

DAT Conference Call Summary 6/3/2010

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Summary and Conclusions

CHINOOK

There was no winter run loss last week; the season total loss for non-adipose clipped is 1,661. The 2% consultation level is 23,592.

The season salvage of non-clipped steelhead is 944 and clipped steelhead is 3,575. The incidental take level for non-clipped steelhead is 3,000. There is no take limit for clipped or hatchery steelhead.

There were no delta smelt salvaged last week at either facility. The season total expanded salvage of delta smelt is 115 (99 CVP, 16 SWP). Smelt larval sampling started at the SWP on the 19th, and at the CVP on the 24th. No delta smelt larvae have been identified so far.

There were no longfin smelt salvaged last week at either facility. The season total is 35. No larval longfin smelt have been salvage this season at either facility.

The season salvage of green sturgeon is 0, and white sturgeon 8.

The week's salvage of splittail was 54,661; the season total is 125,493.

NOTE: HATCHERY CHINOOK TAKE AT THE EXPORT FACILITES CAN NOT BE DETERMINED FROM EITHER THE DFG REPORT OR FTP SITE, OR THE USBR WEBSITE. DFG AND USBR ONLY REPORT THE NUMBER OF CLIPPED CHINOOK IN A LENGTH CATEGORY WHICH IS MEANINGLESS IN TERMS OF PERMITTED TAKE LEVELS.

Chinook monitoring data can be viewed at http://www.water.ca.gov/swp/operationscontrol/calfed/calfed_monitoring.cfm

The DOSS summary can be viewed at
<http://swr.nmfs.noaa.gov/ocap/doss.htm>

- DOSS has given no recommendations due to the uncertainty surrounding the recent decision by Judge Wanger.

SMELT

20mm Survey 6 completed a full survey on 5/27 (47 stations). 22 stations have been analyzed and data are on website (103 DSM, mostly in Sac R system). Survey 5 processing is complete: 218 juvenile DSM (mean size ~18.6 mm) mostly in the north delta. Data have been posted to <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/delta/projects.asp?ProjectID=20mm> (Note: fish >60mm are not displayed on the web-page). Survey 7 is scheduled for June 7-10.

Spring Kodiak Trawl successfully completed survey 5 (final SKT of season). 40 stations were sampled (complete survey); sample processing is complete. Data is available at <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/delta/projects.asp?ProjectID=SKT>.

Smelt Larval Survey data is available at
<http://www.dfg.ca.gov/delta/projects.asp?ProjectID=SLS>.

The Delta Smelt Work Group were unable to reach consensus, and thus offered a split recommendation. A recommendation of -2000 and -5000 cfs were given to FWS. The next SWG meeting is June 7.

OPERATIONS

The projects are operating to an OMR of -5,000 cfs as of 5/26. OMR readings are inaccurate on May 29, 30, 31 and June 2 due to flow meters being clogged with vegetation.

Exports at Clifton Court are at 4000 cfs, and are expected to stay at this level over the weekend. The CVP was pumping at 2800 cfs, but ramped up to 3500 cfs on June 3.

Operations data can be viewed at
<http://www.water.ca.gov/swp/operationscontrol/docs/delta/deltaops.pdf>

NEXT DAT CONFERENCE CALL, THURSDAY, 6/10/2010,
11 am, 916/657-4108.

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