

SAN JOAQUIN RIVER RESTORATION PROGRAM

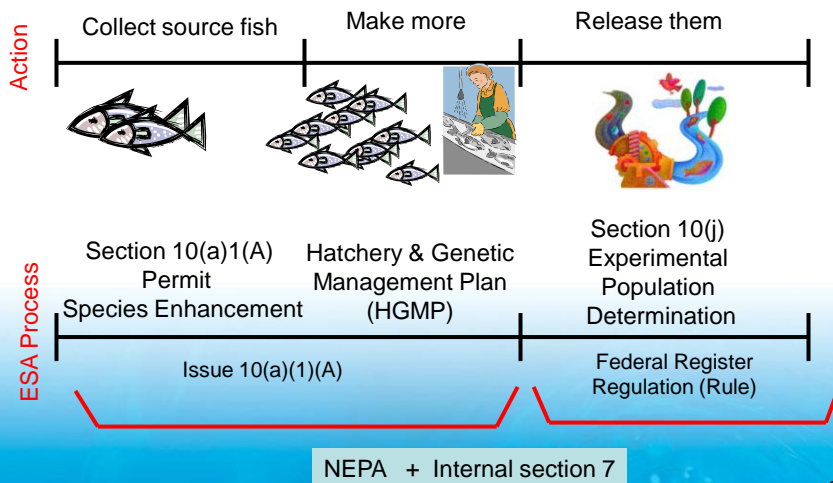


Summary of Comments:  
Proposed Rules for  
Spring-run Chinook Salmon Reintroduction  
under the  
San Joaquin River Restoration Program

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Component **Regulatory** Elements





## Alternatives Considered

- No Action
- Action: Reintroduce Spring-run with special regulations
  - Source Populations
  - 10(j) Experimental Population Area
  - 10(j) Experimental Population Duration

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## Summary of Public Comments

- The habitat restoration/construction of site specific work has not begun and is delayed. This results in several issues:
- Adequacy of funding for completion of the habitat restoration projects?
- The river is currently not ready for the reintroduction of spring-run for them to survive; why release threatened spring-run prior to habitat construction being complete?

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## Source Population :

- Mill Creek should not be included in collections
- How will the success of the reintroduction be measured? What is the process?
- Concern of keeping spring-run separate from fall-run

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## Nonessential Population Area:

- The location should be larger to include eastern tributaries;
- The location should include the entire delta;
- The location should be smaller to exclude all back water, sloughs, and flood control channels that salmon may be able to swim into;
- KRWA approved inclusion of Kings River in the NEP, but expressed desire that facility designs should keep spring-run out of Kings River.





## Duration

- Liked no specified end;
- More Duration alternatives should be considered

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## The *de minimus* requirement:

- Delta exporters want to see more take exemptions for indirect effects to spring-run in the delta,
- Clarify “reintroduced” and “originate in San Joaquin River” language,
- More specific reference to *de minimus* language,
- The annual technical memo should have greater detail,
- The annual technical memo should allow for changes and have notice and a comment period,
- The annual technical memo should be included in the rule,
- The annual technical memo should not be an annual process but be fixed.

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## The SJRRP PEIR/S:

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- Did not adequately analyze predation effects on salmon.
- Did not adequately analyze the alternative of partial construction of the restoration goals, and its impacts to the reintroduction goal, and the human environment.

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Quick Link to:  
“NMFS Salmon Reintroduction Information”

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