ENHANCED ACOUSTIC TAGGING, ANALYSIS, AND REAL-TIME MONITORING OF WILD AND HATCHERY SALMONIDS IN THE SACRAMENTO RIVER VALLEY

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# Introduction

This report summarizes the fieldwork, data collection, and analysis performed by UC Santa Cruz (UCSC) between October 1 and March 31, 2024, as part of the Cooperative Agreement R21AC10455 between the US Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) and UCSC. This is the fourth semi-annual report for the Cooperative Agreement R21AC10455, extending from April 1, 2021 to September 30, 2026. This semi-annual report outlines deliverables for the six tasks described by the agreement.

# Task 1. Deploy real-time array of JSATS receivers

There were 37 real-time receivers deployed and/or retrieved during this quarter (Table 1). All acoustic receivers stationed in the Lower Sacramento River (4), Stanislaus River (1), and Carquinez Straight (32) were retrieved and deployed by UCSC.

All real-time receivers shown in Table 1 were operational during this quarter, except for temporary receiver outages due to SD card failure, modem disconnect. Site visits were conducted at all locations for quarterly data downloads, maintenance, and SD card swaps. Maintenance for the instruments included updating firmware, replacing two receivers at Meridian Bridge and Benicia, installing new beacon tags and a new hydrophone.

A detailed spreadsheet of all real-time receiver deployments can be found here: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1oBfEO3cIdP9PJaLxyN9kJ2yYpufTfGIIDvBtVnU8muo/edit#gid=79918077>

Table 1. Location of real-time JSATS receivers deployed during this report period with the date first operational in real-time

| **Region** | **GPSname** | **Lat** | **Lon** | **rkm** | **RecMake** | **SN** | **StartTime** | **EndTime** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Lower Sac R | MeridianBr\_RT1 | 39.14556 | -121.9182 | 290.848 | ATS SR3017 | 17134 | 2023-06-27 09:59:30 | 2023-12-08 10:08:00 |
| Lower Sac R | MeridianBr\_RT2 | 39.14557 | -121.9183 | 290.858 | ATS SR3017 | 21151 | 2023-06-27 10:01:00 | 2023-12-08 10:06:00 |
| Carquinez Strait | Benicia01 | 38.04494 | -122.1269 | 52.041 | ATS SR3017 | 17130 | 2023-09-28 13:15:00 | 2024-02-05 11:49:00 |
| Carquinez Strait | Benicia02 | 38.04377 | -122.1260 | 52.042 | ATS SR3017 | 18008 | 2023-09-28 12:35:00 | 2024-02-05 11:58:00 |
| Carquinez Strait | Benicia03 | 38.04243 | -122.1250 | 52.043 | ATS SR3017 | 17145 | 2023-09-28 12:22:00 | 2024-02-05 12:06:00 |
| Carquinez Strait | Benicia04 | 38.04123 | -122.1238 | 52.044 | ATS SR3017 | 17147 | 2023-09-28 12:13:00 | 2024-02-05 12:14:00 |
| Carquinez Strait | Benicia05 | 38.03994 | -122.1230 | 52.045 | ATS SR3017 | 20046 | 2023-09-28 12:05:00 | 2024-02-05 12:21:00 |
| Carquinez Strait | Benicia06 | 38.03896 | -122.1219 | 52.046 | ATS SR3017 | 17148 | 2023-09-28 11:55:00 | 2024-02-05 12:28:00 |
| Carquinez Strait | Benicia07 | 38.03762 | -122.1211 | 52.047 | ATS SR3017 | 17143 | 2023-09-28 11:44:00 | 2024-02-05 12:38:00 |
| Carquinez Strait | Benicia08 | 38.03645 | -122.1201 | 52.048 | ATS SR3017 | 17146 | 2023-09-28 11:36:00 | 2024-02-05 12:48:00 |
| Carquinez Strait | Benicia09 | 38.04748 | -122.1254 | 52.236 | ATS SR3017 | 18001 | 2023-09-28 09:50:00 | 2024-02-05 13:47:00 |
| Carquinez Strait | Benicia10 | 38.04682 | -122.1248 | 52.237 | ATS SR3017 | 21154 | 2023-09-28 10:09:00 | 2024-02-05 13:39:00 |
| Carquinez Strait | Benicia11 | 38.04529 | -122.1242 | 52.238 | ATS SR3017 | 17135 | 2023-09-28 10:18:00 | 2024-02-05 13:32:00 |
| Carquinez Strait | Benicia12 | 38.04337 | -122.1234 | 52.239 | ATS SR3017 | 22143 | 2023-09-28 10:49:00 | 2024-02-05 13:23:00 |
| Carquinez Strait | Benicia13 | 38.04241 | -122.1220 | 52.240 | ATS SR3017 | 17127 | 2023-09-28 10:58:00 | 2024-02-05 13:17:00 |
| Carquinez Strait | Benicia14 | 38.04165 | -122.1211 | 52.241 | ATS SR3017 | 17125 | 2023-09-28 11:11:00 | 2024-02-05 13:10:00 |
| Carquinez Strait | Benicia15 | 38.04016 | -122.1200 | 52.242 | ATS SR3017 | 17141 | 2023-09-28 11:18:00 | 2024-02-05 13:02:00 |
| Carquinez Strait | Benicia16 | 38.03872 | -122.1193 | 52.243 | ATS SR3017 | 21150 | 2023-09-28 11:26:00 | 2024-02-05 12:55:00 |
| Stanislaus R | ValleyOak\_RT | 37.78558 | -120.8012 | 262.320 | ATS SR3017 | 17133 | 2023-10-25 11:56:00 |  |
| Lower Sac R | MeridianBr\_RT1 | 39.14556 | -121.9182 | 290.848 | ATS SR3017 | 17134 | 2023-12-08 10:08:00 |  |
| Lower Sac R | MeridianBr\_RT2 | 39.14557 | -121.9183 | 290.858 | ATS SR3017 | 22123 | 2023-12-08 10:15:00 |  |
| Carquinez Strait | Benicia01 | 38.04494 | -122.1269 | 52.041 | ATS SR3017 | 17130 | 2024-02-05 11:50:00 |  |
| Carquinez Strait | Benicia02 | 38.04377 | -122.1260 | 52.042 | ATS SR3017 | 18008 | 2024-02-05 11:58:00 |  |
| Carquinez Strait | Benicia03 | 38.04243 | -122.1250 | 52.043 | ATS SR3017 | 17145 | 2024-02-05 12:06:00 |  |
| Carquinez Strait | Benicia04 | 38.04123 | -122.1238 | 52.044 | ATS SR3017 | 17147 | 2024-02-05 12:14:00 |  |
| Carquinez Strait | Benicia05 | 38.03994 | -122.1230 | 52.045 | ATS SR3017 | 20046 | 2024-02-05 12:21:00 |  |
| Carquinez Strait | Benicia06 | 38.03896 | -122.1219 | 52.046 | ATS SR3017 | 17148 | 2024-02-05 12:28:00 |  |
| Carquinez Strait | Benicia07 | 38.03762 | -122.1211 | 52.047 | ATS SR3017 | 17143 | 2024-02-05 12:38:00 |  |
| Carquinez Strait | Benicia08 | 38.03645 | -122.1201 | 52.048 | ATS SR3017 | 17146 | 2024-02-05 12:48:00 |  |
| Carquinez Strait | Benicia09 | 38.04748 | -122.1254 | 52.236 | ATS SR3017 | 18001 | 2024-02-05 13:47:00 |  |
| Carquinez Strait | Benicia10 | 38.04682 | -122.1248 | 52.237 | ATS SR3017 | 21154 | 2024-02-05 13:39:00 |  |
| Carquinez Strait | Benicia11 | 38.04529 | -122.1242 | 52.238 | ATS SR3017 | 17135 | 2024-02-05 13:32:00 |  |
| Carquinez Strait | Benicia12 | 38.04337 | -122.1234 | 52.239 | ATS SR3017 | 22143 | 2024-02-05 13:23:00 |  |
| Carquinez Strait | Benicia13 | 38.04241 | -122.1220 | 52.240 | ATS SR3017 | 17127 | 2024-02-05 13:17:00 |  |
| Carquinez Strait | Benicia14 | 38.04165 | -122.1211 | 52.241 | ATS SR3017 | 17125 | 2024-02-05 13:09:00 |  |
| Carquinez Strait | Benicia15 | 38.04016 | -122.1200 | 52.242 | ATS SR3017 | 17141 | 2024-02-05 13:02:00 |  |
| Carquinez Strait | Benicia16 | 38.03872 | -122.1193 | 52.243 | ATS SR3017 | 21150 | 2024-02-05 12:55:00 |  |

Deliverables 1-4 were met by posting data relating to survival and movement to the website: <https://oceanview.pfeg.noaa.gov/CalFishTrack>

## Deliverables

1. Web-accessible reporting status of real-time receivers
2. Real-time data available through ERDDAP data server, updated daily
3. Web-accessible real-time receiver data available in open data format
4. Web-accessible summary database of deployment of receivers
5. Data quality assurance of no more than 3 days of downtime before a site visit to reestablish real-time operations
6. Provide a semi-annual compiled raw data file for each real-time receiver along with deployment metadata to Arnold Ammann (NMFS)

# Task 2. Deploy autonomous array of JSATS and Vemco receivers

## Autonomous Receiver Deployment

There were 49 autonomous receivers retrieved and/or deployed during this report period (Table 2). All acoustic receivers stationed in the Sacramento River, Delta, and Golden Gate were retrieved and deployed by UCSC. These locations include the McCloud River (16), Butte Creek (1), the Sutter Bypass (5), the lower Sacramento River (16), the Stanislaus River (1), and Golden Gate (10).

Table 2. Autonomous JSATS receivers deployed and retrieved during this report period

| **Region** | **GPSname** | **Lat** | **Lon** | **rkm** | **RecMake** | **SN** | **StartTime** | **EndTime** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Stanislaus R | CAS\_DS1 | 37.69255 | -121.2014 | 198.370 | Lotek 4350L | 2000377 | 2023-03-09 09:48:00 | 2023-10-10 10:30:00 |
| McCloud R | JSCS\_DS\_1 | 40.93346 | -122.2489 | 576.310 | Lotek 4350L | 2000376 | 2023-09-26 10:59:00 | 2023-10-19 11:51:00 |
| McCloud R | JSCS\_DS\_2 | 40.93329 | -122.2487 | 576.320 | Lotek 4350L | 2000086 | 2023-09-26 11:14:00 | 2023-10-19 11:32:00 |
| McCloud R | JSCS\_DS\_3 | 40.93293 | -122.2493 | 576.330 | Lotek 4350L | 2000375 | 2023-09-26 11:34:00 | 2023-10-19 11:35:00 |
| McCloud R | JSCS\_DS\_4 | 40.93270 | -122.2497 | 576.340 | Lotek 4350L | 2000368 | 2023-09-26 11:45:00 | 2023-10-19 11:40:00 |
| McCloud R | JSCS\_DS\_5 | 40.93259 | -122.2494 | 576.350 | Lotek 4350L | 2000083 | 2023-09-26 11:53:00 | 2023-10-19 11:38:00 |
| McCloud R | JSCS\_US\_1 | 40.93365 | -122.2487 | 576.400 | Lotek 4350L | 2000360 | 2023-09-26 12:17:00 | 2023-11-09 09:00:00 |
| McCloud R | JSCS\_US\_2 | 40.93347 | -122.2484 | 576.500 | Lotek 4350L | 2000373 | 2023-09-26 12:25:00 | 2023-11-09 09:00:00 |
| McCloud R | JSCS\_US\_3 | 40.93392 | -122.2481 | 576.600 | Lotek 4350L | 2000081 | 2023-09-26 12:36:00 | 2023-11-09 09:00:00 |
| McCloud R | JSCS\_US\_4 | 40.93410 | -122.2478 | 576.700 | Lotek 4350L | 2000359 | 2023-09-26 13:10:00 | 2023-11-09 09:00:00 |
| McCloud R | JSCS\_US\_5 | 40.93423 | -122.2480 | 576.800 | Lotek 4350L | 2000369 | 2023-09-26 13:18:00 | 2023-11-09 09:00:00 |
| McCloud R | Temp\_Curt\_DS\_1 | 40.91436 | -122.2396 | 573.610 | Lotek 4350L | 2000363 | 2023-09-26 16:53:00 | 2023-12-07 09:00:00 |
| McCloud R | Temp\_Curt\_DS\_2 | 40.91473 | -122.2394 | 573.620 | Lotek 4350L | 2000365 | 2023-09-26 16:54:00 | 2023-12-07 09:00:00 |
| McCloud R | Temp\_Curt\_US\_1 | 40.92203 | -122.2455 | 574.610 | Lotek 4350L | 2000374 | 2023-09-26 16:45:00 | 2023-12-07 09:00:00 |
| McCloud R | Temp\_Curt\_US\_2 | 40.92206 | -122.2460 | 574.620 | Lotek 4350L | 2000371 | 2023-09-26 16:48:00 | 2023-12-07 09:00:00 |
| McCloud R | Lwr\_McCloud\_1 | 40.93901 | -122.2459 | 577.100 | Lotek 4350L | 2000366 | 2023-09-27 08:44:00 | 2023-11-09 09:00:00 |
| McCloud R | Lwr\_McCloud\_2 | 40.93895 | -122.2459 | 577.200 | Lotek 4350L | 2000361 | 2023-09-27 08:58:00 | 2023-11-09 09:00:00 |
| Lower Sac R | Abv\_Fremont1 | 38.76009 | -121.6714 | 215.180 | Lotek WHS 4350L | 2000086 | 2023-12-07 12:08:00 |  |
| Lower Sac R | Abv\_Fremont2 | 38.75940 | -121.6716 | 215.179 | ATS V3.1 | 15010 | 2023-12-07 12:03:00 |  |
| Lower Sac R | Blw\_Fremont1 | 38.77015 | -121.6322 | 210.360 | Lotek WHS 4350L | 2000375 | 2023-12-07 11:46:00 |  |
| Lower Sac R | Blw\_Fremont2 | 38.77268 | -121.6320 | 210.359 | ATS V3.1 | 13036 | 2023-12-07 11:37:00 |  |
| Lower Sac R | BlwChinaBend2 | 38.88246 | -121.8177 | 240.619 | Lotek WHS 4350L | 2000372 | 2023-12-07 14:07:00 |  |
| Lower Sac R | BlwChinaBend3 | 38.88089 | -121.8178 | 240.617 | ATS 3.1 | 16001 | 2023-12-07 13:59:00 |  |
| Lower Sac R | FRConf1 | 38.77409 | -121.6004 | 203.468 | ATS V3.1 | 13034 | 2023-12-07 11:11:00 |  |
| Lower Sac R | FRConf3 | 38.77573 | -121.6018 | 203.470 | Lotek WHS 4350L | 2000378 | 2023-12-07 11:18:00 |  |
| Lower Sac R | Knights\_RST1 | 38.79248 | -121.6909 | 222.050 | ATS V3.1 | 13054 | 2023-12-07 13:05:00 |  |
| Lower Sac R | Knights\_RST2 | 38.79368 | -121.6907 | 222.051 | Lotek WHS 4350L | 2000370 | 2023-12-07 13:10:00 |  |
| Lower Sac R | KnightsBlwRST1 | 38.78877 | -121.6940 | 221.580 | Lotek WHS 4350L | 2000368 | 2023-12-07 12:48:00 |  |
| Lower Sac R | KnightsBlwRST2 | 38.78787 | -121.6937 | 221.570 | ATS V3.1 | 13030 | 2023-12-07 12:43:00 |  |
| Lower Sac R | AbvTisdale3 | 39.03640 | -121.8292 | 269.236 | ATS V3.1 | 13008 | 2023-12-08 08:50:00 |  |
| Lower Sac R | AbvTisdale4 | 39.03610 | -121.8290 | 269.238 | Lotek WHS 4350L | 2000359 | 2023-12-08 08:55:00 |  |
| Lower Sac R | BlwTisdale2 | 39.01862 | -121.8212 | 261.406 | ATS V3.1 | 13072 | 2023-12-08 08:17:00 |  |
| Lower Sac R | BlwTisdale3 | 39.01736 | -121.8234 | 261.407 | Lotek WHS 4350L | 2000377 | 2023-12-08 08:38:00 |  |
| SF Bay | GG2.1 | 37.82606 | -122.4694 | 0.804 | ATS V3.0 | 15045 | 2023-12-13 14:23:00 |  |
| SF Bay | GG3.1 | 37.82215 | -122.4662 | 0.806 | ATS V3.0 | 15012 | 2023-12-13 14:27:00 |  |
| SF Bay | GG4 | 37.81615 | -122.4680 | 0.808 | ATS V3.0 | 15001 | 2023-12-13 14:42:00 |  |
| SF Bay | GG7.5 | 37.82542 | -122.4599 | 1.715 | ATS V3.0 | 15025 | 2023-12-13 14:33:00 |  |
| SF Bay | GG8 | 37.81856 | -122.4576 | 1.717 | ATS V3.0 | 15016 | 2023-12-13 14:38:00 |  |
| SF Bay | GG1 | 37.82898 | -122.4741 | 0.801 | ATS V3.0 | 15043 | 2023-12-14 09:23:00 |  |
| SF Bay | GG5.1 | 37.81129 | -122.4667 | 0.810 | ATS V3.0 | 15015 | 2023-12-14 09:17:00 |  |
| SF Bay | GG6 | 37.83390 | -122.4680 | 1.711 | ATS V3.1 | 16014 | 2023-12-14 09:01:00 |  |
| SF Bay | GG7 | 37.83025 | -122.4638 | 1.713 | ATS V3.1 | 13017 | 2023-12-14 09:05:00 |  |
| SF Bay | GG9 | 37.81305 | -122.4560 | 1.719 | ATS V3.0 | 15007 | 2023-12-14 09:12:00 |  |
| Sutter Bypass | SB\_East\_US | 39.12862 | -121.7956 | 253.910 | Lotek WHS 4350L | 2000224 | 2024-01-29 13:27:00 |  |
| Sutter Bypass | Sutter\_Bypass\_113\_EastCanal1 | 38.96592 | -121.6721 | 231.230 | Lotek WHS 4350L | 2000257 | 2024-01-29 13:20:00 |  |
| Sutter Bypass | Sutter\_Bypass\_113\_WestCanal1 | 38.95127 | -121.6727 | 229.640 | Lotek WHS 4350L | 2000008 | 2024-01-29 13:08:00 |  |
| Sutter Bypass | Sutter\_Bypass\_Karnak\_DosRios\_Bridge\_down | 38.78462 | -121.6531 | 208.990 | Lotek WHS 4350L | 2000005 | 2024-01-29 12:55:00 |  |
| Butte Creek | UpperButte3 | 39.18760 | -121.9090 | 267.216 | Lotek WHS 4350L | 2000078 | 2024-01-29 13:42:00 |  |
| Sutter Bypass | UpperButte4 | 39.12765 | -121.8165 | 253.917 | Lotek WHS 4350L | 2000221 | 2024-01-29 13:38:00 |  |

## Vemco Receiver Deployment

UCSC deployed or retrieved 12 Vemco receivers between 2023-10-01 and 2024-03-31 (Table 3). All Golden Gate receivers were acoustic release style. These receivers are used to anchor JSATS receivers, but also serve a double purpose as a hydrophone for Vemco tags.

Table 3. Vemco receivers active, deployed, or retrieved during this report period

| **GPSname** | **Lat** | **Lon** | **rkm** | **VemcoSN** | **StartTime** | **EndTime** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| AbvTisdale2 | 39.03640 | -121.8292 | 269.238 | 108505 | 2023-12-08 09:00:00 |  |
| AbvTisdale3 | 39.03640 | -121.8292 | 269.238 | 106789 | 2023-12-08 09:13:00 |  |
| GG2.1 | 37.82126 | -122.4692 | 0.800 | 552213 | 2023-12-13 14:23:00 |  |
| GG3.1 | 37.82126 | -122.4692 | 0.800 | 552215 | 2023-12-13 14:27:00 |  |
| GG4 | 37.82126 | -122.4692 | 0.800 | 552208 | 2023-12-13 14:42:00 |  |
| GG7.5 | 37.82794 | -122.4617 | 1.710 | 546976 | 2023-12-13 14:33:00 |  |
| GG8 | 37.82794 | -122.4617 | 1.710 | 551244 | 2023-12-13 14:38:00 |  |
| GG1 | 37.82126 | -122.4692 | 0.800 | 547650 | 2023-12-14 09:23:00 |  |
| GG5.1 | 37.82126 | -122.4692 | 0.800 | 552209 | 2023-12-14 09:17:00 |  |
| GG6 | 37.82794 | -122.4617 | 1.710 | 551251 | 2023-12-14 09:01:00 |  |
| GG7 | 37.82794 | -122.4617 | 1.710 | 551248 | 2023-12-14 09:05:00 |  |
| GG9 | 37.82794 | -122.4617 | 1.710 | 551252 | 2023-12-14 09:12:00 |  |

## Deliverables:

1. Provide data to ITAG JSATS Database coordinator and web-accessible autonomous receiver data (via ERDDAP) within 30 days of downloading
2. Web-accessible semi-annual log of deployment and download activity including what sites were visited and operational coverage for each receiver

# Task 3. Source, obtain, and tag wild winter and spring-run Chinook salmon

##Acoustic Tagging of Wild Chinook

No wild fish were tagged during this report period.

## Deliverables:

1. Final Pre-season tagging plan available via the website
2. Web-accessible Telemetry Study Summary no more than 96 hours after the release of fish
3. Annual technical report summarizing results from the previous study year
4. Final report summarizing the results of the three study years
5. One peer reviewed publication

# Task 4. Implant AT into a portion of hatchery produced juvenile Chinook salmon juveniles and Steelhead

## Acoustic Tagging of Chinook Salmon juveniles

### Seasonal Survival Study

UCSC staff implanted 566 acoustic tags into hatchery produced jumpstart winter-run and late-fall run Chinook smolts as part of the Seasonal Survival Study. Releases of these fish were spaced out across three weeks between 2023-12-04 - 2024-02-19 with the intention of gathering movement and survival data across a range of environmental conditions during winter. These fish were tagged at Coleman, and Livingston Stone Fish Hatcheries and transported to the Red Bluff Diversion Dam (RBDD\_Rel) to increase the sample size of fish in downstream reaches. Fish were available for tagging with the help and assistance of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The weekly release groups of tagged fish are shown in Table 4.

Preliminary movement and survival data can be found here: <https://oceanview.pfeg.noaa.gov/CalFishTrack/pageSeasSurv_2023.html>

Table 4. Hatchery fish acoustic tagged during this report period.

| **StudyID** | **Fish Type** | **Release Loc** | **Raceway** | **Count** | **Release Date** | **Avg Weight** | **Avg Length** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Seasonal\_Survival\_2024 | Coleman Late Fall Chinook | RBDD\_Rel | 5 | 99 | 2023-12-06 10:00:00 | 29.77 | 135.63 |
| Seasonal\_Survival\_2024 | Coleman Late Fall Chinook | RBDD\_Rel | 5 | 102 | 2023-12-07 10:35:00 | 36.29 | 144.84 |
| Seasonal\_Survival\_2024 | LSNFH Winter Chinook | RBDD\_Rel | C43 | 100 | 2024-01-31 10:20:00 | 6.46 | 82.42 |
| Seasonal\_Survival\_2024 | LSNFH Winter Chinook | RBDD\_Rel | C43 | 100 | 2024-02-01 09:35:00 | 6.42 | 82.76 |
| Seasonal\_Survival\_2024 | LSNFH Winter Chinook | RBDD\_Rel | C44 | 100 | 2024-02-21 10:00:00 | 8.31 | 89.39 |
| Seasonal\_Survival\_2024 | LSNFH Winter Chinook | RBDD\_Rel | C44 | 65 | 2024-02-22 10:00:00 | 7.93 | 88.46 |

## Acoustic Tagging of Juvenile Steelhead

No Steelhead were tagged during this report period.

## Tag Retention Studies

### Seasonal Survival Tag Retention Study

As part of the Seasonal Survival Study, a total of #r sstotal# juvenile winter run and fall-run Chinook salmon were tagged at CNFH and LSNFH across six weeks (#r wk1#, #r wk2#, and #r wk3#) and transported to the NMFS-SWFSC lab where they were held on-site. The fish were fed and the tanks checked daily for expelled tags. Fish were measured and weighed at the start and end of the trial. At the end of the six week tag retention study, all fish were processed and inspected for shed tags. During this trial, #r SSshedcount# tags were found shed. Two tags were recovered from fish mortalities, one seven days after tagging, and one x days from tagging when fish jumped out of holding tanks.

The average weight gained was #r SSg# and the average length gained was #r SSl#.

### San Joaquin Steelhead Tag Retention Study

No Steelhead were tagged during this report period, and none retained for tag retention studies.

## Tag Life Tests

### Seasonal Surival Tag Life Study

To monitor the battery life of the tags used for the Seasonal Survival Study, a 5% random sample was taken from the total proportion of tags used for each release group. In total, 30 SS400 tags were started over a period of three weeks (on 12/6/23, 1/31/24, and 2/16/24) and placed in the tag life tank located at the NMFS-SWFSC lab, for monitoring. Data collected in this study examined the range of battery life for these particular tags, in order to correct any discrepancies in survival estimates as a result of tags shutting off prematurely. #r n# tags in the 2023 Seasonal Survival tag life study made it to the warranty life of 71 days. The average run time was #r avgrun# days with a range of #r mi# to #r ma# days.

###Tags started week 1: 12/13/2022 A total of 10 acoustic tags (model SS400) were randomly selected to be used in this tag life study. Tags were started on 12/13/2022 and placed into the tag life tank for the duration of the study. All tags in the RBDD Week 1 tag life study made it to the warranty life of 71 days and were detected consistently.

###Tags started week 2: 12/13/2022 A total of 10 acoustic tags (model SS400) were randomly selected to be used in this tag life study. Tags were started on 12/13/2022 and placed into the tag life tank for the duration of the study. All tags in the RBDD Week 1 tag life study made it to the warranty life of 71 days and were detected consistently.

###Tags started week 3: 12/13/2022 A total of 10 acoustic tags (model SS400) were randomly selected to be used in this tag life study. Tags were started on 12/13/2022 and placed into the tag life tank for the duration of the study. All tags in the RBDD Week 1 tag life study made it to the warranty life of 71 days and were detected consistently.

### San Joaquin Steelhead Tag Life Study

No fish were tagged during this report period.

## Deliverables:

1. Final Pre-season tagging plan available via the website
2. Web-accessible Telemetry Study Summary no more than 96 hours after the release of fish
3. Final memo/report on tag life results at end of year available via website
4. Final memo/report on tag effects results at end of year available via website
5. Annual technical report summarizing results from the previous study year
6. Final report summarizing the results of the three study years
7. Two peer reviewed publications

# Task 5. Produce and deliver real-time metrics

The project website was updated with new web pages describing unique tagging studies, including release metadata, travel time, number of fish detected at each real-time receiver, and detection efficiency for dual-line receiver locations (Sacramento, Benicia). <https://oceanview.pfeg.noaa.gov/CalFishTrack/>. Tagging data were updated two days after fish were tagged. Data from real-time receivers was automatically updated every hour.

## Deliverables:

1. Website and email daily updates of arrival times, movement rates, and percent detected for each release group beginning immediately after the release of the first group.
2. Website updated weekly with real-time data, summary statistics of real-time survival and routing, and predictions based on models fitted to historical late-fall Chinook data.

# Task 6. Project Management

Bi-weekly CVEAT conference calls and monthly ITAG virtual meetings were scheduled and moderated by ITAG facilitator Flora Cordoleani of UC Santa Cruz during the reporting period. These CVEAT calls facilitate close coordination on tagging events and receiver deployments between the many field operation leaders for the many different telemetry projects. Monthly ITAG meetings are for higher-level coordination and long-term planning for the Central Valley telemetry programs, and is attended by both field operation leaders as well as higher level agency representatives.

## Deliverables:

1. Semi-annual progress reports
2. The database coordinator will lead a data management workshop
3. The database coordinator will participate in the ITAG meetings and appropriate subgroup meetings
4. The database coordinator will work with agencies and stakeholders to address key data management questions
5. The ITAG facilitator will schedule meetings and take meeting notes, and make meeting notes accessible to public via an online platform
6. The ITAG facilitator will collect pre- and post-study summary forms from researchers and host them on the CalFishTrack website
7. The ITAG facilitator will provide a summary report of ITAG activities within 6 months of the completion of the last ITAG tagging effort for the water year