

**CALFED Ops Group Meeting Notes**  
**Meeting Date: 12/13/06**

**Opening Remarks**

Carl Torgersen, Chief of DWR's Division of Operations and Maintenance introduced David Roose, as the new Chief of the SWP's Operations Control Office at the DWR/USBR Joint Operations Center

**State Water Resources Control Board**

State Water Resources Control Board staff received the fishery response plan for JPOD. SWRCB staff will respond within a week or two, Reclamation staff expect a favorable response with just a few, minor comments/modifications to the submitted plan.

**Fisheries**

Chinook – the official numbers for winter-run from DFG are a) Carcass survey; 17,205 adults, 8811 of them were female, b) Red Bluff Diversion Dam – 7436 adults, 2327 of them were female. There were quite a few hatchery fish caught at Battle Creek; equivalent to 36 adult winter-run. There was an estimated 6.8 million past Red Bluff, this is approximately 2 million less fish than last year. Green sturgeon – Salvage is mostly at the Federal facilities, few at the State facilities. The estimated salvage is about 191; this is a sizeable increase from last year, assuming 100% survival. Delta smelt – The Recovery Index is 21. DFG is wrapping up the fall mid-water trawls. The spring Kodiak surveys will start in late January 2007.

**Work Groups**

There is nothing to report from OFF so far, they have not yet met (meet only on an as-needed basis). DAT has made two recommendations to WOMT. The first was about cross-channel gate closure. There was a conflict between a DFG fish experiment that required keeping the gates open versus a Sacramento River salmon trigger that required the gates be closed. DAT recommended that the gates remain open, WOMT concurred. The second recommendation was when the cross-channel gates should be closed for 45 days until May 15. DAT recommended that the gates be kept open for now, but closed on Friday, December 15. WOMT concurred.

**Water Operations**

John Leahigh and Peggy Manza gave status reports on operations of the State and Federal projects.

## **EWA Accounting**

Andy Chu of DWR gave a Power Point presentation on how CALSIM is used along with updated hydrologic conditions throughout the water year to estimate EWA water costs.