

Delta Operations for Salmonids and Sturgeon (DOSS) Group
Conference call: 5/10/16 at 9:00 a.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 work with other technical teams. DOSS notes and advice can be found at: http://www.westcoast.fisheries.noaa.gov/central_valley/water_operations/doss.html.

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RPA Implementation Review

Delta RPA Actions that may affect operations during May:

Action IV.1.2¹ (DCC gate operations):

- DCC gates have been closed since 12/15/15.

Action IV.2.3² (OMR Flow Management)

- No triggers exceeded over past week.

¹ For details, see pages 62-66 in Enclosure 2 of the 2011 Amendments to the 2009 RPA document at: http://www.westcoast.fisheries.noaa.gov/publications/Central_Valley/Water%20Operations/Operations,%20Criteria%20and%20Plan/040711_ocap_opinion_2011_amendments.pdf

² For details, see pages 74-79 in Enclosure 2 of the 2011 Amendments to the 2009 RPA document at: http://www.westcoast.fisheries.noaa.gov/publications/Central_Valley/Water%20Operations/Operations,%20Criteria%20and%20Plan/040711_ocap_opinion_2011_amendments.pdf

- Current OMR limit of -5,000 cfs is in effect for NMFS' species under this RPA action.

Action IV.2.1³ (I:E ratio)

- Currently, the Dry⁴ year 2:1 ratio (San Joaquin River inflow at Vernalis to combined CVP/SWP exports) is in effect. This action restricts combined exports to 50% of Vernalis flow, or 1,500 cfs for human health and safety, whichever is greater.
- On 4/14/16, NMFS concurred with Reclamation's request for flexibility in the I:E ratio to allow additional releases from from New Melones reservoir by Oakdale Irrigation District and South San Joaquin Irrigation District (augmented water) to be diverted at a 1:1 ratio by the Projects and to move this water south of Delta. Remaining "unaugmented water" in the system, as measured at Vernalis, would be continued to be exported at the 2:1 ratio by the Projects, with a minimum export rate of 1,500 cfs for human health and safety.
- On 5/3/16, FWS issued a determination stating that the OMR flow should be no more negative than -3,000 cfs on a 14-day average with a simultaneous 5-day running average of no more negative than -3,750 cfs (within 25%).

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Current Operations (5/10/16)

| SWP | | CVP | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|----------|
| Exports (cfs) | | | |
| Clifton Court Forebay | 1,000* | Jones Pumping Plant | 1,100* |
| Reservoir Releases (cfs) | | | |
| Feather - Oroville | 2,500** | American - Nimbus | 4,500** |
| | | Sacramento - Keswick | 6,500** |
| | | Stanislaus - Goodwin | 2,500*** |
| | | Trinity - Lewiston | 6,793 |
| Reservoir Storage (in TAF) | | | |
| San Luis (SWP) | 501 | San Luis (CVP) | 400 |
| Oroville | 3,404 | Shasta | 4,224 |
| New Melones | 605 | Folsom | 837 |
| Delta Operations | | | |
| DCC | Closed | Sacramento River at Freeport (cfs) | 13,779 |
| Outflow Index (cfs) | ~15,000 | San Joaquin River at Vernalis (cfs) | 2,255 |
| E:I | 15.8% (14-day avg.) | X2 | 78 km |

* Both the CVP and SWP plan to adjust export pumping (SWP adjusts inflows to CCFB) to mirror changes in the San Joaquin River flows at Vernalis and while complying with RPA Action IV.2.1, the relaxation of the I:E ratio per the request by Reclamation to pick up augmented water released on the Stanislaus River, and water quality and river flows required by D-1641.

³ For details, see pages 68-70 in Enclosure 2 of the 2011 Amendments to the 2009 RPA document at: http://www.westcoast.fisheries.noaa.gov/publications/Central_Valley/Water%20Operations/Operations,%20Criteria%20and%20Plan/040711_ocap_opinion_2011_amendments.pdf

⁴ I:E Ratio in effect depends upon the San Joaquin basin yeartype. The yeartype is currently designated as Dry.

**Oroville, Keswick/Shasta and Folsom reservoir releases increased to supply additional water to the system for water quality and flow requirements.

***Goodwin flows include the augmented flows as well as the required Appendix 2-e pulse volume as reshaped by the Stanislaus Operating Group. Stanislaus River spring pulse flows are expected to end no later than May 31, 2016. Flows will decrease over the next week and will target 1,000 cfs on 5/18.

OMR as of 5/7/16:

| | USGS gauges (cfs) | Index ⁵ (cfs) |
|--------|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| 5-day | -2,976 | -2,854 |
| 14-day | -2,705 | -2,815 |

The daily OMR Index on 5/9/16 was -2,840 cfs.

Review of factors controlling Delta exports for the period 5/10/16 to 5/17/16:

- Over the past week, both the NMFS RPA action IV.2.1 and the water quality and flow requirements per D-1641 have been co-controlling exports.
- FWS determination of OMR flow no more negative than -3,000 cfs on a 14-day average with a simultaneous 5-day running average of no more negative than -3,750 cfs ($\pm 25\%$ of the 14-day average).
- Vernalis flows to exports 1:1 ratio stipulated by D-1641 during the 30-day pulse period.

The weather forecast predicts dry, warm weather this week. The forecast model indicates a chance of precipitation on 5/19 in the northern mountain and valley regions.

Agenda Item 4.

Smelt Working Group

The SWG met on Monday, 5/9/16 at 10am. Bartoo (FWS) provided the following draft -SWG meeting summary via e-mail:

The Working Group described the risk of entrainment under the Service-provided advice framework. Under this framework the relative risk of entrainment for OMR flow ranges is discussed and assessed. For the current week, the risk of entrainment of larval and juvenile Delta Smelt for each of the flow ranges is characterized as follows:

- -1250 to -2000 cfs has a low risk of entrainment,
- -2000 to -3500 cfs has a medium risk of entrainment,
- -3500 to -5000 cfs has a high risk of entrainment.

Should salvage occur before 5/16/16 the risk of entrainment of larval and juvenile Delta Smelt for each of the flow ranges is characterized as follows:

⁵ Beginning 2/16/16, the OMR Index values reported in the DOSS notes were calculated using an OMR Index equation that no longer includes (per the original intent of the index equation) the Contra Costa Water District's Rock Slough diversion in the export term. Beginning February 2016, the OMR Index values reported in the monthly OMR reports on the "CVO Reports" website (<http://www.usbr.gov/mp/cvo/index.html>) were calculated using this adjusted equation without the Rock Slough diversion.

- -1250 to -2000 cfs has a low to medium risk of entrainment,
- -2000 to -3500 cfs has a medium to high risk of entrainment,
- -3500 to -5000 cfs has a high risk of entrainment.

The Working Group is following guidance for entrainment protections from both Action 2 (adult Delta Smelt) and Action 3 (juvenile Delta Smelt). The Working Group will continue to monitor Delta Smelt survey and salvage data and Delta conditions, and will meet again on Monday, May 16, 2016 at 10 am.

SWG meeting notes are available at: http://www.fws.gov/sfbaydelta/cvp-swp/smelt_working_group.cfm.

Agenda Item 5.

Fish Monitoring: Salvage⁶

Fujimura (CDFW) provided the following summaries of salvage and loss at the SWP and CVP fish collection facilities. The salvage figures were generated on the CDFW salvage monitoring web-page: <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/delta/apps/salvage/SalvageExportCalendar.aspx>.

⁶ Salvage data reported in this section represent the total estimated and expanded salvage based on the number of fish observed at the fish collection facility. For example, if one steelhead is observed in the typical ½-hour sampling period within a 2-hour operation period, the single steelhead is expanded to a salvage of four.

DOSS Weekly Salvage Update
 Reporting Period: May 2-May 8, 2016
 Prepared by Bob Fujimura on May 9, 2016 14:22
 Preliminary Results -Subject to Revision

| Criteria | 2-May | 3-May | 4-May | 5-May | 6-May | 7-May | 8-May | Trend | |
|------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Loss Densities | | | | | | | | | |
| Wild older juvenile CS | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | → | 0.00 |
| Wild steelhead | 0.84 | 0 | 3.36 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | ↗ | 0.60 |
| Exports | | | | | | | | | |
| SWP daily export | 1,960 | 2,053 | 1,973 | 1,638 | 1,729 | 1,911 | 3,058 | ↘ | 2,046 |
| CVP daily export | 3,195 | 3,206 | 3,182 | 3,201 | 3,176 | 3,178 | 1,972 | ↘ | 3,016 |
| SWP reduced counts | 1,960 | 2,053 | 1,973 | 1,638 | 1,729 | 1,911 | 3,058 | ↘ | 2,046 |
| CVP reduced counts | 3,195 | 3,206 | 3,182 | 3,201 | 3,176 | 3,178 | 1,972 | ↘ | 3,016 |

Loss Density = fish lost/TAF; water export = AF; Trend = compared to previous week; wild = adipose fin present
 Loss = estimated number of fish lost at the CVP and SWP Delta export facilities based on estimated salvage (see below)
 Reduced counts = percentage of time that routine salvage sample time were less than 30 min per 2 hours of salvage and export operations
 Yellow highlighted dates indicate TFCF salvage outage occurred

Chinook Salmon Weekly/Season Salvage and Loss

Combined salvage and loss for both CVP and SWP fish facilities
 Race determined by size at date of capture; hatchery = adipose fin missing;

| Category | Weekly Total | | | Season Total | |
|-----------------|--------------|-----------|-------|--------------|--------------|
| | Salvage | Loss | Trend | Salvage | Loss |
| Wild | | | | | |
| Winter Run | 0 | 0 | → | 36 | 56 |
| Spring Run | 8 | 34 | ↘ | 122 | 239 |
| Late Fall Run | 0 | 0 | → | 44 | 166 |
| Fall Run | 0 | 0 | ↘ | 99 | 165 |
| Unclassified | 0 | 0 | → | 14 | NC |
| Total | 8 | 34 | | 315 | 626 |
| Hatchery | | | | | |
| Winter Run | 0 | 0 | → | 213 | 629 |
| Spring Run | 0 | 0 | → | 650 | 560 |
| Late Fall Run | 0 | 0 | → | 93 | 298 |
| Fall Run | 0 | 0 | → | 5 | 7 |
| Unclassified | 0 | 0 | → | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 0 | 0 | | 961 | 1,494 |

Trend = weekly loss per race; Salvage = estimated number of fish collected by the CVP and SWP fish protective facilities per unit of time
 NC = can not be calculated

Steelhead Weekly/Season Salvage and Loss

Combined salvage and loss for both CVP and SWP fish facilities

| Category | Weekly Total | | | Season Total | |
|--------------|--------------|-----------|-------|--------------|--------------|
| | Salvage | Loss | Trend | Salvage | Loss |
| Wild | 5 | 22 | ↘ | 118 | 288 |
| Hatchery | 2 | 9 | ↘ | 1,313 | 3,546 |
| Total | 7 | 30 | | 1,431 | 3,834 |

State Water Project loss = salvage x 4.33; Central Valley Project loss = salvage x 0.68

Figure 1. DOSS weekly salvage update for the reporting period 5/2/16-5/8/16.

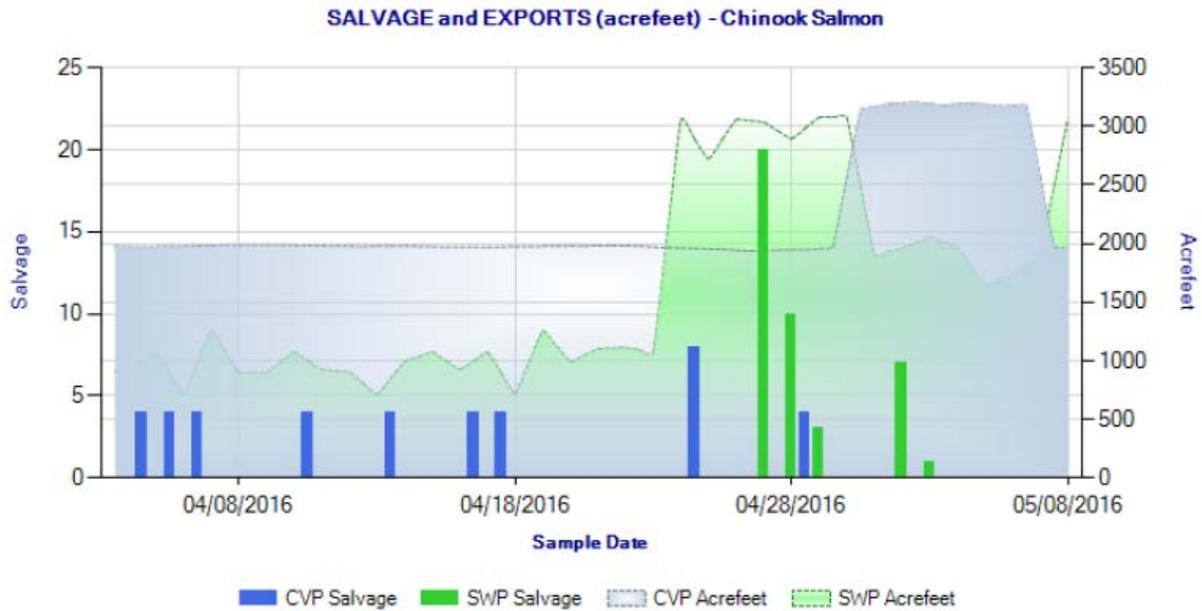


Figure 2. Daily salvage of Chinook salmon (all races) and water exports from the state and federal fish salvage facilities during April 4, 2016 through May 8, 2016.

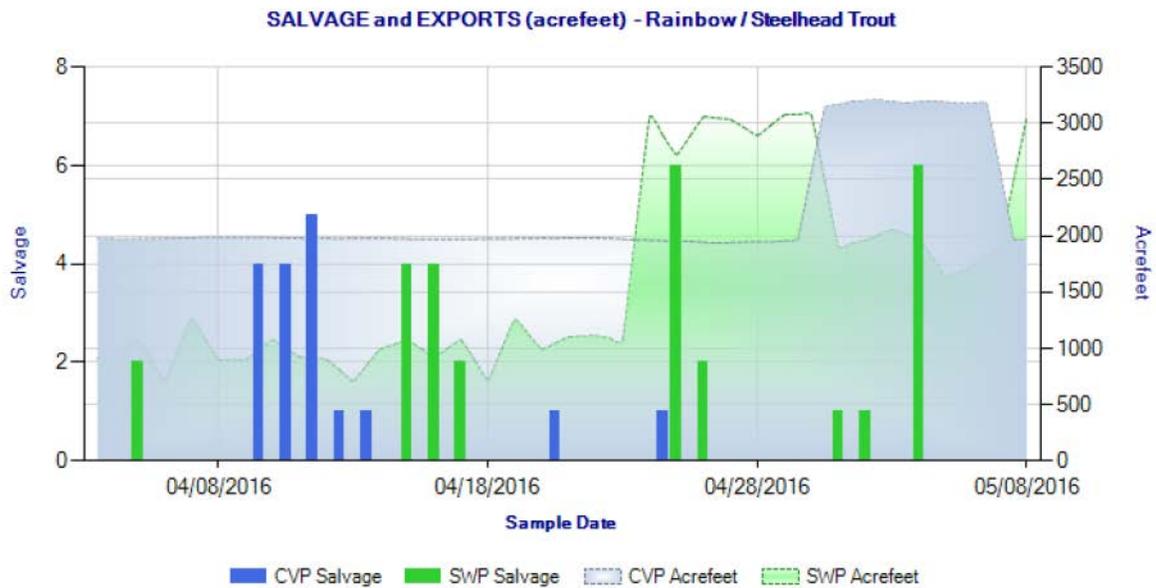


Figure 3. Daily salvage of Steelhead and water exports from the state and federal fish salvage facilities during April 4, 2016 through May 8, 2016.

Preliminary salvage report for Monday, 5/9/16:

- No listed species were observed at the facilities.
- Operation on 5/3 halted salvage for routine predatory fish removal.

- On 5/19, a planned facility outage lasted longer than expected (70 minutes) for electrical work at the Tracy Collection Facility.

Coded-wire-tag recoveries

Mulligan (DWR) provided the following summary of coded-wire-tag recoveries at the SWP and CVP fish collection facilities. No changes to the cumulative losses of either hatchery winter-run Chinook salmon or the yearling spring-run surrogate releases of LFRCS have occurred since the end of March. The cumulative loss of the hatchery winter-run Chinook group (released by Livingston Stone National Fish Hatchery (LSNFH) on 2/17/16 to 2/18/16) is 11.19, 0.003% of the number released. The most recent salvage of LSNFH hatchery winter-run Chinook occurred on Monday, 3/14/16. The cumulative loss of the third spring-run Chinook surrogate group (released from Coleman National Fish Hatchery on 1/12/16) continues to hold at 0.412%. Loss of Chinook within any spring-run Chinook surrogate group has not occurred since 3/29/16.

CONFIRMED HATCHERY (ADIPOSE-FIN CLIPPED) CHINOOK SALMON LOSS AT THE SWP & CVP DELTA FISH FACILITIES, 2015/2016

| Release Date | CWT Race | Hatchery | Release Site | Release Type | Confirmed Loss | Number Released ¹ | Total Entering Delta | % Loss of Number Released ² | % Loss of Total Entering Delta ³ | First Concern Level | Second Concern Level | Date of First Loss ⁴ | Date of Last Loss ⁴ |
|------------------------|----------|------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 6/11/2015 to 6/12/2015 | LF | Coleman NFH | Balls Ferry Boat Ramp, Sacramento River | Production | 0.00 | 434,227 | n/a | 0.000 | n/a | n/a | n/a | * | * |
| 12/9/2015 | LF | Coleman NFH | Battle Creek | Production | 305.22 | 261,213 | n/a | 0.117 | n/a | n/a | n/a | 12/25/2015 | 2/12/2016 |
| 12/11/2015 | LF | Coleman NFH | Battle Creek | Spring Surrogate | 128.05 | 77,000 | n/a | 0.166 | n/a | 0.5% | 1.0% | 12/25/2015 | 1/21/2016 |
| 12/22/2015 | LF | Coleman NFH | Battle Creek | Spring Surrogate | 188.93 | 68,000 | n/a | 0.278 | n/a | 0.5% | 1.0% | 1/6/2016 | 3/29/2016 |
| 1/12/2016 | LF | Coleman NFH | Battle Creek | Spring Surrogate | 278.65 | 67,700 | n/a | 0.412 | n/a | 0.5% | 1.0% | 1/20/2016 | 2/12/2016 |
| 2/17/2016 to 2/18/2016 | W | Livingstone NFH | Sacramento River | Winter Run Production | 11.19 | 420,006 | 155400 | 0.003 | 0.00720 | 0.5% | 1.0% | 3/6/2016 | 3/14/2016 |
| 3/14/2016 | F | Coleman NFH | Battle Creek | Fall run Production | 0.00 | 864,486 | n/a | 0.000 | n/a | n/a | n/a | * | * |
| 3/18/2016 | S | River Restoration | San Joaquin River | River restoration program | 439.33 | 45,000 | n/a | 0.976 | n/a | n/a | n/a | 3/20/2016 | 4/6/2016 |
| 3/19/2016 | S | Feather River Hatchery | San Joaquin River | River restoration program | 82.156 | 60,000 | n/a | 0.136 | n/a | n/a | n/a | 3/21/2016 | 4/7/2016 |
| 2/1/2016 | F | Coleman NFH | Yolo bypass inundated Rice fields at Knaggs Ranch | special study | 0.00 | 6,145 | n/a | 0.000 | n/a | n/a | n/a | * | * |
| 3/1/2016 | F | Feather River Hatchery | Yolo bypass at Toe drain and Sacramento river at Elkhorn | special study | 0.00 | 94,000 | n/a | 0.000 | n/a | n/a | n/a | * | * |

UNCONFIRMED HATCHERY (ADIPOSE-FIN CLIPPED) CHINOOK SALMON LOSS AT THE SWP & CVP DELTA FISH FACILITIES, 2015/2016

| Facility | Unknown CWT Loss ⁵ | Unread CWT Loss ⁶ | Unknown Hatchery Loss ⁷ | Acoustic Tag Loss ⁸ | Number of Unassigned CWTs ⁹ |
|----------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| SWP | 35.30 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0 |
| CVP | 7.95 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 43.25 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0 |

SWP and CVP adipose-fin clipped Chinook lost from 10/1/2015 through 5/08/2016.

¹Number released with the adipose-fin clipped and a coded-wire tag (CWT).

²% Loss of Number Released = (Confirmed Loss/Number Released)*100.

³% Loss of Total Entering Delta= (Confirmed Loss/Total Entering Delta)*100.

⁴Date of first and last loss accounts for all CWT loss even those from special studies where salvage and loss=0.

⁵Adipose-fin clipped Chinook was observed during fish count, but tag code could not be determined (e.g., damaged tag, lost tag, no tag, or Chinook released).

⁶Adipose-fin clipped Chinook was collected during fish count and has not been processed yet.

⁷CWT has been read, but hatchery release information not yet available.

⁸Adipose-fin clipped Chinook released due to presence of sutures.

⁹CWT cannot currently be assigned to a salvage record with certainty since the CWT was lost and then found. CWT may be assigned to a salvage record if new information is available.

¹⁰Chinook outside of the length-at-date criteria (Delta model) are not reported.

¹¹ Information not yet available.

DWR-DES Revised 5/10/2016

Preliminary data from DFW, DWR, FWS, and Reclamation; subject to revision.

Agenda Item 6.

Fish Monitoring: Hatchery winter-run Chinook acoustic-tracking

No detections of tagged winter-run hatchery fish has occurred in the last week. The summary update from March 28 was the final update for this year unless additional tagged fish are detected in the real-time array. As of the final update, 49% of the acoustic-tagged hatchery winter-run Chinook had passed the Tower Bridge receiver in Sacramento.

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Fish Monitoring: RSTs/trawls/seines

The following table presents fish monitoring data. Unless otherwise noted, reported sizes are fork length and runs are based on length at date criteria. See also:

<http://www.water.ca.gov/swp/operationscontrol/calfed/calfedmonitoring.cfm>.

| Location | Chippis Is. Midwater Trawl ^A | Station 902/Jersey Pt./Prisoners Pt. Trawls ^A | Sacramento Trawl ^A | Beach Seines ^A | Knights Landing RST ^B | Tisdale RST ^C | GCID RST ^D | Mossdale Kodiak Trawl ^E |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|
| Sample Date | 5/2, 5/4, 5/6 | 902: Jersey Pt: Pris. Pt: No data received | 5/2, 5/4, 5/6 | 5/2, 5/3, 5/5, 5/6 | 5/1-5/7 | No data received | No data received | 5/2-5/7 |
| FR Chinook | 78 | | 4 | 13 | 21 | | | 18 |
| SR Chinook | 7 | | 1 | | 1 | | | |
| WR Chinook | | | | | | | | |
| LFR Chinook | | | | | | | | |
| Ad-Clipped Chinook | 25 | | 1 | 2 | 5 | | | 1 |
| Chinook Adult | | | | | | | | |
| Steelhead (wild) | | | | | | | | |
| Steelhead (ad-clip) | | | | | | | | |
| Green Sturgeon | | | | | | | | |
| Delta Smelt | | | | | | | | |
| Splittail | 6 | | | 580 | | | | |
| Longfin Smelt | | | | | | | | |
| Flows (avg. cfs) | | | | | 3251 | | | |
| W. Temp. (avg. °F) | | | | | 69.6 | | | |
| Turbidity (avg. NTU) | | | | | 16.6 | | | |

^A Data reported in the 5/1 to 5/7 DJFMP sampling summary.

^B Sampling period was from 5/1 at 10:00 am to 5/8 at 10:00 am.

^C Tisdale RST was last operated on 5/3/16.

^D The GCID trap was pulled on 4/23 due to a large amount of debris and lowered on 4/24. The trap was last raised on 4/25.

^E Mossdale trawl sampling being conducted by CDFW starting April 4 through end of June. Data does not distinguish runs, only total ad-clipped and no ad-clipped Chinook salmon. 53 total tows this week.

Red Bluff Diversion Dam (RBDD) Monitoring

USFWS biweekly report (4/22/16 to 5/5/16) for preliminary daily estimates of passage, 90% confidence intervals, and fork length ranges of unmarked juvenile salmonids captured by rotary screw traps at RBDD included:

| Run and Species | Biweekly Total | Brood Year Total (90% CI) |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| Winter-run Chinook (BY2015) | 123 | 338,897 (235,961; 441,833) |

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Recent or Upcoming Hatchery Releases

On 5/6/16, DFW released approximately 230,000 brood year 2015 Fall-run Chinook from Merced River Hatchery into the San Joaquin River from the Sherman Island net pens. This release included marked (adipose fin clip and CWT) fish. Other planned releases are scheduled for 5/6, 5/13, 5/20, and 5/27.

On 5/9/16 and 5/10/16, DFW will release approximately 300,000 brood year 2015 Fall-run Chinook from Mokelumne River Hatchery into the Mokelumne River and San Francisco Bay. These releases are the second year of a three year barging study on the Mokelumne River. This release will include 100% marked (adipose fin clip and CWT) fish.

On 5/11/16, DFW will release approximately 160,000 brood year 2015 Fall-run Chinook from Mokelumne River Hatchery into the Coastside Fishing Club net pens at Pillar Point Harbor. This release will be the first of three releases totaling 480,000 fish. This release will include 100% marked (adipose fin clip and CWT) fish.

On 5/12/16 and 5/13/16, DFW will release approximately 900,000 brood year 2015 Mokelumne River Hatchery Fall-run Chinook into the Sherman Island net pens on the San Joaquin River. This release will include 25% marked (adipose fin clip) CWT fish.

On 5/14/16, DFW will release approximately 1,389,492 brood year 2015 Fall-run Chinook from Nimbus Hatchery into the Lower American River. This release will include 25% marked (adipose fin clip) fish.

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DOSS Estimates of Fish Distribution and Entrainment Risk

DOSS estimates of the current distribution of listed Chinook, as a percentage of the population, are based on recent monitoring data and historical migration timing patterns. As monitoring information is received, listed species distribution will be updated and included in the following table.

| Location | Yet to Enter Delta (Upstream of Knights Landing) | In the Delta | Exited the Delta (Past Chipp's Island) |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| <i>Young-of-year (YOY) winter-run Chinook salmon¹</i> | <1% (Last week: same) | ≤5% (Last week: same) | ≥95% (Last week: same) |
| <i>Young-of-year (YOY) spring-run Chinook salmon*</i> | <5% (Last week: same) | 5% (Last week: 5% - 10%) | >90% (Last week: 85% - 95%) |
| <i>Hatchery winter-run Chinook salmon**</i> | <1% (Last week: same) | <5% (Last week: same) | >95% (Last week: same) |

*Once hatchery fall-run releases (75% of which are unmarked) occur upstream of a monitoring location, DOSS assumes that many of the unclipped spring-run-sized Chinook observed in monitoring may be unmarked fall-run Chinook that fall into the spring-run size range. Coleman National Fish Hatchery (CNFH) has released approximately 7 million hatchery production Fall-run Chinook salmon into the upper Sacramento River at Battle Creek since mid-March 2016. The average size for the released FRCS production fish were just slightly smaller than the size at date for the minimum size of SRCS.

**Discussion between DOSS members regarding a “central clearing house” of CWT codes so that interested parties could keep track of recovered CWTs occurred. If parties were interested, CDFW could create a nexus so CWT meta data can be viewed and applied to monitoring updates such as the DAT data that is distributed. Currently there is not a dedicated effort to providing this service.

Rationale for changes in distribution

Wild winter-run Chinook: The fraction of wild winter-run upstream of the Delta, in the Delta, and having exited at Chipp’s Island stayed the same since DOSS thinks a few stragglers may still remain upstream, but that this fraction is very small relative to the entire population. As water temperatures continue to warm, outmigration from the Delta of any remaining fish is expected to continue. No winter-run were reported in the Delta monitoring or salvage this week further indicating the majority have left the system.

Wild spring-run Chinook: The fraction of wild spring-run upstream of the Delta stayed the same since there are still low numbers of spring-run sized fish entering the Delta, indicating that at least a small number of fish remain upstream. The fraction of wild spring-run remaining in the Delta decreased due to increasing water temperatures and observing fewer fish this week compared to last week in Delta regional monitoring efforts. The fraction of wild spring-run having exited the Delta is based on the 7 spring-run-sized wild Chinook reported in the Chipp’s Trawl, warming temperatures, seasonal timing, and the lack of precipitation in this week’s weather forecast for the Central Valley. Therefore the DOSS group believes that the majority of spring-run have exited the Delta.

Hatchery winter-run Chinook: The fraction of hatchery winter-run upstream of the Delta, in the Delta, and having exited at Chipp’s Island stayed the same since water conditions have not changed much in the last week and no hatchery winter-run have been observed since late March in regional monitoring efforts. DOSS estimates that most hatchery winter-run have exited the Delta since it has been 2 months since they were released and none have been seen any at the monitoring locations in recent weeks.

DOSS Feedback on Entrainment Risk

DOSS provides weekly entrainment risk outlooks by considering (a) two different categories of entrainment risk based on listed fish distribution and (b) factors that influence their potential for entrainment. The two entrainment risk categories considered include:

- **Interior Delta Entrainment Risk**- fish in the Sacramento River that have the potential to be entrained into the Interior Delta through the Delta Cross Channel (when open) and/or Georgiana Slough; or fish from the San Joaquin River basin through the numerous distributaries of the mainstem San Joaquin River; and
- **CVP/SWP Facilities Entrainment Risk**- fish in the Interior Delta that have the potential to be entrained into the CVP/SWP facilities.

Influencing factors considered include:

- **Exposure Risk** (both categories)- estimated scale (low, medium, high) of fish anticipated to be in vicinity of an entrainment risk,
- **Routing Risk** (Interior Delta Entrainment Risk)- estimated scale (low, medium, high) that flow split conditions could result in fish migrating into the interior delta instead of remaining in main channel, and
- **OMR/Export Risk** (CVP/SWP Facilities Entrainment Risk)- for fish in the Interior Delta, estimated scale (low, medium, high) that OMR and/or Export levels could result in entrainment associated with CVP/SWP facilities.

To provide an overall assessment of entrainment risk, the estimated current status of these influencing factors are described below for each of the entrainment risk categories.

Interior Delta Entrainment Risk for listed salmonids in the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River basins over the next week: Most winter-run and spring-run are out of the system, only 5% winter-run and 5% spring-run are considered to be in the Delta. Pulse flows continue to be released on the Stanislaus River.

- **Exposure Risk**
 - From Sacramento River origin: **LOW** (*last week: same*)
 - Flow has decreased and water temperatures continue to warm, which are cues for salmonid movement, and most fish are likely to have moved downstream and into the Delta at this time.
 - **From San Joaquin River origin: LOW TO MEDIUM** (*last week: same*)
 - Continued pulse flows on the Stanislaus River may stimulate steelhead to emigrate downriver into the Delta from the Stanislaus. No steelhead were observed in the Mossdale trawl this week, although trawl may be inefficient at detection of steelhead smolts.
- **Routing Risk:**
 - For Sacramento River **LOW to MEDIUM** (*last week: LOW*)
 - River flows have decreased in the last week and reverse flows are becoming more prevalent on the flood tide. Water temperatures are reaching into the mid-60's (F).
 - **For San Joaquin River: LOW TO MEDIUM** (*last week: same*)

- Installation of the HOR barrier will substantially reduce the number of fish entrained into the Old River route leading to the interior of the South Delta and the Projects, although 8 open culverts are present in the barrier. Tributaries to the north (Turner, Columbia, Middle River and Old River) are still open routes to the South Delta and the Projects.
- **Overall Entrainment Risk:**
 - Sacramento River: LOW (*last week: same*)
 - **San Joaquin River: LOW TO MEDIUM** (*last week: same*)

CVP/SWP Facilities Entrainment Risk for listed salmonids in the Interior Delta over the next week: Most fish have moved through the Delta, the DCC barrier is in place, and export levels are low, which is a cue for salmonids to move downstream and out of the Delta. San Joaquin Basin fish may be emigrating at this time based on pulse flows in the tributaries and historical timing of previous emigrations.

- **Exposure Risk from Sacramento River:** LOW (*last week: same*)
- **Exposure Risk from San Joaquin River:** LOW TO MEDIUM (*last week: same*)
- **OMR/Export Risk:**
 - OMR -2,500 cfs to -3,500 cfs:
 - LOW for Sacramento River fish (*last week: same*)
 - **LOW for San Joaquin River steelhead** (*last week: same*)
 - OMR -3,500 cfs to -5,000 cfs:
 - MEDIUM for Sacramento River fish (*last week: same*)
 - **MEDIUM for San Joaquin River steelhead** (*last week: same*)
- **Overall Entrainment Risk:**
 - OMR -2,500 cfs to -3,500 cfs:
 - LOW for Sacramento River fish (*last week: same*)
 - **LOW for San Joaquin River steelhead** (*last week: same*)
Wild steelhead are present in the San Joaquin River, but low exports (more positive OMR levels) and reduced entrainment potential into interior Delta channels due to the presence of the HOR barrier create a low risk of overall entrainment.
 - OMR -3,500 cfs to -5,000 cfs:
 - LOW for Sacramento River fish (*last week: same*)
 - **LOW for San Joaquin River steelhead** (*last week: same*)
San Joaquin River fish are substantially protected from entrainment into the upper Old River channel corridor to the export facilities by the presence of the HOR barrier (although it has 8 culverts that may allow some passage into Old River), and risk to entrainment along the lower mainstem of the San Joaquin River is similar to the risk faced by Sacramento fish in co-occupied river reaches. Although San Joaquin River basin fish have a longer route of potential diversion into the South Delta and a longer time of exposure to the Projects, some members of DOSS believe the predominant tidal changes in the mainstem San Joaquin River channel are substantially greater than the difference between the -2500 and -5,000 cfs OMR flows contained in the risk assessment and thus

negate the relatively small differences in the effects of the two OMR flow levels considered. Other members of DOSS indicated that the risk to entrainment at the facilities under the more negative OMR flows provided an elevated risk of **LOW to MEDIUM** to fish that were already present within the south Delta channels and should be considered in the overall risk assessment. Through the discussion of these two viewpoints, the DOSS working group decided to assign an overall entrainment risk of **LOW** to SJ River steelhead entrainment due to OMR flows between -3500 to -5000 cfs. Assessment of the factors influencing the characterization of entrainment risk will be further discussed by the DOSS group after the end of this migration season. Discussion will focus on further clarification of the conceptual model of entrainment risk factors faced by fish in the southern Delta.

Agenda Item 10.

DOSS Advice to WOMT and NMFS: None

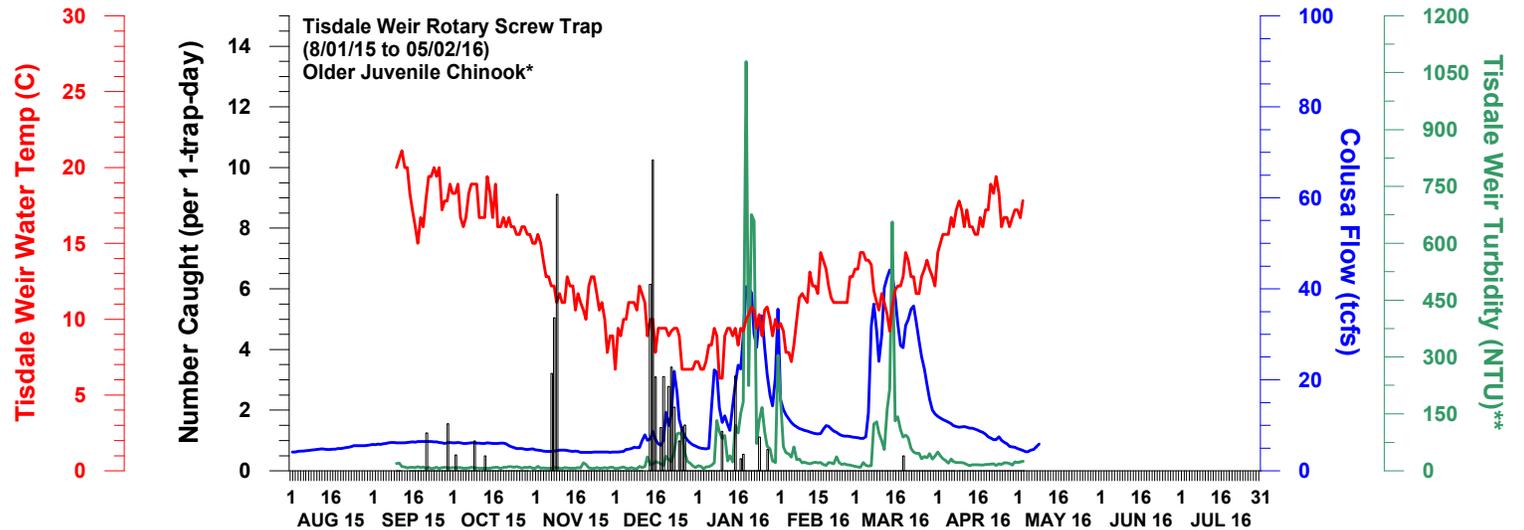
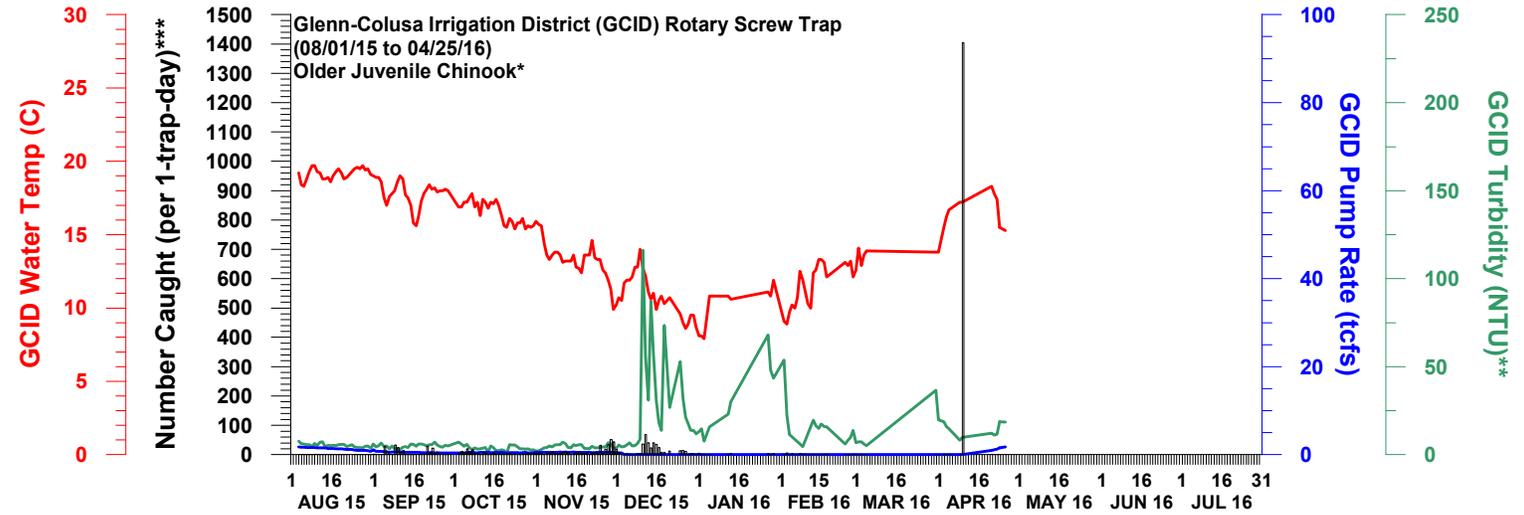
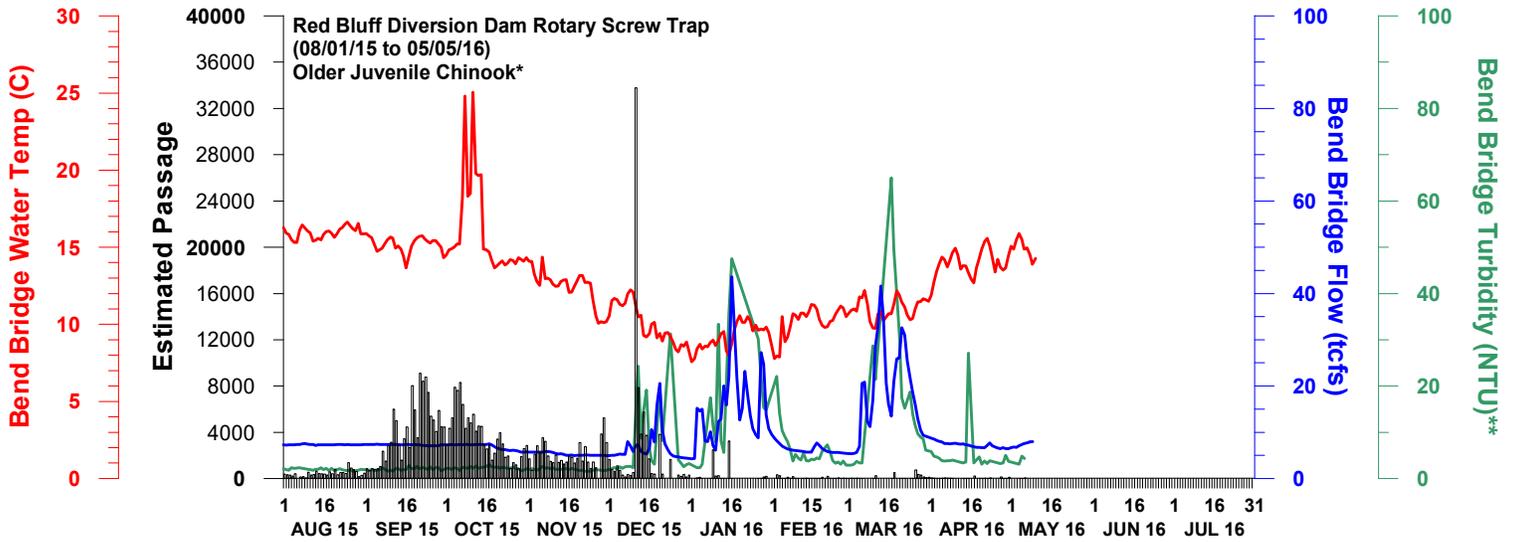
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Next Meeting: The next DOSS conference call will be on 5/17/16 at 9am.

Weekly DOSS calls will continue through the end of May, at which point the group will determine whether to continue weekly calls or have them less frequently. During the final calls, the group will discuss this year's Annual Report and assign members with specific tasks.

The following graphs were provided by DWR for Chinook salmon and steelhead observed at monitoring locations in the Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers and Delta. Also available at: <http://www.water.ca.gov/swp/operationscontrol/calfed/calfedmonitoring.cfm>

NUMBER OF UNMARKED OLDER JUVENILE CHINOOK MEASURED IN THE SACRAMENTO RIVER

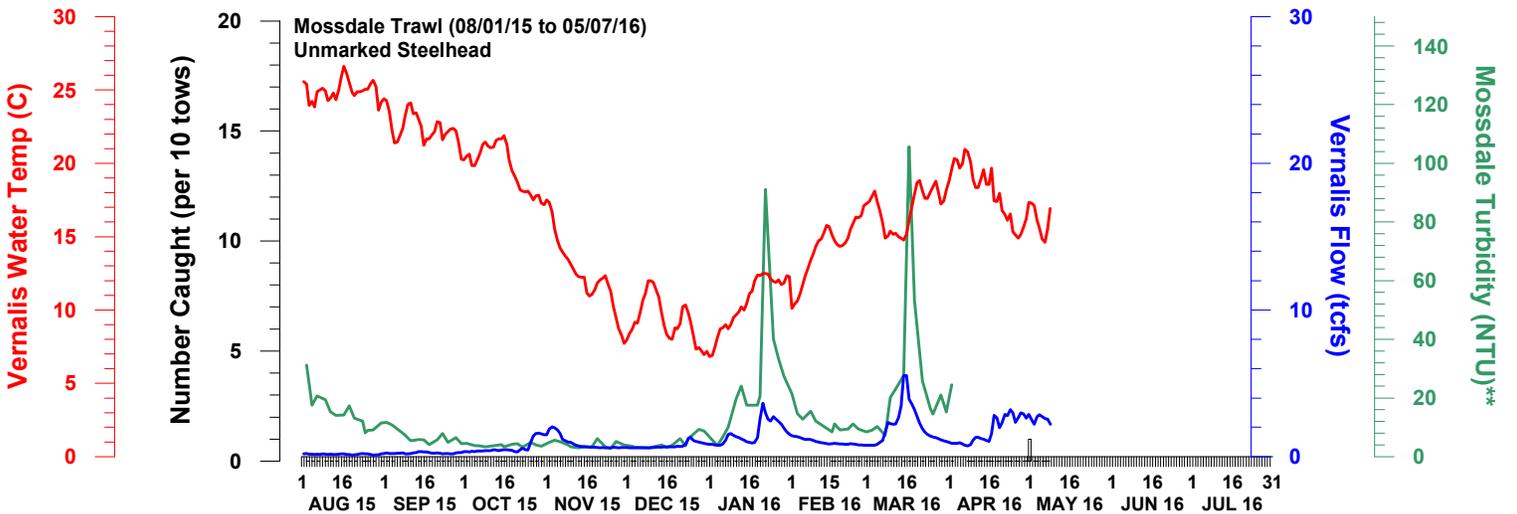
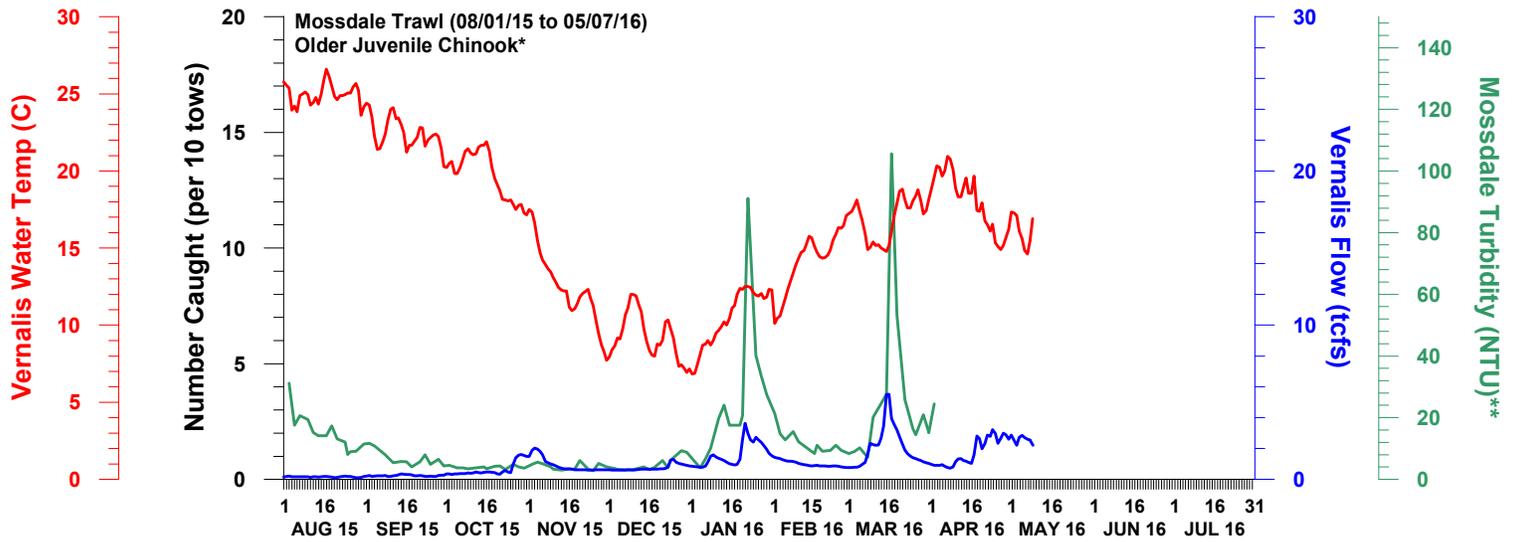


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-Tisdale: 12/12/2015-12/13/2015 there was a river right revolution malfunction.

NUMBER OF UNMARKED OLDER JUVENILE CHINOOK AND STEELHEAD MEASURED IN THE SAN JOAQUIN RIVER

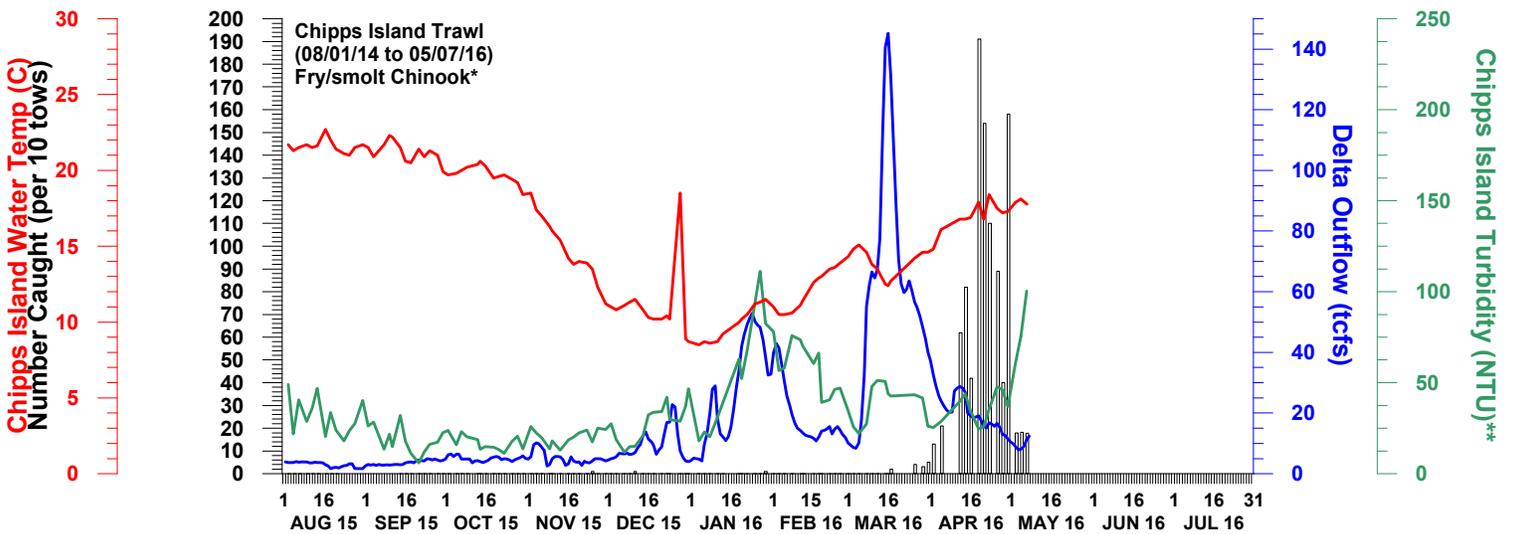
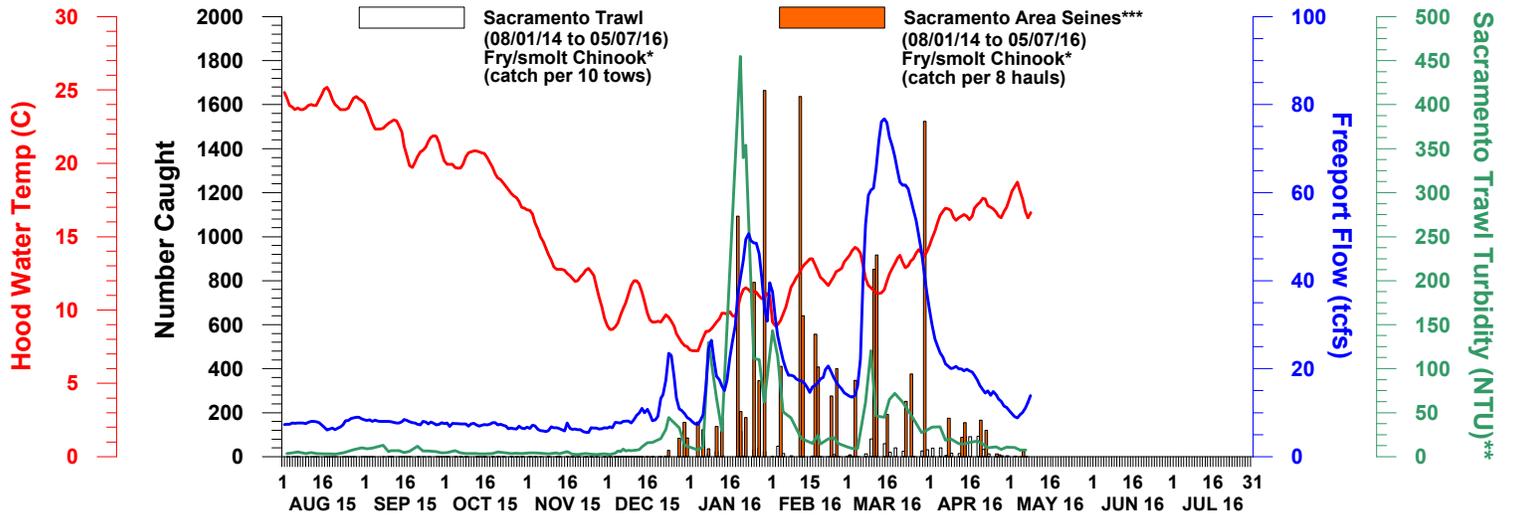
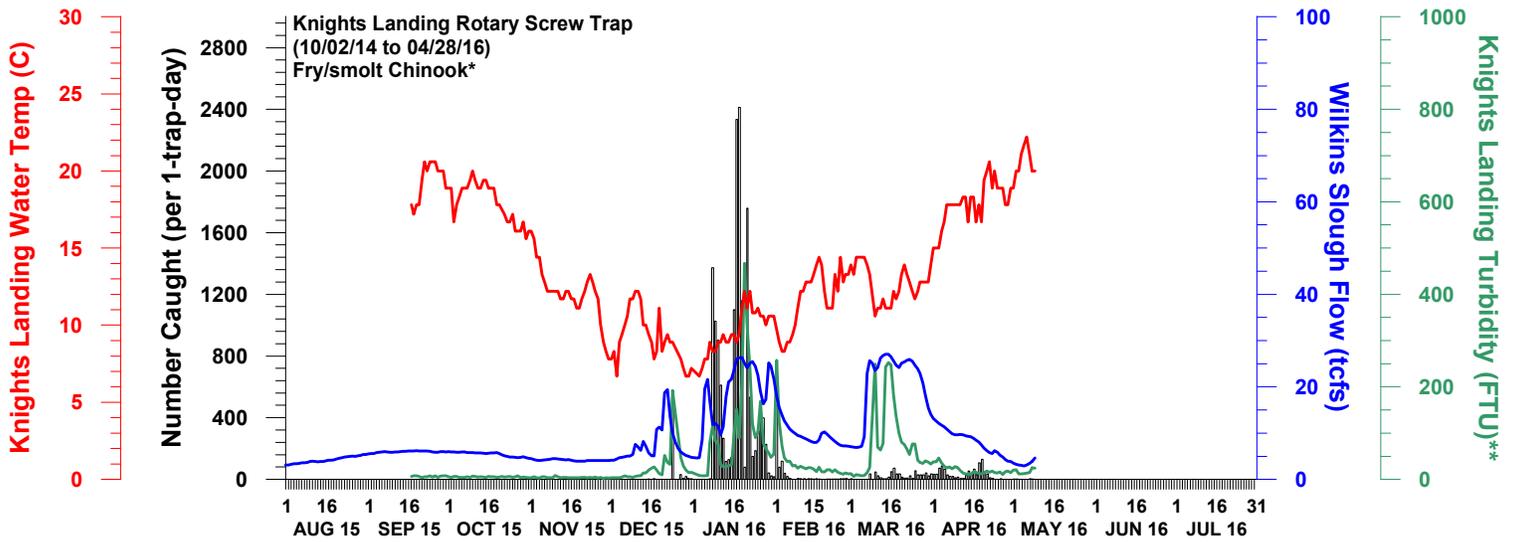


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NUMBER OF UNMARKED FRY/SMOLT CHINOOK MEASURED IN THE LOWER SACRAMENTO RIVER AND CHIPPS ISLAND



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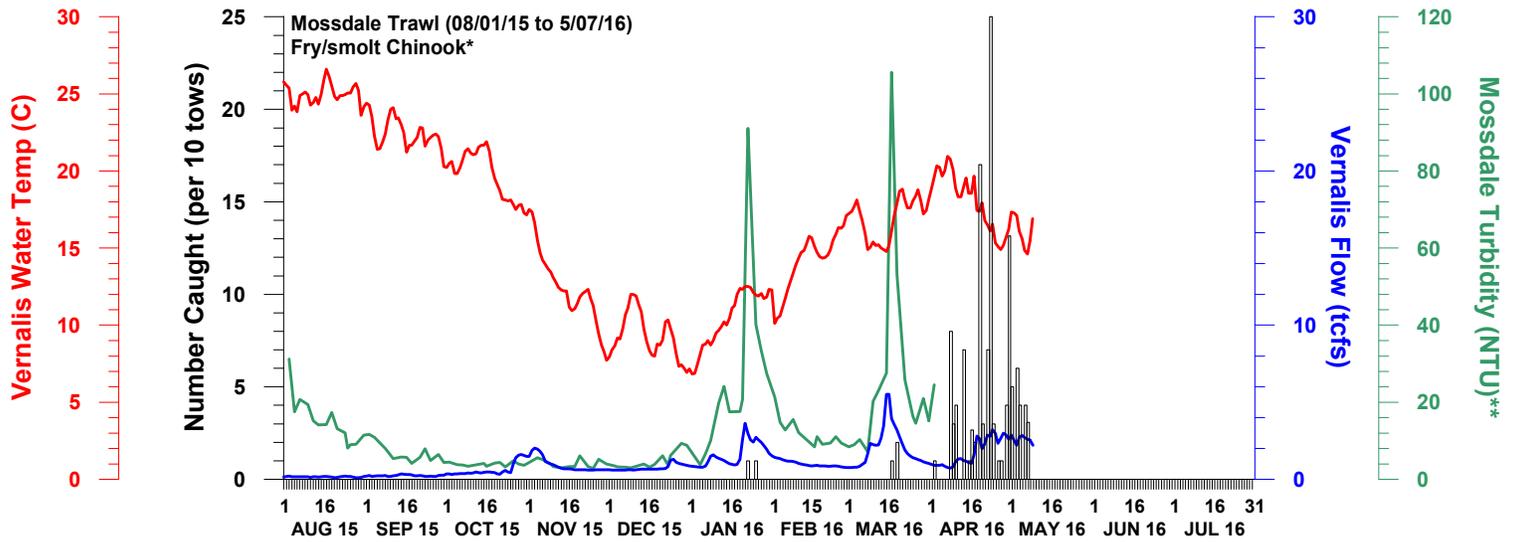
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***Sacramento area seine route consists of the following seine sites: Verona, Elkhorn, Sand Cove, Discovery Park, American River, Miller Park, Sherwood Harbor, and Garcia Bend. Bars are stacked if Chinook caught from the trawl and seines are from the same day.

NUMBER OF UNMARKED FRY/SMOLT CHINOOK MEASURED IN THE SAN JOAQUIN RIVER



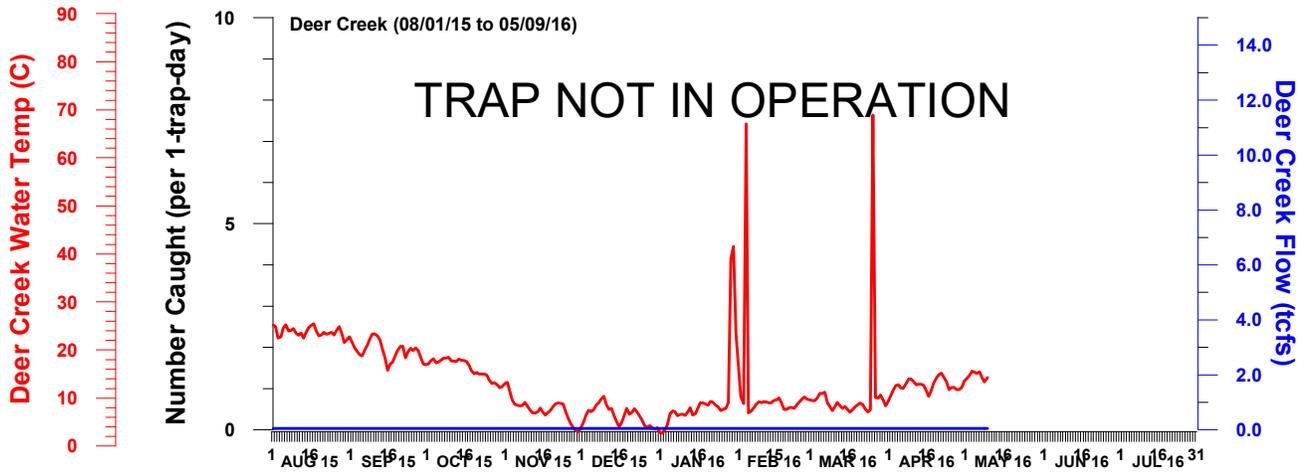
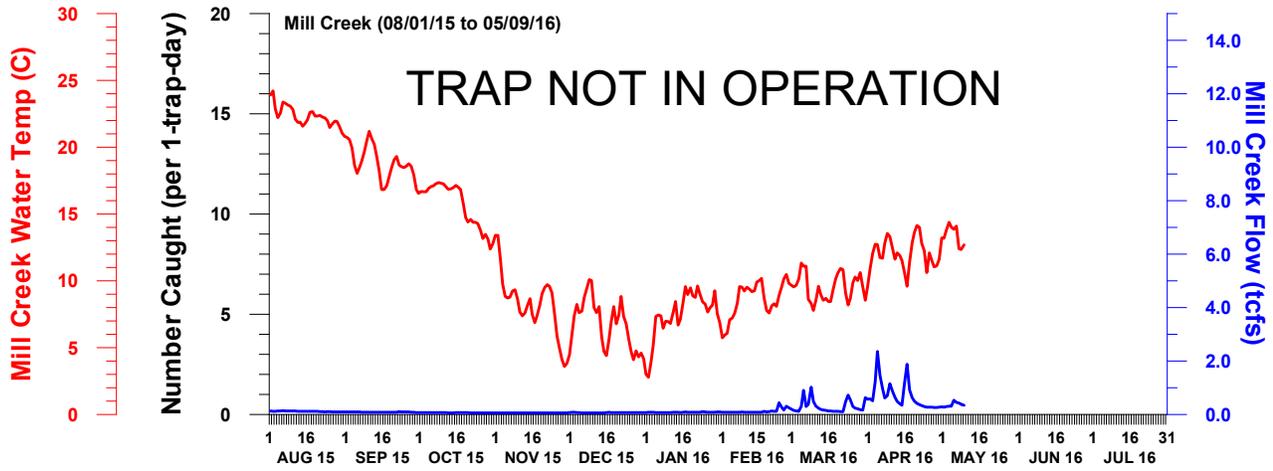
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WATER TEMPERATURE AND FLOW MEASURED AT MILL AND DEER CREEK



Data Acquisition:

All data are preliminary and subject to revision.

The estimated passage data for the Red Bluff Diversion Dam were obtained directly from the US Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), Red Bluff Fish and Wildlife Office (http://www.fws.gov/redbluff/rbdd_biweekly_final.html).

The catch data for Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District (GCID) were obtained directly from GCID.

The catch data for Tisdale Weir and Knights Landing were obtained directly from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW)¹, North Central Region.

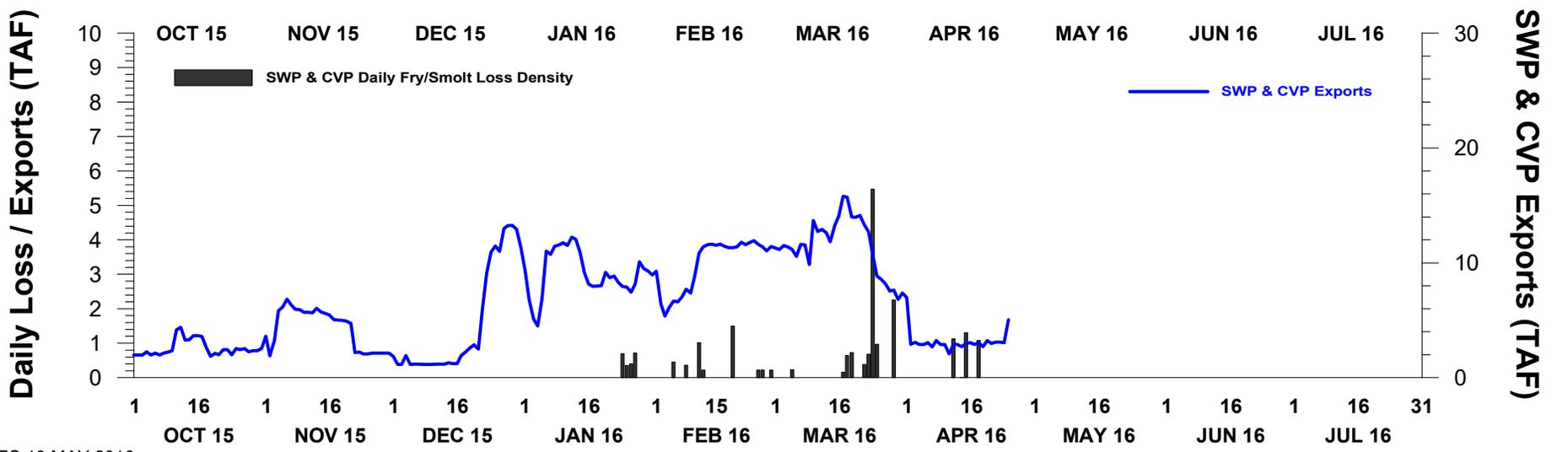
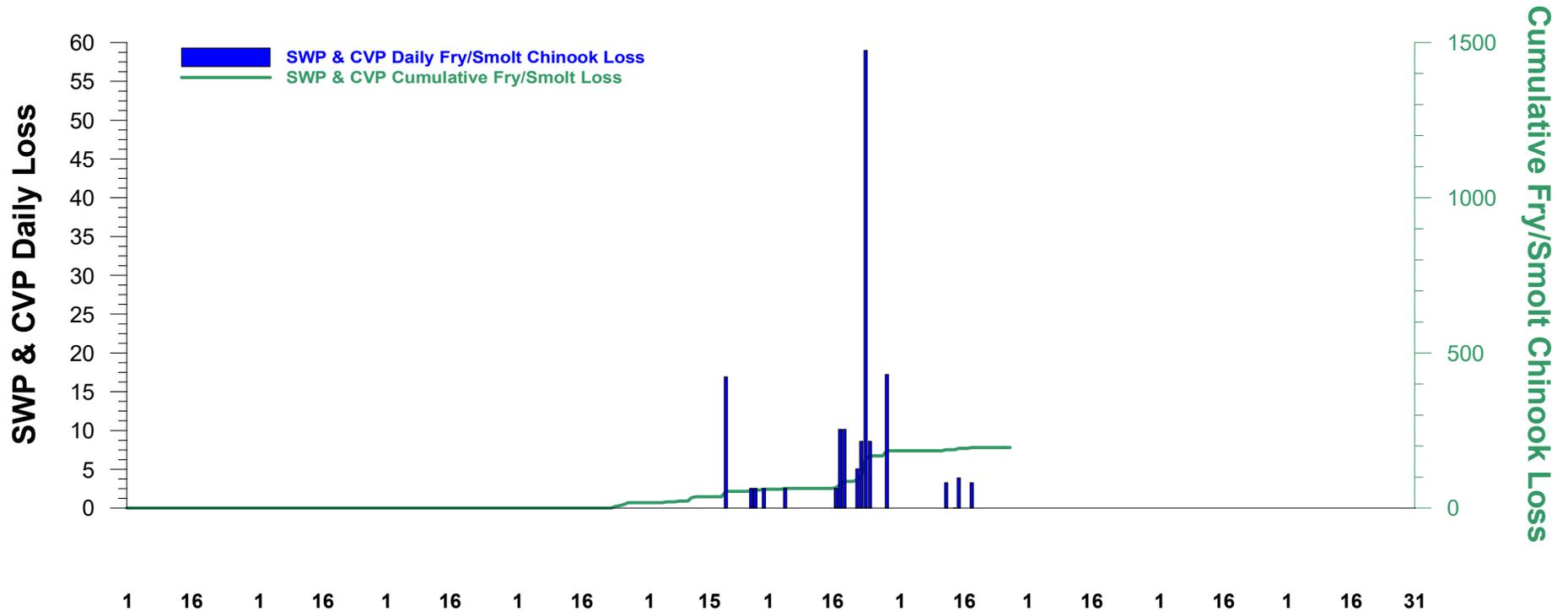
Sacramento River Trawl, Sacramento Area Beach Seine, and Chipps Island Trawl data were obtained directly from FWS, Stockton Fish and Wildlife Office (<http://www.fws.gov/stockton/ifmp/>).

Mossdale Trawl data were either obtained directly from FWS, Stockton Fish and Wildlife Office or from DFW (Region 4).

The hydrology data were either downloaded from the California Data Exchange Center (CDEC) (<http://cdec.water.ca.gov>) or obtained directly from the California Department of Water Resources, Operations Control Office.

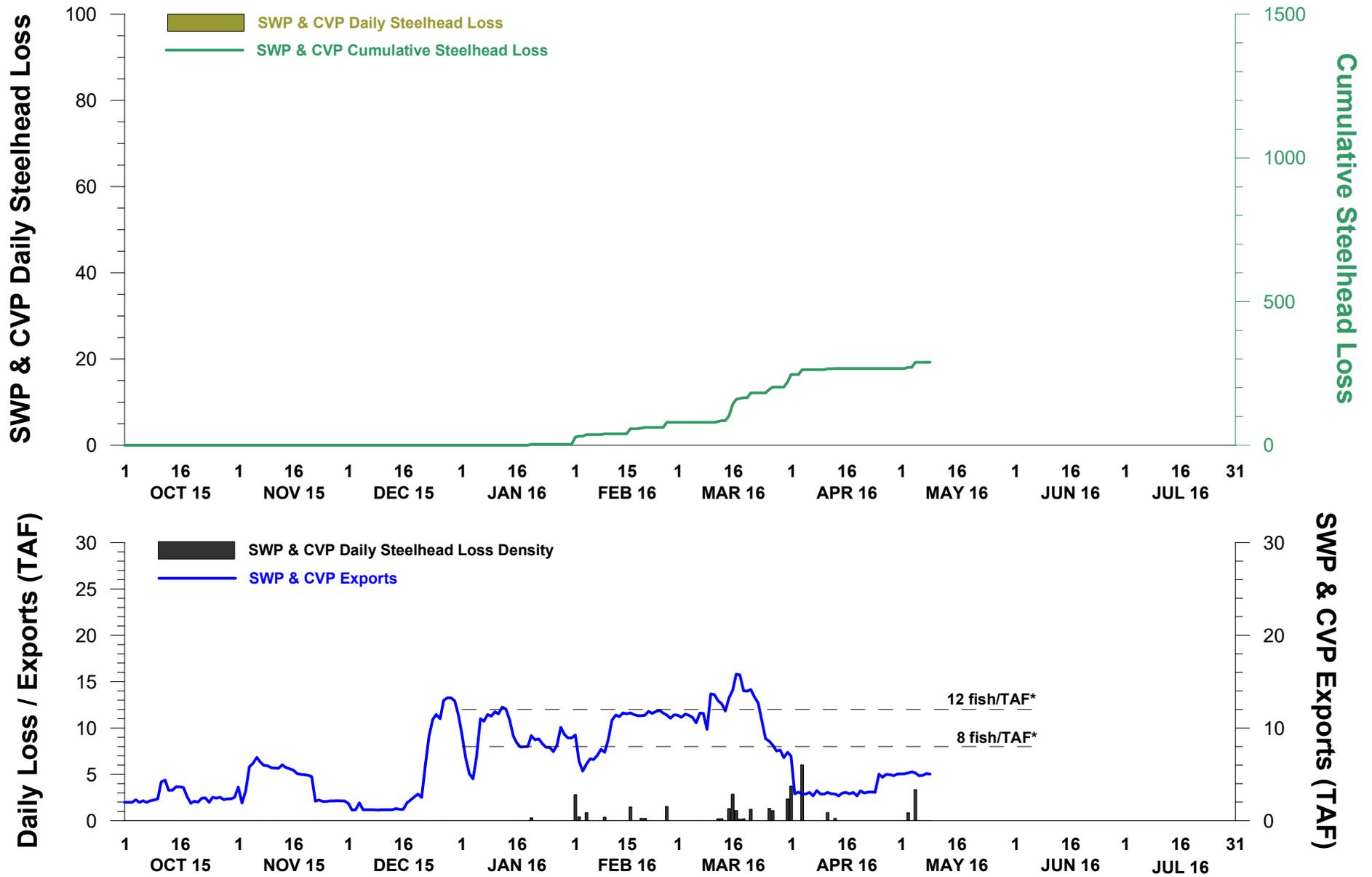
¹ Formerly known as the California Department of Fish and Game (DFG).

NON-CLIPPED FRY/SMOLT CHINOOK LOSS AT THE DELTA FISH FACILITIES 01 OCT 2014 THROUGH 08 MAY 2016



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NON-CLIPPED STEELHEAD LOSS AT THE DELTA FISH FACILITIES 01 OCT 2015 THROUGH 08 MAY 2016

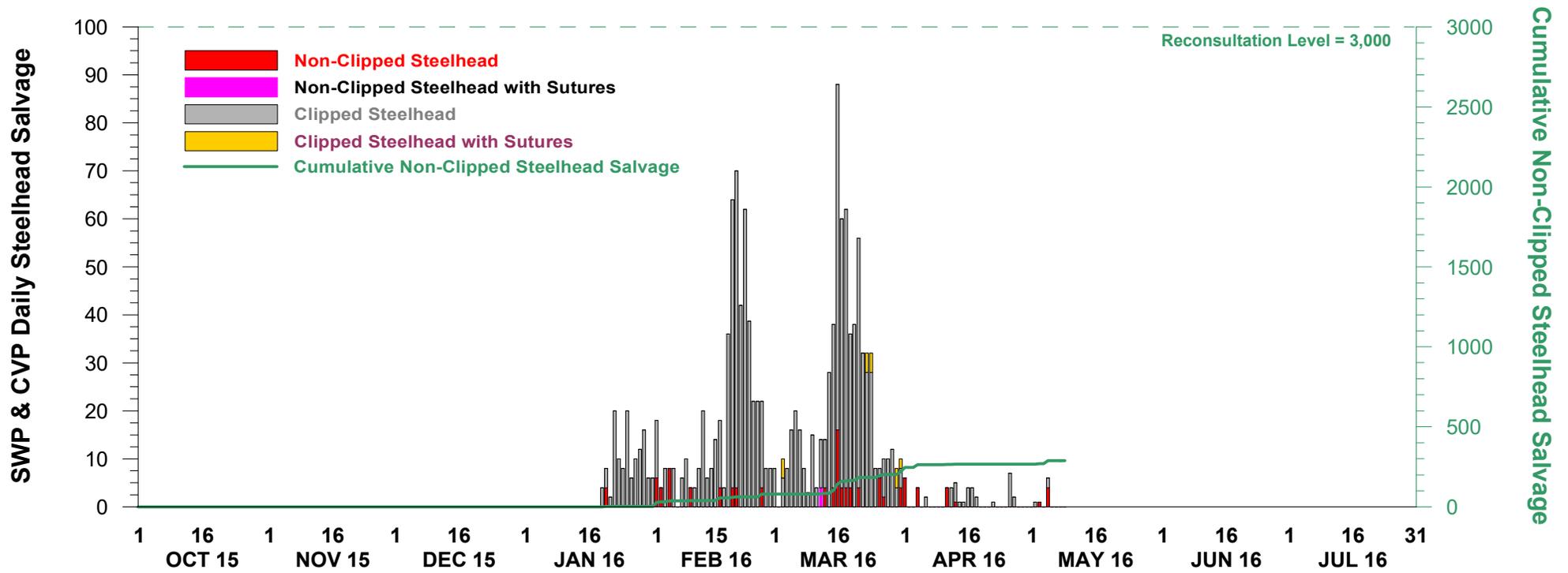


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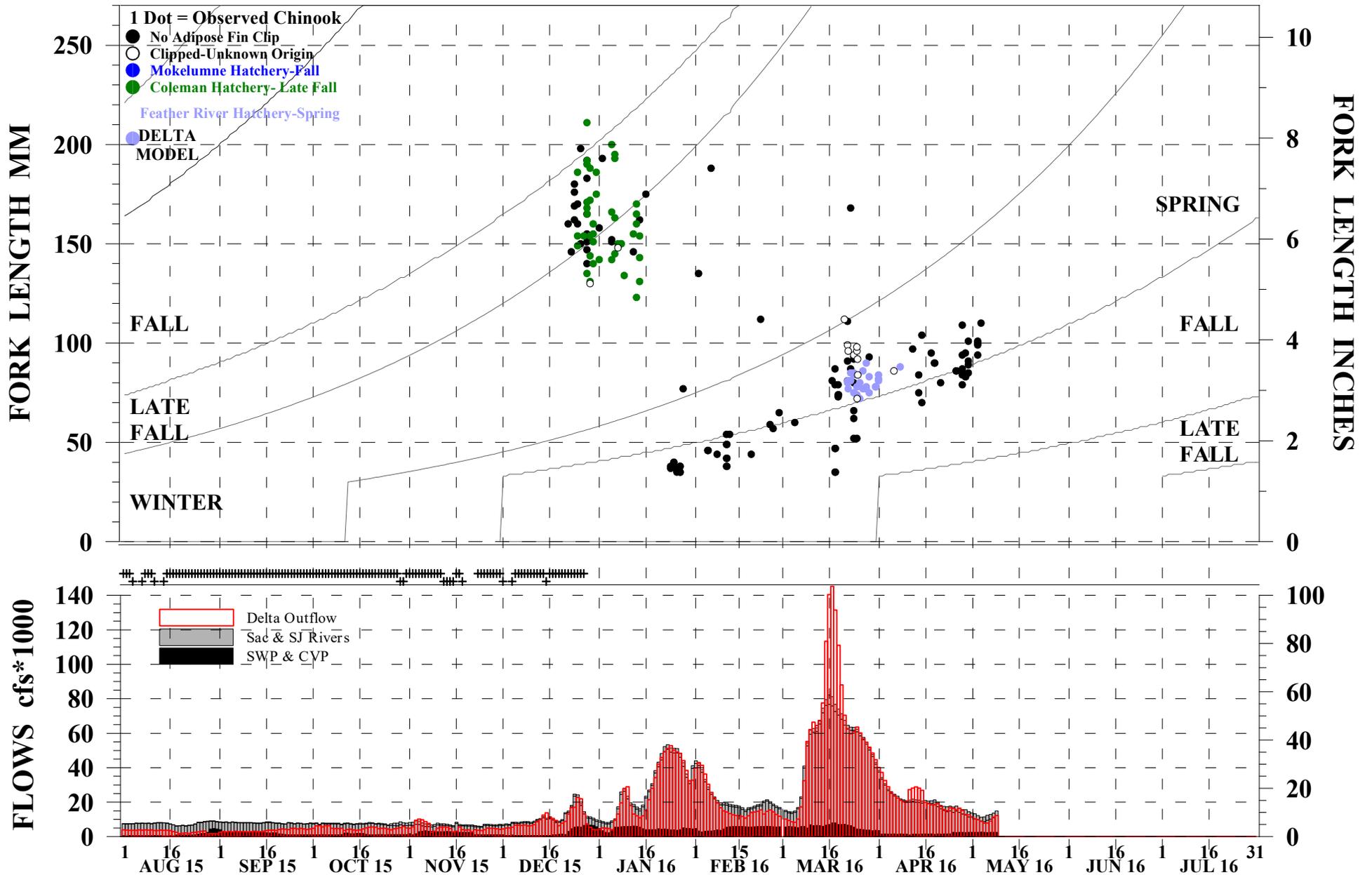
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*Used to roughly estimate whether the daily loss is greater than 8 fish/TAF multiplied by the volume exported in TAF or 12 fish/TAF multiplied by the volume exported in TAF.

STEELHEAD SALVAGE AT THE DELTA FISH FACILITIES 01 OCT 2015 THROUGH 08 MAY 2016



OBSERVED CHINOOK SALVAGE AT THE SWP & CVP DELTA FISH FACILITIES 08/01/2015 THROUGH 05/08/2016

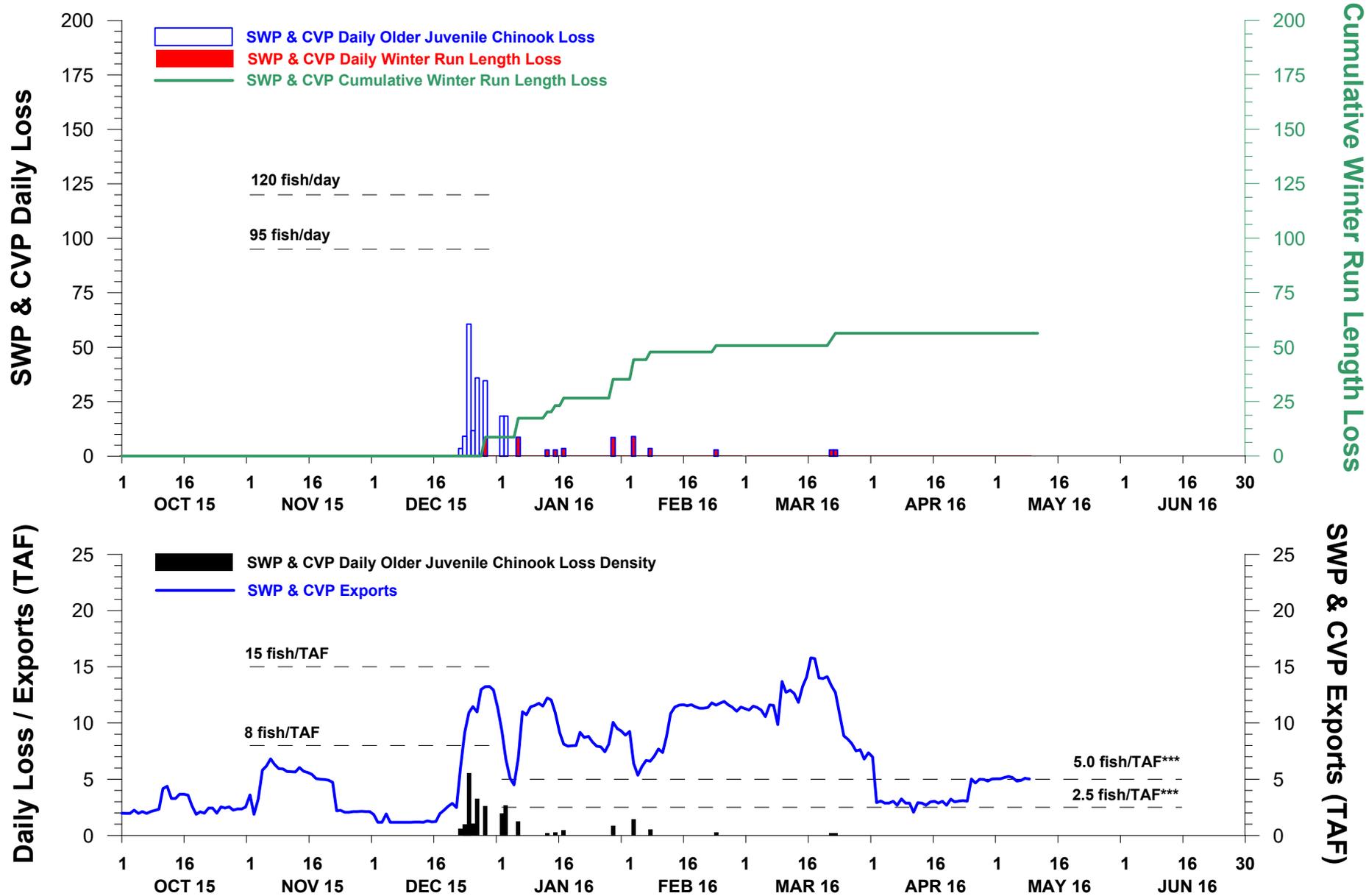


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*Chinook not measured for length and Chinook outside of the length-at-date criteria (Delta model) are not reported.

NON-CLIPPED WINTER RUN & OLDER JUVENILE CHINOOK LOSS AT THE DELTA FISH FACILITIES 01 OCT 2015 THROUGH 08 MAY 2016



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**ITL (Incidental Take Limit) is based on the JPE, which is not yet available.

***minimum value determined by NMFS