

WOMT Summary for May 1, 2012

WOMT met and discussed the following:

The Smelt Working Group agreed that given their present distribution, current salvage, and 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. The Working Group will continue to monitor smelt salvage, adult and larval smelt survey data, and delta hydrological conditions and will reconvene May 7, 2012, at 10 am.

Currently as of May 1, 2012, the FWS and DFG deem that no additional actions are needed for protection of delta and longfin smelt.

An OMR technical committee meeting was scheduled for after this morning's DOSS call. A special DOSS call will be held on May 2, 2012, at 9:00 a.m. to discuss the recommendations from today's OMR technical committee meeting. Therefore, DOSS agrees to defer providing advice to WOMT and NMFS until after the meeting of the reconvened OMR technical committee. Instead, DOSS relayed to WOMT and NMFS the various proposals it discussed to adjust the Railroad Cut trigger or action response (see: final DOSS notes at http://swr.nmfs.noaa.gov/ocap/doss/Final_DOSS_notes_050112.pdf; and enclosure 1 of http://swr.nmfs.noaa.gov/ocap/doss/4MAY2012_%20Cover_letter--NMFS_determination.pdf for details) and would consider any proposals from the reconvened OMR technical committee. DOSS' advice of the OMR treatment level for the May 1–May 15 experimental period target remains at -5,000 cfs, or as negative an OMR level as is feasible given all other regulatory constraints, including D-1641.

WOMT will reconvene a special follow-up meeting on May 2, 2012, to discuss the proposed adjustments to the Railroad Cut trigger.