

IEP Science Highlights

Quarterly Directors Update

March 2012

2012 IEP Annual Workshop

- April 18-20, Lake Natoma Inn, Folsom. The draft agenda and registration form have been posted at <http://www.water.ca.gov/iep/activities/workshop.cfm>.
- The 2012 workshop emphasizes new delta smelt and salmon monitoring and modeling tools and results.
- Delta smelt presentations will include results from life cycle modeling and evaluations of fall low salinity habitat.
- Salmon presentations will cover a wide range of topics, from salmon survival and migration to genetics and management.
- Other workshop session topics include north Delta ecology, food webs, and water quality.
- The workshop also includes joint oral and poster sessions with the California Water and Environmental Modeling Forum (CWEMF) on April 18 and an IEP poster session on April 19.

IEP Data Synthesis and Work Planning for 2013:

IEP MAST Goals:

- The new IEP “Management, Analysis, and Synthesis Team” (MAST) effort is under way to analyze and synthesize IEP data for 3 related MAST products:
 - Fall Low Salinity Habitat (FLaSH) report and work plan (DOI report, 6/2012).
 - 2013 IEP Work Plan and Synthesis report (IEP report, 12/2012).
 - Final, peer-reviewed POD report (AFS book, 2014).

Draft MAST Timeline:

- 3/13 – 3/16: MAST Offsite work meeting, Marconi Center, Marshall, CA - work planning process and draft timeline, draft reports content with conceptual models, MAST work assignments.
- 4/18 – 4/20: 2012 IEP Annual Workshop, Folsom, CA – MAST presentations to the public.
- April, TBD: IEP Stakeholder Group Meeting – MAST process discussion.
- May, TBD: Local 2-day MAST work meeting.
- 6/22: IEP Directors meeting, Sacramento - MAST products update.
- 9/19: IEP Directors meeting, Sacramento – Presentation of proposed 2013 IEP budget and work plan for approval.
- 10/4 – 11/1: IEP Coordinators review MAST products.
- October, TBD: IEP Stakeholder Group Meeting - MAST product discussion.
- 12/19: IEP Directors meeting, Sacramento - Presentation of final 2012 MAST synthesis products.

IEP and IEP-related Reviews in 2012:

- IEP Delta Juvenile Fishes Monitoring Program (DJFMP) and the Delta Juvenile Salmon Survival Studies (DJSSS) by the IEP Science Advisory Group (SAG).
- Fall Low Salinity Habitat (FLaSH) report and work plan review by an independent review panel convened by the Delta Science Program.