sacramento River at John F. Reginato River Access	CWT and Ad-clip	USFWS	Production
2/16/24	LSNFH	Winter	05-67-24	22,605	22,605	100%	Sacramento River at John F. Reginato River Access	CWT and Ad-clip	USFWS	Production
2/16/24	LSNFH	Winter	05-67-25	37,068	37,068	100%	Sacramento River at John F. Reginato River Access	CWT and Ad-clip	USFWS	Production
2/20/24	NIM	Fall	N/A	0	1,192,290	0%	Lower American River at Nimbus Fish Hatchery	100% PBT	CDFW	Experimental
3/4/24	CNFH	Winter	05-66-33	47,937	47,937	100%	North Fork Battle Creek, Manton, CA	CWT, Ad-clip, and left pelvic fin clip	USFWS	Jumpstart
3/11/24	CNFH	Winter	05-00-48	84,994	84,994	100%	North Fork Battle Creek, Manton, CA	CWT, Ad-clip, and left pelvic clip	USFWS	Jumpstart

Release Date	Hatchery	Race	CWT	Marked Release Number	Total Release	Percent Marked	Release Location	Mark	Agency	Release Type
3/13/24	SCARF	Spring	06-30-60	142,864	142,864	100%	San Joaquin River at Highway 140	CWT and Ad-clip	CDFW	SJRRP
3/15/24	FRH	Spring	06-00-78	349,309	349,309	100%	Feather River at Boyd's Pump Boat Ramp	CWT and Ad-clip	CDFW	Production
3/15/24	FRH	Spring	06-00-80	350,545	350,545	100%	Feather River at Gridley Boat Launch	CWT and Ad-clip	CDFW	Production
3/21/2024	CNFH	Fall	05-00-70	94,010	376,040	25%	Battle Creek at CNFH	CWT and Ad-clip	USFWS	Production
3/21/2024	CNFH	Fall	05-00-71	75,992	303,969	25%	Battle Creek at CNFH	CWT and Ad-clip	USFWS	Production
3/21/2024	CNFH	Fall	05-00-72	72,050	288,200	25%	Battle Creek at CNFH	CWT and Ad-clip	USFWS	Production
3/21/2024	CNFH	Fall	05-00-74	97,791	391,164	25%	Battle Creek at CNFH	CWT and Ad-clip	USFWS	Production
3/21/2024	CNFH	Fall	05-00-75	93,138	372,551	25%	Battle Creek at CNFH	CWT and Ad-clip	USFWS	Production
3/21/2024	CNFH	Fall	05-00-76	78,842	315,368	25%	Battle Creek at CNFH	CWT and Ad-clip	USFWS	Production
3/21/2024	CNFH	Fall	05-00-77	106,585	426,338	25%	Battle Creek at CNFH	CWT and Ad-clip	USFWS	Production
3/21/2024	CNFH	Fall	05-00-78	93,769	375,076	25%	Battle Creek at CNFH	CWT and Ad-clip	USFWS	Production
3/23/2024	CNFH	Fall	05-00-73	107,046	428,184	25%	Sacramento River at Butte City Boat Ramp	CWT and Ad-clip	USFWS	Production

Table 9. 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
12/19/23 - 12/21/23	CNFH	N/A	142,402	142,402	100%	Sacramento River at Sycamore Grove	Ad-clip	USFWS	Production
12/29/23- 1/5/24	CNFH	N/A	276,336	276,336	100%	Sacramento River at Sycamore Grove	Ad-clip	USFWS	Production
1/31/2024	NIM	N/A	168,000	168,000	100%	Lower American River at Sunrise Boat Ramp	Ad-clip	CDFW	Production
2/1/2024	NIM	N/A	173,000	173,000	100%	Lower American River at Sunrise Boat Ramp	Ad-clip	CDFW	Production
2/2/2024	NIM	N/A	175,000	175,000	100%	Lower American River at Sunrise Boat Ramp	Ad-clip	CDFW	Production
2/5/24- 2/6/24	MOK	06-19-43	63,260	63,260	100%	New Hope Landing	CWT and Ad-clip	CDFW	Production
2/5/24- 2/9/24 and 2/12/24- 2/16/24	FRFH	N/A	445,000	445,000	100%	Feather River at Boyd's Pumping Boat Ramp	Ad-clip	CDFW	Production
3/5/24- 3/6/24	MOK	N/A	75,000	75,000	100%	Mokelumne River at New Hope Landing	Ad-clip	CDFW	Production

Table 10. COA 8.6.4 Young-of-Year Spring-run Chinook Salmon Hatchery Surrogate Summary Table, WY 2024.

