



Delta Action Team (DAT) Weekly Meeting

Teams call: 4/14/26 at 10:00 a.m.

Participants

- California Department of Water Resources (DWR)
- Contra Costa Water District (CCWD)
- Friant Water Authority (FWA)
- Friends of the River
- Kearns & West (K&W)
- Metropolitan Water District (MWD)
- State Water Contractors (SWC)
- State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB)
- U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBR)
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)
- Westlands Water District (WWD)

Action Items

- None

Welcome & Housekeeping

- None

Weekly Operations Update

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 6,500 cfs and will range between 5,000 cfs to 7,500 cfs.
- Oroville storage was 3.233 TAF as of 4/13. Feather River releases are currently at 5,000 cfs.
- American River releases at Nimbus Dam are currently at 7,500 cfs and will range between 5,500 cfs to 7,500 cfs.
- Stanislaus River releases at Goodwin Dam are currently at 1,300 cfs and will range between 500 cfs to 1,300 cfs.
- Freeport flows are currently at 36,800 cfs and will range between 20,000 cfs and 38,000 cfs.
- Clifton Court Forebay (CCF) exports are scheduled for 600 cfs on 4/14 and will range between 800 cfs to 1,500 cfs.
- Vernalis flows are currently at 2,685 cfs and will range between 1,900 cfs to 2,800 cfs.
- Delta outflow is currently 46,400 cfs and is expected to range between 20,000 to 47,000 cfs.
- JPP exports are at 900 cfs and will range between 900 cfs to 1,800 cfs.
- JPF will range between 2,000 cfs to 14,000 cfs.
- Rio Vista flows are currently at 33,200 cfs and will range between 17,000 cfs and 35,000 cfs.
- San Luis total storage is currently 1.79 MAF, SWP's share is 1.01 TAF and CVP's was 784 TAF (81%).
- Daily QWEST is at 11,000 cfs and seven-day average is 3,000 cfs.
- Expected Daily OMR Index is -1,300 cfs. Expected five-day average is -2,900 cfs, and the 14-day average is -3,100 cfs.

Questions/Discussions on Weekly Fish and Water Operations

- None

Weekly Fish and Water Operations Outlook, Species Tables Updates

- DWR updated Table 3a and provided an overview of operations to date. No new operational changes were observed. See the Weekly Operations reports for additional detail.

Questions/Discussions on Operations Outlook Species Tables Updates

- None

Proposed Action Assessments

Proposed Action Assessments Update

- USBR presented the weekly combined assessment.

Zone of Influence (ZOI)

- Current delta hydrology falls in the 'himed' (high-medium) category, and 7-day forecasted conditions fall in the 'himed' (high-medium) category.
- Change in altered channel length between OMR levels is 88 km for current conditions and 88 km for forecasted conditions, indicating that ZOI impacts across OMR scenarios would not change between current and forecasted conditions.

Salmonid Proposed Action Assessment

- As of 4/14, cumulative annual losses include 45 natural winter-run, accounting for 0.43% of annual loss threshold; 62 hatchery winter-run, accounting for 4.78% of annual loss threshold; 246 natural steelhead; and 1,803 hatchery steelhead, accounting for 28.46 % of annual loss threshold.
- STARS estimated overall apparent survival probability is .0 to .06 as of 4/12.
- STARS estimated routing and survival probabilities are .1 to .14 and .0 to .03 respectively.
- ECO PTM evaluation period is from 4/7 to 4/27 with particles injected on 4/7 at Sacramento River and at Freeport.
- Overall evaluation shows low risk of exceeding loss thresholds in the upcoming week for natural and hatchery winter-run Chinook salmon, steelhead, and spring-run Chinook salmon surrogates.

ESA and CESA Osmerids

Proposed Action Assessment

- No actions are at risk of being triggered.

Delta Smelt

- No Delta smelt were detected in the last two weeks. Previously, adults and juveniles were detected.
- Delta smelt count for WY26 is 74, including 44 adults and 30 juveniles.
- One Delta smelt has been salvaged to date, and cumulative seasonal salvage remains at 4.
- Adult Delta smelt entrainment action remains inactive, and no action was taken in WY2026.

- Larval and juvenile Delta smelt entrainment action was not met. JPF is projected to remain positive for the week due to precipitation and higher flows. The most recent 11-station average turbidity in the South Delta was 4.6 FNU on 4/1. The 20-mm survey is underway this week, and updated South Delta turbidity information is expected later in the week.
- Delta smelt entrainment risk is low, as PTM results from Chipps Island showed 0% particle entrainment at both facilities for all OMR levels.

Longfin Smelt

- Longfin smelt have been detected in the larval stages.
- Detections to date include 475 adults, 1,174 juveniles, and 5,623 larvae. Surveys are underway this week, and updated numbers are expected later in the week.
- No entrainment action criteria are met for either adult, or juvenile and larval longfin smelt.
 - No adult longfin smelt salvage has been observed in WY2026 and JPF is projected to remain positive for the week.
 - PTM and zone of influence modeling indicate a low risk of entrainment for larval and juvenile longfin smelt population.
 - Estimated entrainment of larval LFS for this week is <0.1% for -6,500 cfs, and 0% for all other levels of OMRI.

Questions/Discussions on Proposed Action Assessments

- None

Next DAT Meeting

- The next Delta Action Team Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 4/21/26.