

## WOMT Decision 7/3/2007

The WOMT Agency Directors conducted a conference call at 5:00 on July 3 subsequent to the regularly schedule WOMT meeting earlier during the day. All the agency Directors or their acting Directors was represented for the entire call except the NMFS. The Directors reviewed the DSWG recommendation (not yet written) and the discussion at the earlier WOMT Meeting. DWR noted that on Monday it decided to reduce Banks pumping by about 1,000 cfs from that anticipate for Tuesday based on the higher than expected smelt salvage at Banks over the weekend.

Current pumping at Banks is about 6,100 daily average cfs. In addition, DWR decided Monday to conduct all its pumping during the daytime since the review of the most recent data indicates that the majority of Delta smelt salvage at Banks is taking place at night. USBR reported that they were pumping 5 units at their Jones Pumping plant (about 4,300 cfs average cfs). Ron Mulligan estimated that to achieve the DSWG recommendation would require a cut of about half the current pumping levels at the CVP and SWP. As of 5:00 the salvage numbers for Delta Smelt at Banks were 7 including 2 from the flushing operation. CVP smelt Salvage was 0 so far for the day.

Given change in operation at Banks, the low salvage at Banks today and the expected rising temperatures, the Directors decided to closely monitor the salvage at Banks today and tomorrow. They decided that if Banks Delta smelt salvage goes above a daily total of 100 fish (expanded) that they will reconvene and consider further reductions in pumping to reduce salvage. DWR and USBR will maintain their current operations through Thursday unless modified by the Directors. WOMT agency representatives will meet on Friday to discuss the conditions and consider operations for the weekend. The Directors will meet if necessary.

Smelt salvage was subsequently reported through the day to the Directors on July 4<sup>th</sup>. The Delta Smelt salvage numbers for July 3 and 4<sup>th</sup> were 0 at the CVP for both days and 13 and 18 for the SWP for these days.

Temperatures at the 3 stations in the Delta are also on the rise. Wednesday, July 04: Six hottest Hours = 24.7 C