



Delta Action Team (DAT) Weekly Meeting

Teams call: 12/30/25 at 10:00 a.m.

Participants

- California Department of Water Resources (DWR)
- Contra Costa Water District
- Friant Water Authority
- Friends of the River
- Kearns & West (K&W)
- Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
- 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)

Welcome & Housekeeping

- Mia Schiappi is working on transitioning SharePoint files to a new site to remedy access issues. The new links are in the meeting invite, and document links will be sent out along with weekly invites. Attendees with access issues should reach out to Mia Schiappi directly.

Weekly Operations Update

Operational Intent

- There was a request to include more detail in the operational intent moving forward, specifically for actions that have a set duration like first flush to include the start date of the action and expected end date, if appropriate. To see updates to this week's operational intent, review the final fish and water operations outlook.

Weekly Fish and Water Operations Outlook, Current Operations

- DAT reviewed and updated the Fish and Water Operations Outlook document.
 - Feather River releases are currently at 1,750 cfs and will range between 1,750 to 6,000 cfs.
 - Freeport flows are currently at 68,000 cfs and will range between 30,000 cfs to 75,000 cfs.
 - CCF exports will range between 1,600 cfs to 2,100 cfs.
 - Sacramento River vernalis flows are currently at 2,587 cfs and will range between 1,800 cfs and 2,800 cfs.
 - Delta Outflow is at 104,000 cfs and will range between 35,000 cfs to 104,000 cfs.
 - Rio Vista flows are at 91,200 cfs and will range between 30,000 cfs to 91,200 cfs.
 - San Luis storage is 1.376 MAF, SWP's share is 954 TAF and CVP's is 423 TAF or about 45%.
 - Sacramento River releases at Keswick Dam are currently at 8,500 cfs, with a possible range of 6,000 cfs to 10,000 cfs and previous releases at 10,000 cfs.
 - Jones Pumping Plant (JPP) is at 3,500 cfs with a range of 3,500 cfs to 4,200 cfs.

Questions/Discussions on Weekly Fish and Water Operations

- SWRCB asked about notification when approval is granted from CDFW for DWR to operate to a more negative OMR than is specified in the ITP for an action (e.g. -2,000 cfs OMRI for First Flush). DWR confirmed that notification was sent to the WOMT list.
- San Luis & Delta Mendota Water Authority requested confirmation of when first flush started and what the current status is.
 - Reclamation and DWR confirmed first flush was triggered on 12/23/25, and on 12/25/25 both DWR and Reclamation began to operate to -3,500 OMRI. On December 26, DWR and USBR increased exports to the baseline OMR level of no more negative than -5,000 cfs due to high QWEST flows. Spring-run salmon were salvaged both of the first two days of operating to -5,000

cfs, so DWR began operating to a proportional share of -3,500 OMRI starting on December 29. First Flush will remain in effect through Wednesday, January 7.

- San Luis & Delta Mendota Water Authority asked what role the anticipated descending Qwest plays in determining the change in operations from -5,000 to current -3,500.
 - DWR responded that the change in operations is the result of spring-run salvage the days before, and Qwest is factored in. For Qwest less than 10,000 DWR will keep operating to -3,500.
- DWR clarified that the analysis that demonstrates -5,000 would be just as protective under first flush conditions as -3,500 is not something that will be discussed at Delta Action Team meetings.
- USFWS asked if the Qwest averaging period is based on daily trigger.
 - DWR confirmed that the trigger is daily.
- USFWS clarified that first flush in Action 5 is defined as -2,000, so the -3,500 is a deviation.

Weekly Fish and Water Operations Outlook, Species Tables Updates

- Reclamation and DWR shared the updates that were made on Tables 2a and 3a – e.

Questions/Discussions on Operations Outlook Species Tables Updates

- Friends of the River asked for an update on adult winter-run and when those may be coming in.
- Reclamation noted all the winter-run are emerging, and they are migrating downstream.
- Reclamation BDO clarified the current count of salvaged fish, noting there was one at SWP, which was not included in the assessment.
- Reclamation BDO noted labeling of spring-run has been clarified as Spring-Run Chinook salmon surrogate releases.

Proposed Action Assessments

Salmonid Proposed Action Assessment

- Reclamation provided an update and reviewed the Winter-run Proposed Action Segment.

Smelt Proposed Action Assessment

- Reclamation shared the Smelt Proposed Action Assessment.

Questions/Discussions on Proposed Action Assessments

- Reclamation and USFWS shared more information on the catch at Beach Sane, caught by DJ FMP on 12/18/25. Its fork length was 53, measuring as a juvenile fish. It was caught at Sandy Beach the day after cultured fish were released at Sandy Beach.
- USFWS, DWR, and Reclamation discussed fork length cutoffs, definitions of sizes, and inferred perception of the word “juvenile”.

Open Discussion

- None

Next DAT Meeting

- The next Delta Action Team Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 1/6/26.

Action Items

- Brian Schreier to email Jeff Laird, Claudia Bucheli, and the facilitator for WOMT to initiate the process to switch Erik Ekdahl's membership to the SWRCB's new Deputy Director.
- Mia Schiappi to coordinate with the editors of the fish and water operations outlook document to discuss the request to add more detail to the operational intent section.
- Denise Goodman to send disclaimer language about fork length to Lilly McCormick for her to include in the smelt assessment. - *Complete*