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DWR Increasing Feather River Flows Through Oroville

SACRAMENTO -- The Department of Water Resources will increase flows to the Feather River through the City of Oroville as early as tomorrow, June 14. Flows will increase gradually over several days from 600 cubic feet per second (cfs) to approximately 5,000 cfs, raising the level of the river from one to three feet, depending on location.

The flow increase -- lasting two to three weeks -- is being made to attract additional spring-run Chinook salmon to the Feather River Fish Hatchery and to facilitate maintenance on the Thermalito Afterbay river outlet gates. Spring-run Chinook are listed as a threatened species.

The increase will not affect water deliveries, hydroelectric power generation, or the total outflow of the Feather River downstream of the Thermalito Afterbay outlet.

Anglers and others may obtain daily information on flows and other river and Lake Oroville conditions by calling the Oroville Field Division's water conditions number at (530) 534-2307 after 9 a.m.

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