

IEP PWT Chair & Stakeholder Meeting Agenda

February 11, 2026, 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Hybrid meeting. Attendance in-person at [1010 Riverside Parkway, West Sacramento 95605](#) in the Garibaldi Conference Room #114



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- Welcome and introductions** (5 min)
Stephanie Fong, IEP, Stephanie.Fong@wildlife.ca.gov
- PWT Chairs Updates** (15 min) – Chairs will share updates on activities in their PWTs
PWT Chairs (as available)
- Bay-Delta Plan Update** (5 min)
Sam Bashevkin, Sam.Bashevkin@waterboards.ca.gov
- 2026 IEP Workshop Update** (5 min)
Adam Nanninga, USFWS, Adam_Nanninga@fws.gov
- Delta Science Program Updates** (15 min)
Maggie Christman, Delta Science Program, Maggie.Christman@deltacouncil.ca.gov
- State Water Contractors Science Plan Update** (10 min)
Darcy Austin, State Water Contractors Science Manager, daustin@swc.org
- Hatching Cultured Delta Smelt in a Naturalized Environment: Exploring Embryo Transport and Hatching Success** (15 min)
Trishelle Tempel, CA Dept of Water Resources, Trishelle.Tempel@water.ca.gov
- Delta Smelt Supplementation Update** (15 min)
Katherine Sun, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, katherine_sun@fws.gov
- Programmatic Updates** (10 min)
Stephanie Fong, IEP, Stephanie.Fong@wildlife.ca.gov
- Open Discussion:** (10 min) – This is time for stakeholders who haven't identified a need ahead of time to share what they are working on and request assistance or involvement from IEP, and for IEP staff to ask stakeholders about what they're working on.
Stephanie Fong, CDFW/IEP, Stephanie.Fong@wildlife.ca.gov

Do you have something you want to share with the group or want more information on a topic at the next meeting? Send a request to iep@wildlife.ca.gov.

2026 IEP PWT Chair & Stakeholder Group Meeting Schedule

- May 13, 2026 from 1:30 p.m. – 3: 30 p.m.
- August 12, 2026 from 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- November 12*, 2026 from 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. (*Thursday due to Veterans Day)

Recent IEP-Related Publications (Newsletters, Technical Reports, IEP Datasets)

- Updated dataset for IEP PEN#011&012 San Francisco Bay Study Survey for Fish and Mobile Crustaceans 1980-2024; dataset now includes shrimp. Reference: Hieb, K.A., J.M. Burns, and K.J. Soto. 2026. Interagency Ecological Program: San Francisco Bay Study Survey for Fish and Mobile Crustaceans 1980-2024 ver 3. Environmental Data Initiative <https://doi.org/10.6073/pasta/0d2e00dc7d23f3344f64da5840101e9e> (Accessed 2026-02-04).
- New dataset from IEP PEN 062 Diet and Condition Study – [Data from Larval and juvenile Longfin Smelt diets as a function of fish size and prey density in the San Francisco Estuary, 2005-2008](#). Links to the paper “[Larval and juvenile Longfin Smelt diets as a function of fish size and prey density in the San Francisco Estuary](#)”.
- Gapfill dataset to fill the gap of five years in the spectroscopy-derived maps of submerged and floating aquatic vegetation cover in the Delta that is available for the years 2004-2008 and 2014-current. See Shruti Khanna, Mui Lay, Jahalel Tuil & Susan Ustin. (2025). *The Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta community level classification maps derived from WorldView-2 multispectral data*. Knowledge Network for Biocomplexity. [doi:10.5063/F10Z71SG](https://doi.org/10.5063/F10Z71SG)
- November 2025 publication from Khanna et al. (NCEAS study) [Floodplain inundation and lateral connectivity promote productivity in a manager river ecosystem](#).

Other Announcements:

- **Feb. 24 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Delta Science Program public meeting** on the [independent scientific peer review of the Chinook salmon spring-run juvenile production estimate](#). Registration required.
- **Feb. 25 at 1:00 p.m. CDFW Annual Salmon Information Meeting** (hybrid event) at CNRA auditorium. Covers the 2025 ocean and in-river salmon fishing seasons, 2025 spawner abundances, 2026 abundance forecasts, and 2026 ocean salmon fisheries. Meeting link, agenda, and other materials available on [CDFW Salmon Preseason Process calendar](#).
- **March 16-18, 2026 IEP Annual Workshop** at the CNRA building. Free and hybrid. Registration required. Visit the [2026 IEP Annual Workshop](#) page for more information.
- **Fall 2026 Bay-Delta Science Conference** – keep your calendars open this fall for the next Bay-Delta Science Conference. More details will be coming soon from the Delta Science Program.
- **Update on Operation Baseline Maven’s Notebook article:** [From point source to ecosystem: How Operation Baseline advanced Delta science](#)

IEP Website, Blogs & Video Links:

- [IEP Homepage](#) – Home page is updated monthly.
- [IEP Subscription page](#) – Subscribe to receive updates on IEP activities.
- [Science Stories: Adventures in Bay-Delta Data](#) – A blog managed by IEP Synthesis Team Lead, Rosemary Hartman
- IEP Playlist on [CDFW YouTube Channel](#) - videos of the workshop and other events.
- [IEP Calendar of Events](#) for upcoming IEP Project Work Team meetings

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