

Delta Monitoring Workgroup Weekly Meeting

Meeting Record 06/24/2025

Working Group Members in Attendance

- Reclamation: Cat Pien
- USFWS: Not in attendance
- NMFS: Not in attendance
- CDFW: Not in attendance
- DWR: Mike Ford, Brian Schreier, Farida Islam
- SWRCB: Not in attendance
- Water Contractors: Darcy Austin (SWC), Alma Antuna (WWD), Jose Rangel (WWD), Yuan Liu (CCWD), Ron Milligan (SLDMWA), Tom Boardman (CVP SOD Ag Districts), Jennifer Buckman (AR Settlement Contractors)
- NGOs: Not in attendance
- Kearns & West: Marlys Jeane, Trisha Madayag

Review Operations Outlook

- At Keswick Dam on the Sacramento River, releases are 13,000 cfs.
- At Nimbus Dam on the American River, releases are 2,500 cfs.
- At Oroville Dam on the Feather River, releases are 4,500 cfs.
- JPP exports are 3,200 cfs today (6/24) and will increase to 4,200 cfs on Sunday (6/29).
- CCF exports are 1,400 cfs today (6/24) and increasing to 1,500 cfs Thursday (6/26). Exports will be 0 cfs starting on Sunday (6/29) for herbicide treatment in Clifton Court Forebay.
- DCC gates are open for summer operations.

Additional Questions or Comments

No questions or comments.

Review PA Assessment and Assessment Triggers (Reclamation)

Facilitator's note: Due to the new PA, DMW will only review the Weekly Fish and Water Operations Outlook. Moving forward, Reclamation will potentially produce assessments for relevant salmon and smelt triggers weekly. A review of the PA Assessment may occur if a real-time trigger occurs.

- Reclamation shared that one juvenile Delta Smelt was caught last Friday (6/20) in Suisun Marsh, awaiting genetic confirmation. The larval Delta Smelt that were previously identified received genetic testing and viable samples came back as Wakasagi on the maternal side. Temperatures were not high enough to off-ramp early, so the off-ramp date will be June 30.
- DWR shared that they are still in the process of running samples from recent surveys, including the 20-mm survey and May EDSM survey. Hybrid panel runs are planned on all the larvae. So far, only mitochondrial markers have been run.

Additional Questions or Comments

No questions or comments.

Review Longfin Smelt (LFS) Distribution and ITP Triggers (DWR)

Facilitator's note: Due to the new ITP, DMW will only review the Weekly Fish and Water Operations Outlook. A review of the Risk Assessment may occur if a real-time trigger occurs.

Additional Questions or Comments

• No questions or comments.

Acronyms

- CVP Central Valley Project
- DCC Delta Cross Channel
- DOI Delta Outflow Index
- DWR California Department of Water Resources
- DCI Delta Mendota Canal California Aqueduct Intertie
- DS Delta Smelt
- EDSM Enhanced Delta Smelt Monitoring Program
- FNU Formazin Nephelometric Unit
- I/E Inflow to Export
- IOP Interim Operations Plan
- ITP Incidental Take Permit
- ITL Incidental Take Limit

- JPE Juvenile Production Estimate
- LFS Longfin Smelt
- NTU Nephelometric Turbidity Unit
- OBI Old River Bacon Island Station
- OMR Old and Middle River Tidally Averaged Flow
- PA Proposed Action (Federal)
- PTM Particle Tracking Model
- SaMT Salmon Monitoring Team
- SLS Smelt Larval Survey
- SMT Smelt Monitoring Team
- SRDWSC Sacramento River Deep Water Ship Channel
- SWP State Water Project
- SWRCB State Water Resources Control Board
- TFCF Tracy Fish Collection Facility
- TUCP Temporary Urgency Change Petition
- TUCO Temporary Urgency Change Order
- USBR United States Bureau of Reclamation
- WCS Winter Run Chinook Salmon
- WOMT Water Operations Management Team
- WQ Water Quality
- YOY Young of Year