

Special Friday Call

Delta Operations for Salmonids and Sturgeon (DOSS) Group

Conference call: 3/9/12 at 1:00 p.m.

Objective: Provide advice to the Water Operations Management Team (WOMT) and National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) on measures to reduce adverse effects from Delta operations of the Central Valley Project and the State Water Project on salmonids and green sturgeon.

DOSS will coordinate the work of other technical teams. DOSS notes and advice can be found at: <http://www.swr.noaa.gov/ocap/doss.htm>

DWR: Mike Ford, Kevin Reece, Andy Chu, Angela Llaban, Tracy Pettit

FWS: Leigh Bartoo, Roger Guinee

NMFS: Barbara Rocco, Bruce Oppenheim, Jeff Stuart, Garwin Yip

Reclamation, DFG, EPA, SWRCB, USGS: not present

Purpose: Provide a status update on the older juvenile Chinook loss-density numbers and procedures for notification, if necessary, over the coming weekend.

Salvage: Llaban (DWR) provided information on salvage at SWP (no Chinook were salvaged at CVP) for Thursday 3/8/12. There were 2 juvenile Chinook collected for an expanded salvage of 8, estimated loss was 33.9, and loss density was 6.91fish/TAF. There were 2 clipped steelhead salvaged at SWP and none at CVP; therefore, no triggers for steelhead were met.

Status of OMR flow management: The projects are currently operating to an OMR flow of no more negative than -2,500 cfs. Operations are currently in the period of the action response where 3 consecutive days in which the loss densities are below the action triggers are required before the OMR flow limit can be relaxed. The loss density from yesterday, 3/8/12, exceeded 5.0 fish/TAF; therefore, the action response for the second-stage trigger would continue until at least Sunday 3/11/12 (with the loss density from 3/11/12 reported on 3/12/12).

DOSS decided that because the Chinook loss density was above the second -stage trigger and needed 3 consecutive days below it to relax the OMR flow to less negative, any changes to loss density today and over the weekend would neither relax nor change the OMR flow requirement. Because DOSS would not find out about loss density for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday until Monday, 3/12/12, it was agreed that there would be no need to have anyone on call, or designated to notify DOSS of any loss densities over the weekend. It was also acknowledged that any changes to operations resulting from Monday's (3/12/12) data on loss density would require 2 days to implement (because of power requirements); therefore, changes in operations would not be implemented until Wednesday, 3/14/12.

No further notification would be required over the weekend.

Next Meeting: The next DOSS conference call will be on 3/13/12 at 9:00 a.m.