

Field Advisory **Spring-Run Chinook Salmon Yearling Release** **December 8, 2022**

Approximately 4,550 spring-run Chinook salmon yearlings will be released to the San Joaquin River as part of a diverse life history reintroduction strategy for the San Joaquin River Restoration Program. These Brood Year (BY) 2021 yearlings will be released to the San Joaquin River in Restoration Reach 5 near State Highway 140. Fish will be transported from the SJRRP interim Salmon Conservation and Research Facility (Interim Facility) in Friant, CA.

Who: California Department of Fish and Wildlife

What: Each fish is adipose fin-clipped and has received coded-wire and PIT tags. The release groups have unique tag codes to identify them as yearlings originating from the San Joaquin River. The fish will be transported from the Interim Facility to the release site in a flatbed-mounted tank and tempered to river water temperatures onsite.

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: December 8, 2022

Questions about this activity 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 yearling 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/>