



Delta Action Team (DAT) Weekly Meeting

Teams call: 4/28/26 at 10:00 a.m.

Participants

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

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 6,000 cfs.
- Oroville storage was 3.3 MAF TAF as of 4/27. Feather River releases on 4/28 will range between 2,300 cfs to 2,500 cfs. Releases for the remainder of the week will range between 1,050 cfs to 2,500 cfs.
 - Releases are scheduled to be reduced by 200 cfs per day and starting 5/5, the minimum rate of releases will be at 1,050 cfs.
- American River releases at Nimbus Dam are at 5,000 cfs and will range between 3,500 cfs to 5,000 cfs.
- Stanislaus River releases at Goodwin Dam are currently 1,500 cfs and are expected to range from 350 to 1,500 cfs, with the final peak occurring today.
- Freeport flows are at 26,700 cfs will range between 19,000 cfs and 28,000 cfs.
- Vernalis flows are at 3,090 cfs and will range between 2,500 cfs to 3,200 cfs.
- Delta outflow is at 26,900 cfs and will range between 18,000 to 28,000 cfs.
- JPP exports are at 1,200 cfs and will range between 900 cfs to 2,700 cfs.
- Clifton Court Forebay (CCF) exports will range between 600 cfs to 1,200 cfs.
- Rio Vista flows are at 22,200 cfs and will range between 14,000 cfs to 25,000 cfs.
- JPF will range between 3,500 cfs to 5,500 cfs.
- San Luis total storage is currently 1.74 MAF, SWP's share is 965 TAF and CVP's share is 778 TAF (80%).
- Daily QWEST is at 5,500 cfs. Expected seven-day QWest is 9,600 cfs and the forecasted range will be between 4,000 cfs to 9,600 cfs
- Expected Daily OMR Index is -1,500 cfs. Expected five-day average is -1,500 cfs, seven-day average is -1,500, and the 14-day average is -1,400 cfs.

Questions/Discussions on Weekly Fish and Water Operations

- DWR noted that there will be an outage at the Banks Pumping Plant from 5/4-5/8. During this period minimum inflows to CCF will be limited to 600 cfs and no salvage will occur at the Skinner Fish Facility.
- Friends of the River asked whether the 600 cfs inflow will all come from the Byron-Bethany Irrigation District and how that estimate was determined.
 - DWR clarified that it does not, as most of the water will be held in Clifton Court Forebay. The 600 cfs is an estimate of available Clifton Court Forebay storage capacity at the start of the outage, when forebay elevation is expected to be relatively low.
- MWD asked about the cause of the outage.

- DWR responded that the outage is an annual scheduled shutdown for inspections and maintenance at the Skinner Fish Facility and Banks Pumping Plant.

Weekly Fish and Water Operations Outlook, Species Tables Updates

- DWR updated the Sacramento River information in Table 2a to note that the winter-run Chinook salmon migration season has ended.
- DWR updated the Delta information in Table 2a to note that length-at-date (LAD) winter-run Chinook salmon have been observed at Chipps Island.
- DWR updated Table 3a and noted minimal changes. LAD Spring-run Chinook salmon have been observed and sent for genetic processing. Losses remain 0 for both LAD spring-run and clipped fish, as older LAD juvenile have not been observed and all clipped fish observed are from the San Joaquin Restoration Program.
- See the Weekly Operations reports for additional detail.

Questions/Discussions on Operations Outlook Species Tables Updates

- CCWD asked whether the preliminary detection of larval longfin smelt during 20-mm Survey 3 has been confirmed.
 - DWR clarified that detections are labeled preliminary until the full survey is completed. DWR confirmed that 20-mm Survey 3 detected seven larval Longfin Smelt: four at station 809, two at station 919, and one at station 804. The dates shown in the table reflect the overall survey period, not the detection dates, which were 4/13 and 4/14.

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 'medmed' (medium-medium) category.

Salmonid Proposed Action Assessment

- STARS estimated overall apparent survival probability is .27 as of 4/25.
- STARS estimated routing and survival probabilities are .1 to .14 and .05 to .23 respectively as of 4/25.
- 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

- Reclamation provided a brief update on ESA- and CESA-listed Osmerids, noting no significant changes beyond minor longfin smelt updates. See the Weekly Assessment report for additional details.

Proposed Action Assessment

- No actions are at risk of being triggered.
- Entrainment risk remains very low, and JPF is positive.

Questions/Discussions on Proposed Action Assessments

- None

Next DAT Meeting

- The next Delta Action Team Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 5/5/26.