

SALMON ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON  
THE CENTRAL VALLEY SALMON RECOVERY PLAN

The Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) briefly reviewed the materials on the co-manager review Draft Recovery Plan for the Evolutionarily Significant Units of Sacramento River Winter-Run Chinook Salmon and Central Valley Spring-Run Chinook Salmon and the Distinct Population Segment of Central Valley Steelhead (Central Valley Recovery Plan; CVRP).

The SAS recommends that a natural hydrograph be a higher priority than pulsed flows, which can have detrimental effects such as dewatering redds and juvenile stranding.

The SAS feels that the introduction of chemical herbicides, pesticides, and fertilizers are a significant threat to recovery of Central Valley salmonids, and recommends that the CVRP require agricultural application of these substances be regulated under the Clean Water Act, and monitored by appropriate state and/or Federal agencies, as opposed to industry self monitoring.

The SAS wants to emphasize its agreement with staff comments that it appears that the CVRP cites ocean harvest effects as a greater threat to recovery of winter Chinook than can be supported by the available data or the recovery actions.

In addition to these specific comments, the SAS acknowledges and agrees with the list of comments from Council staff, located in Agenda Item D.3.a, Attachment 2.

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