

Weekly Fish and Water Operations Outlook 11/02/2021 – 11/08/2021

A weather system on Monday brings light to moderate rainfall to Valley floor; larger amounts in mountains are likely. Another weather system moves in Thursday, with projected light precipitation amounts.

Tributary/ Division	Anticipated Weekly Ranges	Related Environmental and Fish Conditions
Clear Creek	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current Release: 200 cfs • Anticipated Weekly Range of Releases to Clear Creek: 200 cfs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spring-run Chinook Salmon eggs are incubating, hatching, and fry are present • Adult fall-run Chinook Salmon spawning and eggs in the gravel • O. mykiss and steelhead adults present, their migrations are ongoing • Late-fall run Chinook Salmon not present, will be arriving in the coming months <p><i>(updated 10/29/2021)</i></p>
Sacramento River	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shasta Storage: 1002 TAF • Current Release: 4,600 cfs • Anticipated Weekly Range of Releases to Sacramento River: 4,600 to 3,700 cfs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winter-run Chinook Salmon juveniles present • Adult spring-run Chinook Salmon eggs in gravel • Fall-run Chinook Salmon spawning, eggs and alevin in gravel, and some holding and waiting to spawn in November • Late fall-run Chinook Salmon holding • Green Sturgeon adults and juvenile present • Adult steelhead present <p><i>(updated 10/28/21)</i></p>
Feather River	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oroville Storage: 980 TAF • Current Release: 1,250 cfs • Anticipated Weekly Range of Releases to Feather River: 1,250 to 950 cfs • Daily temperature targets: 51°F (±4°F) at Fish Hatchery 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall-run Chinook Salmon spawning, eggs and alevin in gravel, and some holding and waiting to spawn in November. • Juvenile and Adult steelhead present • Adult spring-run Chinook Salmon eggs in gravel. <p><i>(updated 11/1/21)</i></p>

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American River	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Folsom Storage: 316 TAF • Current Release: 550 cfs • Anticipated Weekly Range of Releases to American River: 550 cfs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall-run Chinook Salmon holding and spawning. Eggs are in gravel. • Juvenile and adult steelhead expected to be present. <p><i>(updated 10/21/21)</i></p>
Stanislaus River	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Melones Storage: 828 TAF • Current Release: 450 cfs • Anticipated Range of Weekly Releases to Stanislaus River: 700 to 200 cfs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Juvenile and adult <i>O. mykiss</i> expected to be present • Adult fall-run Chinook Salmon present • Adult Chinook Salmon spawning observed <p><i>(updated 10/20/2021)</i></p>
Delta	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Freeport: 7,000 to 20,000 cfs • Vernalis: 200 to 1,500 cfs • Delta Outflow index: 2,000 to 12,000 cfs • Combined Exports: 2,700 to 10,880 cfs • JPP: 4,200 cfs to 2,700 cfs • CCF: 6,680 cfs to 0 cfs • Expected OMR Index Values: -4,000 to -11,000 cfs • DCC Gates: Closed 10/25. Fish catch indices controlling operations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Juvenile winter-run Chinook Salmon 85-90% yet to enter Delta, 10-15% in Delta, 0% exited Delta past Chipps Island • YOY spring-run Chinook Salmon: 99-100% yet to enter Delta, 0-1% in Delta, 0% exited past Chipps Island • Juvenile Steelhead: 95-99% yet to enter Delta, 1-5% in Delta, 0% exited Delta past Chipps Island • Adult fall-run Chinook Salmon entering Delta and migrating upstream towards spawning grounds • Adult steelhead present • Adult and juvenile Green Sturgeon present • Juvenile Delta Smelt expected to be present in the Deep Water Ship Channel. • Longfin Smelt adults unlikely to be in the Delta. Juveniles present in Suisun Marsh, San Pablo and Central Bay. <p><i>(updated 11/02/2021)</i></p>

Table 2a-b: WY 2022 relevant Fish and Environmental Criteria and Status in 2019 Reclamation LTO Action Cumulative loss for the duration of 2019 Biological Opinion began upon signature of ROD, 2/19/2020.

Table 2a: WY 2022 Salmonid Current Loss and Delta Smelt Abiotic Conditions. Additional Real-Time OMR Restrictions and Performance Objectives (4.10.5.10.2) and Onset of OMR Management (4.10.5.10.1).

Species/run	Threshold	Current Status	Weekly Trend	Updated
Green sturgeon	WY 2022 salvage = 74	WY 2022 salvage = 0 (0%)	No change expected	10/31/2021
Natural winter-run Chinook Salmon	WY 2022 loss = TBD *	WY 2022 loss = 0	Possible but unlikely	10/31/2021
Natural Steelhead **	Dec 1 – Mar 31 = 707 (50% of 1,414) Apr 1 – June 15 = 776 (50% of 1,552)	Dec 1 – Mar 31 = 0 (0%) Apr 1 – June 15 = 0 (0%)	Possible	10/31/2021
Delta Smelt	After Dec. 1: Running 3-day avg. flows at Freeport >25,000 cfs Running 3-day avg. turbidity at Freeport =>50 FNU	Freeport 3-day avg. Flow = 16871 Turbidity = 16.20	Not applicable until Dec. 1	11/2/2021

* TBD – no draft JPE produced, ITL and performance thresholds are TBD currently

** A steelhead was observed at the CVP on 10/30/21 (loss = 2.72). This was outside the OMR management regulatory window, so it is not included in the tables above but is noted here and accounted for in the cumulative loss under the BiOp.

Table 2b. 10-Year Salmonid Cumulative Loss

Species/run	Threshold	Current Status	Updated
Natural winter-run Chinook salmon	Loss = 8,738	Cumulative loss = 204.9 (2.3%)	10/31/2021
Hatchery winter-run Chinook salmon	Loss = 5,356	Cumulative loss = 0 (0%)	10/31/2021
Natural steelhead	Loss = 6,038 (Dec 1 – Mar 31) Loss = 5,826 (Apr 1 – June 15)	Cumulative loss = 443.19 (7.3%, Dec 1 – Mar 31) 374.8 (6.4%, Apr 1 – June 15)	10/31/2021

Table 3a-d: Relevant Water Year 2022 Fish Criteria and Status for Listed Fish under the SWP Long-Term Incidental Take Permit.

Table 3a: Chinook Salmon

<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>
OMR Mgmt. triggered (8.3.2)	Jan. 1 - Jun. 30 (when ≥ 5% of spring-run or winter-run in Delta)	Not in effect	- 5% of the Winter-run or Spring-run population in Delta	NA	NA	10/4/21	NA
Winter-run yearly loss (8.6.1)	Nov. 1 - Jun. 30	In effect (Based on JPE Value)	TBD (Based on JPE guidance)	Current yearly WR loss (natural) = 0; Current yearly WR loss (hatchery) = 0	No change expected	11/1/21	No relevant hatchery group has been released yet.
Winter-run discrete daily loss (8.6.2)	Nov. 1 - Dec. 31	In effect	11/1-11/30: loss of 6/day unclipped older juv. Winter-run 12/1-12/31: loss of 26/day unclipped older juv. Winter-run	max single daily loss from previous week = 0.00 fish (no WR observed yet)	No change expected	11/1/21	NA
Spring-run surrogate protection (8.6.4)	Feb. 1 - Jun. 30	Not in effect:	TBD (based on the number of fish released)	NA	NA	11/1/21	NA

Table 3b: Delta Smelt

<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>
Integrated Early Winter Pulse Protection ('First Flush') (8.3.1)	Dec. 1 - Jan. 31	Not in effect	- three-day Freeport daily flow running avg ≥ 25,000 <u>AND</u>	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.

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NA.	NA.	NA.	[three-day Freeport turbidity running avg \geq 50 NTU <u>OR</u> Smelt Monitoring Team recommendation]	NA.	NA.	NA.	NA.
Turbidity Bridge Avoidance (8.5.1)	Dec. 15 - Apr. 1	Not in effect	Occurs after the Integrated Early Winter Pulse protection or February 1 (whichever until April 1) comes first - avg. OBI turbidity $>$ 12 NTU	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Larval and/Juvenile Delta smelt Protection (8.5.2)	ongoing	In effect	- 5-day cum. salvage of juv. DS \geq 1.67 [average 3-yr FMWT index + 1] <u>OR</u> , 3-day cum. salvage of juv. DS $>$ 11	current 5-day salvage = 0	no change expected	11/2/2021	Based on salvage data from 11/29/20

Table 3c: Longfin Smelt

<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>
Early Adult Protection (8.3.3)	Dec. 1 -Feb 28	Not in effect	Cum. salvage $>$ [most recent FMWT/10] = Cum salvage $>$ [most 1.2 fish <u>OR</u> Smelt Monitoring Team determines high likelihood of LFS movement into high risk areas	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
OMR Mgt. for Adults (8.4.1)	Dec. 1 -Feb. 28	Not in effect	- Smelt Monitoring Team recommendation	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Larval and Juvenile longfin smelt Entrainment Protection	Jan 1 – Jun 30	Not in effect	- LFS larvae or juveniles in \geq 4 SLS or 20 mm stations in central and south Delta, <u>OR</u>	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.

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(8.4.2)	NA.	NA.	- LFS catch/tow >5 larvae or juveniles in >=2 stations	NA.	NA.	NA.	NA.
High Flow OMR Off-Ramp for longfin smelt (8.4.3)	Based on the status of 8.3.3, 8.4.1, & 8.4.2	Not in effect	Sac. R. at Rio Vista >55,000, OR SJR at Vernalis >8,000	Rio Vista = 5,000 to 7,000 cfs SJ = 800 to 1,000 cfs	NA.	NA.	NA.

Table 3d: OMR

<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>
OMR Mgmt. Offramp (8.3.2)	Jun. 1 – Jun. 30	Not in effect	- >95% of the Winter-run and Springrun populations have migrated past Chipps Island <u>AND</u> Current daily average water temperature at Mossdale exceeds 22.2°C for 7 non consecutive days in June <u>AND</u> -Current daily average water temperature at Prisoners Point exceeds 22.2°C for 7 non-consecutive days in June. -Current daily mean water temperature at CCF is greater than 25°C for three consecutive days	N/A	NA.	10/4/21	NA.

Table 4. Fish monitoring gear efficiency and disruptions.

Monitoring Survey	Notes (as of 11/02/2021)	Status *
Delta	NA.	NA.
SWP regular counts, CWT reading, and larval sampling	Active (anticipating disruptions from 11/4-11/5)	2
CVP regular counts, CWT reading, and larval sampling	Active (No disruptions)	1
Smelt Larval Survey	Not Active	4
20mm Survey	Not Active	4
Spring Kodiak Trawl	Not Active	4
Fall Mid-water Trawl	Active (No disruptions)	1
Summer Townet Survey	Not Active	4
Bay Study	Active (No disruptions)	1
DJFMP- Chipps and Sacramento Trawls	Active (No disruptions)	1
DJFMP- Seines	Active with one disruption: not sampling San Joaquin Seines (due to low water)	2
EDSM	Active (missed one day last week due to boat issues)	1
EMP	?	?
Mossdale	Interrupted last week (due to low water and vessel issues) should restart this week	2
USGS Flow monitoring	Active (No disruptions)	1
Sacramento River	NA.	NA.
Red Bluff Diversion Dam screw trap	Active (No disruptions)	1
Knights Landing screw trap	Active (from 10/25-10/27)	1
Tisdale screw trap	Active	1

Monitoring Survey	Notes (as of 11/02/2021)	Status *
GCID screw trap	Active (interrupted 10/22-10/27)	1
Redd dewatering and stranding surveys	Not Active	4
Sacramento Carcass and Redd Surveys	Active	1
Feather River	NA.	NA.
Feather River screw trap	Not Active (anticipate starting mid to late November 2021)	4
San Joaquin River	NA.	NA.
SJRRP CDFW Field Monitoring	Active (No disruptions)	1
SJRRP USFWS and USBR Field Monitoring	Active (No disruptions)	1
Stanislaus Fish Weir	Active (No disruptions)	1

* Status: Weekly categories include:

- [1] Active (ongoing sampling)
- [2] Partial Interruption (some sampling interruptions)
- [3] Interrupted (sampling fully suspended)
- [4] Not Active (sampling not scheduled)