

## **WOMT Summary for Feb 28, 2012**

The WOMT met and discussed the following:

The DOSS advice today is for the projects to manage OMR flows to no more negative than -3,500 cfs until March 3 as a result of the first stage trigger being met on February 27. However, February 28 is the last day of the 5 consecutive days in the action response for the second stage OMR trigger. Therefore, DOSS advice is for the projects to manage OMR flows to no more negative than -2,500 cfs through February 28. If loss density for older juvenile Chinook salmon continues to exceed 5.0 fish/taf on February 28 (which will be reported on February 29), Projects will continue to operate to the more restrictive -2,500 OMR criterion until March 4.

NMFS accepts the advice from DOSS and determines that the DOSS advice is consistent with the intended implementation of Action IV.2.3 and sufficiently protective of listed species present in the Delta at this time.

The Smelt Working Group will continue to monitor smelt salvage, adult and larval smelt survey data and Delta hydrological conditions. The Working Group agreed that given their present distribution, low levels of salvage, and current Delta conditions, risk of entrainment of delta smelt remains low and therefore, the Working Group recommends that no change in operations is necessary to adequately protect delta smelt from entrainment. The Working Group also agreed that given their present distribution, existing constraining conditions was sufficient to protect longfin smelt.

Currently as of 2/28, the FWS and DFG deem that no additional actions are needed for protection of delta and longfin smelt.