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Field Activity Advisory Juvenile Spring-Run Chinook Salmon Scheduled for Release March 1, 2017

More than 90,000 juvenile spring-run Chinook salmon will be released to the San Joaquin River as part of the San Joaquin River Restoration Program (Program). This is the fourth consecutive year of releasing spring-run Chinook salmon to the San Joaquin River and the second consecutive year of releasing captive-reared juveniles from broodstock to the river under the Program. The salmon were raised at two California Department of Fish and Wildlife hatcheries in Friant, Calif.: the Satellite Incubation and Rearing Facility (39,000 fish from eggs translocated from the Feather River Fish Hatchery in Oroville, Calif.); and the interim Salmon Conservation and Research Facility (52,000 fish). The salmon are being released pursuant to National Marine Fisheries Service 10(a)1(A) Permit 17781.

Who: U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

What: Each fish is adipose fin-clipped and fitted with a coded-wire tag to identify them as originating from the San Joaquin River. A portion of the population has acoustic tags implanted to monitor movement via a series of acoustic receivers installed along the migration route to evaluate survival and migration. The fish will be transported from the hatcheries to the release site by a trailer-mounted tank. The releases will occur at night to deter predation of juvenile Chinook salmon.

Where: The fish will be released to a section of the Eastside Bypass of the San Joaquin River. The fish release site and acoustic monitoring stations will be accessed in coordination with private landowners, refuge managers and the Lower San Joaquin Levee District, as applicable.

When: On or before March 6, 2017

Questions about the Program's field activities on public and private land should be directed to the Program's Landowner Coordinator using the information provided below.

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CDFW biologists releasing salmon to the San Joaquin River.

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