



Delta Action Team (DAT) Weekly Meeting

Teams call: 2/10/26 at 10:00 a.m.

Participants

- California Department of Water Resources (DWR)
- Contra Costa Water District
- Friant Water Authority
- Kearns & West (K&W)
- Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD)
- National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)
- San Luis & Delta Mendota Water Authority
- State Water Contractors
- State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB)
- U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBR)
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)
- Westlands Water District (WWD)

Welcome & Housekeeping

- None.

Weekly Operations Update

Operational Intent

- None.

Weekly Fish and Water Operations Outlook, Current Operations

- DAT reviewed and updated the Fish and Water Operations Outlook document.

- Sacramento River releases at Keswick Dam are currently at 11,500 cfs and will range between 8,000 cfs and 11,500 cfs.
- Feather River releases are currently at 8,000 cfs.
- American River releases at Nimbus Dam are 4,000 cfs and will range between 3,000 cfs to 4,000 cfs.
- Stanislaus River releases at Goodwin Dam are currently 1,100 cfs and will range between 200 cfs to 1,100 cfs.
- Freeport flows are currently at 31,800 cfs.
- Clifton Court Forebay (CCF) is currently at 2,000 cfs.
- Vernalis flows are currently at 2,348 cfs.
- Delta outflow is at 30,200 cfs.
- Rio Vista flows are currently at 26,900 cfs.
- San Luis total storage is currently 1,608 TAF, SWP's share is 998 TAF and CVP's is 611 TAF (93%).
- Jones Pumping Plant (JPP) exports are 1,900 cfs and will range between 1,900 cfs to 4,200 cfs.
- JPF will range between 3,000 cfs to 6,000 cfs.
- QWEST is at 2,957 cfs and seven-day average is 3,291 cfs.
- Expected Daily OMR Index is -2,600 cfs. Expected five-day OMR average is -3,400 cfs and the 14-day average is -3,300 cfs.
- Export-to-Inflow (EI) Ratio three-day average is 12.4% and 14-day average is 13.6%

Questions/Discussions on Weekly Fish and Water Operations

- None.

Weekly Fish and Water Operations Outlook, Species Tables Updates

- Reclamation updated Table 2a data.
 - Temperatures at Rio Vista and Jersey Point are increasing this week.
- DWR updated Item 3a and provided an overview to date
 - Two length-at-date winter-run Chinook salmon were salvaged on 2/1 and 2/7
 - The fish salvaged on 2/1 was genetically confirmed not to be winter run. Genetic confirmation for the 2/7 fish is still pending.

- Loss thresholds remain well below levels of concern regardless of genetic outcome.

Questions/Discussions on Operations Outlook Species Tables Updates

- None.

Proposed Action Assessments

Proposed Action Assessments Update

- Reclamation presented the combined assessment for the week.

Zone of Influence

- Zone of influence analysis remains unchanged from last week.
- Hydrology remains high-medium (himed) for current and forecasted conditions.
- Altered channel length ranges from 23 to 111 kilometers across OMR bins.
- The difference in altered channel length between OMRI scenarios is 88 kilometers.

Salmonid Proposed Action Assessment

- Salmonid conditions remain consistent with recent weeks.
- No natural or hatchery winter-run Chinook salmon have been observed this season, and cumulative loss remains 0 percent of the single-year incidental take limit.
- Cumulative losses include 87 natural Central Valley steelhead, representing 1.6% percent of the 5,924 incidental take limit, 483 hatchery steelhead, and 1,041 spring-run surrogate Chinook salmon, representing 47 % of the applicable annual loss threshold.
- Spring-run surrogate yearlings in Group 1 have not been observed to date.
- Spring-run surrogate yearlings in Group 2 remain at 84.64% of the incidental take limit, with no additional loss observed since the previous update.
- Spring-run surrogate yearlings in Group 3 total 25 fish, representing 8.6% of the 28,286 incidental take limit.
- Length-at-date winter-run Chinook salmon presence remains high based on historical monitoring data.
- Central Valley steelhead presence also remains high based on historical monitoring data.
- Overall conditions remain consistent with recent weeks based on estimated survival and routing observed in late January and February.
- Apparent survival probability has remained consistent over the past several weeks at approximately 0.3.

- Interior Delta route-specific probability has also remained consistent at approximately 0.12.
- Winter-run Chinook salmon are not at risk of exceeding loss thresholds.
- Steelhead loss predictions similarly indicate no risk of exceeding applicable incidental take limits.
- Overall risk for winter-run Chinook salmon, spring-run Chinook salmon surrogates, and Central Valley steelhead in the Delta remain low.

Delta Smelt

- The most recent Delta smelt abundance estimate is 1,769, as of last week.
- Cultured Delta smelt releases are complete for the water year, and no changes have occurred related to releases.
- WY2026 survey detections include 36 adult Delta smelt and 25 juvenile Delta smelt across all surveys.
- No Delta smelt have been salvaged during the current water year.
- Recent two-week survey results show a single Delta smelt detection in Suisun Marsh (as of the DAT call). Water year totals by region and life stage were reviewed, along with a time series showing the timing of Delta smelt detections by survey.

Real-time Assessment Thresholds

- For real-time assessment at the three central Delta stations, Jersey Point Flow (JPF) is approximately 2,600 cfs this week and is not predicted to drop below zero.
- Turbidity remains fairly low at all three stations within the OMR corridor.
- Adult Delta smelt temperature off-ramp conditions may be reached this week, as three-day average temperatures at Rio Vista and Jersey Point are approaching 12 degrees Celsius. The adult Delta smelt action will no longer be active after 3 consecutive days of temperature at or above 12°C at Rio Vista or Jersey Point.
- For larval and juvenile Delta smelt, Jersey Point Flow (JPF) is not predicted to drop below zero this week.
- The most recent South Delta average turbidity is 6.4 FNU, based on the January 26 SLS-3 survey.
- An updated 12-station South Delta average turbidity value will be available this week following the SLS-4 survey.
- Turbidity thresholds are not expected to be exceeded this week, as turbidity remains low throughout the OMR corridor and JPF is not predicted to drop below zero.
- Delta smelt spawning is likely occurring, consistent with post-first flush conditions.

- Recent survey detections at Chipps Island and in the Sacramento Deep Water Ship Channel are consistent with upstream spawning migration.
- Because JPF is not predicted to drop below zero and South Delta turbidity remains low, larval and juvenile Delta smelt entrainment management actions are not expected to be triggered this week.

Questions/Discussions on Proposed Action Assessments

- Included below is the SacPAS link to the smelt data page. The three-day average water temperature data for Jersey Point (CDEC station SJW) was recently added to this site to support evaluation of Delta smelt temperature thresholds for Delta smelt actions.
 - [SacPAS, Delta Smelt Data Page and Supporting Documents](#)

Open Discussion

- None.

Action Items

- The next Delta Action Team Meeting is on 2/17/26