

WOMT Summary for June 1, 2010

The WOMT Agencies met and discussed the following:

The SWG was unable to reach consensus for this week. A recommendation of -2000 cfs OMR is based upon providing a short-term proactive action during the current neap tidal cycle, affording juvenile delta smelt the opportunity to move downstream during this outflow period, which continues for the next few days (see notes from 5/28/2010). A recommendation of -5000 cfs OMR is based upon the absence of salvage since May 21 and the latest survey data, indicating that the overall risk of entrainment is currently low (see notes from 5/24/2010).

FWS has determined that OMR flows be no more negative than -5,000 cfs on a 14-day average (no more negative than -6,250 cfs on a 5-day average), as allowed under the RPA. The juvenile protective phase of the biological opinion (RPA Component 2; Action 3 in Attachment B) is in effect. This action will continue until June 30 or when the daily water temperature at Clifton Court Forebay reaches 25 degree Celsius for three consecutive days, whichever occurs earlier.

DFG did not make any OMR flow recommendation regarding the Longfin Smelt.

Because the implementation of some RPA actions in the NMFS Opinion was enjoined by a federal court ruling, DOSS provided no advice to NMFS or WOMT this week. NMFS expects that the projects will continue to operate in conformance with the NMFS Opinion, except for the specifically enjoined RPA components.