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**Winter-run chinook salmon:** Due to the recent pulse of water over the weekend juvenile winter-run chinook have finally begun migrating down the Sacramento River (54 being observed at Wards Landing). On Saturday fish triggers were met at Knights Landing and Sacramento Trawl resulting in closure of the DCC gates until Friday. Further measures called for in the "Provisional Fall/Winter Juvenile Salmon Decision Process" have required an export reduction to 6,000cfs to protect juvenile salmon this week. Low numbers of juvenile winter-run chinook and a few late-fall surrogates have been reported from the Fish Facilities.

A letter to the Bureau containing the Juvenile Production Estimate (JPE) for incidental take requirements at the pumps is expected to be completed by the end of the month.

**Steelhead and Spring-run Chinook:** A large number of yearling, spring-run size chinook were observed leaving Mill and Deer Creek on Friday and Saturday with a corresponding increase in flows. Spring-run chinook in the appropriate size range have been reported in the Knights Landing and Sacramento Catch Index. Monitoring of fish numbers by the Data Analysis Team continues with a special conference call this Thursday.

Low numbers of steelhead have been observed at the pumps with a single ad-clipped steelhead reported, probably from the Coleman Hatchery Release last week.

A meeting was held last Friday on the CVP-OCAP consultation. The current interim opinion will be extended to cover operations up to March of this year, immediately afterwards work will begin on a long-term opinion covering the summer and fall months.