

## DAT Conference Call Summary 6/10/2010

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### DWR request to operate OMR flap gates

Mark Holderman (DWR) asked Leigh Bartoo (FWS) for information on what the FWS stance is on DWR operating the OMR rock barrier flap gates. Mark wanted clarification on 1) whether DWR needs permission from FWS per the BO (it didn't appear so in the language of the BO, but he wanted to check) and 2) whether FWS thought operation of the flap gates would negatively impact delta smelt at this time. Mark emphasized that operation of the flap gates will not affect OMR flows, and that the reason for operation is to maintain water levels for agricultural users in the delta. Leigh will check with another section at FWS and get back to Mark later on 6/10/10.

### 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.

Non-clipped steelhead were salvaged at the CVP (n=20) and the SWP (n=4). The season salvage of non-clipped steelhead is 968 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 two juvenile delta smelt salvaged last week at the SWP in larval sampling. The season total expanded salvage of delta smelt is 121 (99 CVP, 22 SWP). Smelt larval sampling started at the SWP on the 19<sup>th</sup>, and at the CVP on the 24<sup>th</sup>. One delta smelt larvae (<20mm) was found last week, but does not count towards salvage totals.

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 11,298; the season total is 136,791.

**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/calfedmonitoring.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.
- The next DOSS call will be 6/22.

## SMELT

20mm Survey 7 is in the field this week, and is expected to finish a full survey on 6/10/10 (47 stations). Survey 6 processing is complete: 163 juvenile DSM mostly in the north delta (1 DSM at station 815 in the central 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).

Spring Kodiak Trawl 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 decided on a recommendation of -5000 cfs. The next SWG meeting is June 14.

There has been no new news regarding Judge Wanger's delta smelt decision.

## OPERATIONS

There was a question regarding delta temperatures. Chipps island temp on Thursday was 16.3C, and Clifton Court was 22C.

The projects are operating to an OMR of -5,000 cfs as of 6/10. OMR flows were -7090 cfs (6/9/10), with a 5-day avg of -5635 cfs and 14-day avg of -4329 cfs.

Exports at Clifton Court are at 3500 cfs, and are expected to stay at this level over the weekend. The CVP was pumping at 2800 cfs. Federal releases were 11000 cfs from Keswick, 8000 cfs from Nimbus, and 300 cfs from Goodwin.

The delta cross channel gates are remaining closed over the weekend due to increased Freeport flows.

Operations data can be viewed at

<http://www.water.ca.gov/swp/operationscontrol/docs/delta/deltaops.pdf>

NEXT DAT CONFERENCE CALL, THURSDAY, 6/17/2010,  
11 am, 916/657-4108.

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