



Field Activity Advisory Spring-Run Chinook Salmon Juveniles Scheduled for Release January 23 - March 24, 2019

Approximately 225,000 brood year (BY) 2018 spring-run Chinook salmon juveniles will be released to the San Joaquin River as part of the reintroduction strategy for the San Joaquin River Restoration Program (SJRRP). The salmon will be released to the San Joaquin River in Restoration Reach 5 near State Highway 140. These BY 2018 juveniles will be released in groups ranging in size from 30,000 to 100,000. A subset of these juveniles will be tagged with acoustic transmitters and released among the larger groups. Some juveniles will also receive a photonic mark as part of a mark-recapture study.

Who: 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. Each release group will have a unique tag code. The fish will be transported to the release site in a flatbed-mounted tank and tempered to river water temperatures onsite. The releases will occur in the evening to reduce the risk of predation and to take advantage of lower in-river temperatures that will reduce tempering duration.

Where: The fish will be released in the San Joaquin River, near the State Highway 140 crossing, and upstream of the confluence with the Merced River. The fish release site will be accessed in coordination with private landowners.

When: January 23, 2019 through March 24, 2019.

Questions about the fish release should be directed to the agency point-of-contact below.

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Questions about SJRRP field activities on public and private land should be directed to the SJRRP Landowner Coordinator below. Questions about the SJRRP should be directed to the Public Affairs Specialist below.

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Program biologists will release juvenile salmon to the San Joaquin River.

Contact the SJRRP Hotline, 916-978-4398, or email RestorationFlows@restoresjr.net if you see any problems or have any concerns.

For more information, please visit the SJRRP Web site at www.restoresjr.net or contact Josh Newcom, Public Affairs Specialist, at 916-978-5508. Field Advisories for activities are available at <http://restoresjr.net/get-involved/field-advisories/>