**Weekly Fish and Water Operations Outlook 11/02/2021 – 11/08/2021**

A weather system on Monday brings light to moderate rainfall to Valley floor; larger amounts in mountains are likely. Another weather system moves in Thursday, with projected light precipitation amounts.

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| **Tributary/ Division** | **Anticipated Weekly Ranges** | **Related Environmental and Fish Conditions** |
| Clear Creek | * Current Release: 200 cfs * Anticipated Weekly Range of Releases to Clear Creek: 200 cfs | * Spring-run Chinook Salmon eggs are incubating, hatching, and fry are present * Adult fall-run Chinook Salmon spawning and eggs in the gravel * O. mykiss and steelhead adults present, their migrations are ongoing * Late-fall run Chinook Salmon not present, will be arriving in the coming months   (*updated 10/29/2021*) |
| Sacramento River | * Shasta Storage: 1002 TAF * Current Release: 4,600 cfs * Anticipated Weekly Range of   Releases to Sacramento River: 4,600 to 3,700 cfs | * Winter-run Chinook Salmon juveniles present * Adult spring-run Chinook Salmon eggs in gravel * Fall-run Chinook Salmon spawning, eggs and alevin in gravel, and some holding and waiting to spawn in November * Late fall-run Chinook Salmon holding * Green Sturgeon adults and juvenile present * Adult steelhead present   (*updated 10/28/21*) |
| Feather River | * Oroville Storage: 980 TAF * Current Release: 1,250 cfs * Anticipated Weekly Range of Releases to Feather River: 1,250 to 950 cfs * Daily temperature targets: 51°F (±4°F) at Fish Hatchery | * Fall-run Chinook Salmon spawning, eggs and alevin in gravel, and some holding and waiting to spawn in November. * Juvenile and Adult steelhead present * Adult spring-run Chinook Salmon eggs in gravel.   (*updated 11/1/21*) |
| American River | * Folsom Storage: 316 TAF * Current Release: 550 cfs * Anticipated Weekly Range of Releases to American River: 550 cfs | * Fall-run Chinook Salmon holding and spawning. Eggs are in gravel. * Juvenile and adult steelhead expected to be present.   *(updated 10/21/21)* |
| Stanislaus River | * New Melones Storage: 828 TAF * Current Release: 450 cfs * Anticipated Range of Weekly Releases to Stanislaus River: 700 to 200 cfs | * Juvenile and adult *O. mykiss* expected to be present * Adult fall-run Chinook Salmon present * Adult Chinook Salmon spawning observed   (*updated 10/20/2021*) |
| Delta | * Freeport: 7,000 to 20,000 cfs * Vernalis: 200 to 1,500 cfs * Delta Outflow index: 2,000 to 12,000 cfs * Combined Exports: 2,700 to 10,880 cfs * JPP: 4,200 cfs to 2,700 cfs * CCF: 6,680 cfs to 0 cfs * Expected OMR Index Values: -4,000 to -11,000 cfs * DCC Gates: Closed 10/25. Fish catch indices controlling operations. | * Juvenile winter-run Chinook Salmon 85-90% yet to enter Delta, 10-15% in Delta, 0% exited Delta past Chipps Island * YOY spring-run Chinook Salmon: 99-100% yet to enter Delta, 0-1% in Delta, 0% exited past Chipps Island * Juvenile Steelhead: 95-99% yet to enter Delta, 1-5% in Delta, 0% exited Delta past Chipps Island * Adult fall-run Chinook Salmon entering Delta and migrating upstream towards spawning grounds * Adult steelhead present * Adult and juvenile Green Sturgeon present * Juvenile Delta Smelt expected to be present in the Deep Water Ship Channel. * Longfin Smelt adults unlikely to be in the Delta. Juveniles present in Suisun Marsh, San Pablo and Central Bay.   (*updated 11/02/2021*) |

Table 2a-b: WY 2022 relevant Fish and Environmental Criteria and Status in 2019 Reclamation LTO Action Cumulative loss for the duration of 2019 Biological Opinion began upon signature of ROD, 2/19/2020.

Table 2a: WY 2022 Salmonid Current Loss and Delta Smelt Abiotic Conditions. Additional Real-Time OMR Restrictions and Performance Objectives (4.10.5.10.2) and Onset of OMR Management (4.10.5.10.1).

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| **Species/run** | **Threshold** | **Current Status** | **Weekly Trend** | **Updated** |
| Green sturgeon | WY 2022 salvage = 74 | WY 2022 salvage = 0 (0%) | No change expected | 10/31/2021 |
| Natural winter-run Chinook Salmon | WY 2022 loss = TBD \* | WY 2022 loss = 0 | Possible but unlikely | 10/31/2021 |
| Natural Steelhead  \*\* | Dec 1 – Mar 31 = 707 (50% of 1,414) Apr 1 – June 15 = 776 (50% of 1,552) | Dec 1 – Mar 31 = 0 (0%)  Apr 1 – June 15 = 0 (0%) | Possible | 10/31/2021 |
| Delta Smelt | After Dec. 1:  Running 3-day avg. flows at Freeport >25,000 cfs  Running 3-day avg. turbidity at Freeport =>50 FNU | Freeport 3-day avg.  Flow = 16871  Turbidity = 16.20 | Not applicable until Dec. 1 | 11/2/2021 |

\* TBD – no draft JPE produced, ITL and performance thresholds are TBD currently

\*\* A steelhead was observed at the CVP on 10/30/21 (loss = 2.72). This was outside the OMR management regulatory window, so it is not included in the tables above but is noted here and accounted for in the cumulative loss under the BiOp.

# Table 2b. 10-Year Salmonid Cumulative Loss

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| **Species/run** | **Threshold** | **Current Status** | **Updated** |
| Natural winter-run Chinook salmon | Loss = 8,738 | Cumulative loss = 204.9 (2.3%) | 10/31/2021 |
| Hatchery winter-run Chinook salmon | Loss = 5,356 | Cumulative loss = 0 (0%) | 10/31/2021 |
| Natural steelhead | Loss = 6,038 (Dec 1 – Mar 31) Loss = 5,826 (Apr 1 – June 15) | Cumulative loss =  443.19 (7.3%, Dec 1 – Mar 31)  374.8 (6.4%, Apr 1 – June 15) | 10/31/2021 |

Table 3a-d: Relevant Water Year 2022 Fish Criteria and Status for Listed Fish under the SWP Long-Term Incidental Take Permit.

Table 3a: Chinook Salmon

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| Action | Timeframe |  | Threshold(s) |  | **Weekly Trend** | **Last Updated** | **Comments** |
| OMR Mgmt.  triggered (8.3.2) | Jan. 1 - Jun. 30  *(when ≥ 5% of spring-run or winter- run in*  *Delta)* | Not in effect | - 5% of the  Winter-run or Spring-run population in  Delta | NA | NA | **10/4/21** |  |
| Winter-run yearly loss  (8.6.1) | Nov. 1 - Jun. 30 | In effect  (Based on JPE  Value) | TBD (Based on JPE guidance) | Current yearly WR loss (natural) = 0;  Current yearly WR loss (hatchery) = 0 | No change expected | **11/1/21** | No relevant hatchery group has been released yet. |
| Winter-run discrete daily loss (8.6.2) | Nov. 1 - Dec. 31 | In effect | 11/1-11/30: loss of 6/day unclipped older juv. Winter-run  12/1-12/31: loss of 26/day unclipped older juv. Winter-run | max single daily loss from previous week = 0.00 fish (no WR observed yet) | No change expected | **11/1/21** |  |
| Spring-run surrogate protection  (8.6.4) | Feb. 1 - Jun. 30 | Not in effect: | TBD (based on the number of fish released) | NA |  | **11/1/21** |  |
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Table 3b: Delta Smelt

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| Action | Timeframe | Current Action Status | Threshold(s) | **Current Relevant Data** | **Weekly Trend** | **Last Updated** | **Comments** |
| Integrated Early Winter Pulse Protection ('First Flush') (8.3.1) | Dec. 1 - Jan. 31 | Not in effect | * three-day Freeport daily flow running avg >= 25,000 AND   [three-day Freeport turbidity running avg >=50 NTU OR Smelt Monitoring Team recommendation] | **N.A.** | **N.A.** | **N.A.** | **N.A.** |
| Turbidity Bridge Avoidance (8.5.1) | Dec. 15 -  Apr. 1 | Not in effect | Occurs after the Integrated Early Winter Pulse protection or February 1 (whichever until April 1)comes first  - avg. OBI turbidity > 12 NTU | **N.A.** | **N.A.** | **N.A.** | **N.A.** |
| Larval and/Juvenile Delta smelt Protection (8.5.2) | ongoing | In effect | * 5-day cum. salvage of juv. DS >= 1.67 [average 3-yr FMWT index + 1] OR,   3-day cum. salvage of juv. DS >11 | **current 5-day salvage = 0** | **no change expected** | **11/2/2021** | **Based on salvage data from 11/29/20** |

Table 3c: Longfin Smelt

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| Action | Timeframe | Current Action Status | Threshold(s) | **Current Relevant Data** | **Weekly Trend** | **Last Updated** | **Comments** |
| Early Adult Protection (8.3.3) | Dec. 1 - Feb. 28 | Not in effect | * Cum. salvage > [most recent FMWT/10] = 1.2 fish OR * Smelt Monitoring Team determines high likelihood of LFS movement into high-risk areas | **N.A.** | **N.A.** | **N.A.** | **N.A.** |
| OMR Mgt. for Adults (8.4.1) | Dec. 1 -Feb. 28 | Not in effect | - Smelt Monitoring Team recommendation | **N.A.** | **N.A.** | **N.A.** | **N.A.** |
| Larval and Juvenile longfin smelt Entrainment Protection (8.4.2) | Jan 1 – Jun 30 | Not in effect | - LFS larvae or juveniles in >=4 SLS or 20 mm stations in central and south Delta, OR  - LFS catch/tow >5 larvae or juveniles in >=2 stations | **N.A.** | **N.A.** | **N.A.** | **N.A.** |
| High Flow OMR Off-Ramp for longfin smelt (8.4.3) | Based on the status of 8.3.3, 8.4.1, & 8.4.2 | Not in effect | * Sac. R. at Rio Vista >55,000, OR   SJR at Vernalis >8,000 | **Rio Vista = 5,000 to 7,000 cfs**  **SJ = 800 to 1,000 cfs** |  |  |  |

Table 3d: OMR

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| Action | Timeframe | Current  Action  Status | Threshold(s) | **Current**  **Relevant**  **Data** | **Weekly Trend** | **Last**  **Updated** | **Comments** |
| OMR  Mgmt.  Offramp  (8.3.2) | Jun. 1 – Jun. 30 | Not in effect | * >95% of the Winter-run and Springrun populations have   migrated past Chipps Island AND     * Current daily average water temperature at Mossdale   exceeds22.2°C for 7 nonconsecutive days in June  AND     * Current daily average water temperature at Prisoners Point exceeds 22.2°C for 7 non-consecutive days in June.      * Current daily mean water temperature at CCF is greater than 25°C for three consecutive days | N/A |  | **10/4/21** |  |

Table 4. Fish monitoring gear efficiency and disruptions.

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| **Monitoring Survey** | **Notes (as of 11/02/2021)** | **Status \*** |
| **Delta** |  |  |
| SWP regular counts, CWT reading, and larval sampling | Active (anticipating disruptions from 11/4-11/5) | 2 |
| CVP regular counts, CWT reading, and larval sampling | Active (No disruptions) | 1 |
| Smelt Larval Survey | Not Active | 4 |
| 20mm Survey | Not Active | 4 |
| Spring Kodiak Trawl | Not Active | 4 |
| Fall Mid-water Trawl | Active (No disruptions) | 1 |
| Summer Townet Survey | Not Active | 4 |
| Bay Study | Active (No disruptions) | 1 |
| DJFMP- Chipps and Sacramento  Trawls | Active (No disruptions) | 1 |
| DJFMP- Seines | Active with one disruption: not sampling San Joaquin Seines (due to low water) | 2 |
| EDSM | Active (missed one day last week due to boat issues) | 1 |
| EMP | ? | ? |
| Mossdale | Interrupted last week (due to low water and vessel issues) should restart this week | 2 |
| USGS Flow monitoring | Active (No disruptions) | 1 |
| **Sacramento River** |  |  |
| Red Bluff Diversion Dam screw trap | Active (No disruptions) | 1 |
| Knights Landing screw trap | Active (from 10/25-10/27) | 1 |
| Tisdale screw trap | Active | 1 |
| GCID screw trap | Active (interrupted 10/22-10/27) | 1 |
| Redd dewatering and stranding surveys | Not Active | 4 |
| Sacramento Carcass and Redd Surveys | Active | 1 |
| **Feather River** |  |  |
| Feather River screw trap | Not Active (anticipate starting mid to late November 2021) | 4 |
| **San Joaquin River** |  |  |
| SJRRP CDFW Field Monitoring | Active (No disruptions) | 1 |
| SJRRP USFWS and USBR Field  Monitoring | Active (No disruptions) | 1 |
| Stanislaus Fish Weir | Active (No disruptions) | 1 |

\* Status: Weekly categories include:

1. Active (ongoing sampling)
2. Partial Interruption (some sampling interruptions)
3. Interrupted (sampling fully suspended)
4. Not Active (sampling not scheduled)