



## Update on Field Activity Advisories Juvenile Fall-run Chinook Salmon Releases March 28, 2013

In support of several ongoing studies, up to as many as 60,000 juvenile fall-run Chinook salmon will be released into the San Joaquin River at various locations within the restoration area on different dates between March and July 2013. Currently scheduled releases are as follows:

When: March 1, April 5

What: PIT Tag Monitoring of Fall-run Juvenile Salmon Releases Study (field advisory posted in February 2013)

Who: Reclamation's Technical Service Center

In support of this study, on March 1, approximately 1,000 juvenile PIT-tagged fall-run Chinook salmon from the Feather River Fish Hatchery (FRFH) were released into Reach 1 just below Friant Dam. On April 5, another 1,000 juvenile PIT-tagged fish will be released just below Friant Dam.

**When:** April 12 and 22 (dates are subject to change based on conditions)

**What:** Fish Telemetry and PIT Tag Monitoring Studies (field advisory posted in February 2013)

Who: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and Reclamation's Technical

Service Center

The scheduled release dates for the acoustically-tagged juvenile fall-run Chinook salmon are April 12 and 22. A total of 1,800 fish will be collected from the FRFH and released in four groups.

On April 12, one group of 200 acoustic tagged fish will be released below Friant Dam with the 1,000 PIT-tagged fish referenced above, all from Feather River Fish Hatchery. On the same date, one group of 200 acoustic tagged fish will be released in Reach 5 along with 1,000 coded wire-tagged fish from the Merced River Hatchery or streamside spawned fall-run.

On April 22 one group of 200 acoustic-tagged fish from Feather River Fish Hatchery will be released below Friant Dam with the 1,000 PIT-tagged fish from Merced River Hatchery or streamside spawned fall-run. On the same date, one group of 200 acoustic tagged fish from Feather River Hatchery will be released in Reach 5 along with 1,000 coded wire-tagged fish from the Merced River Hatchery or streamside spawned fall-run.

When: March 18 and 19 Installation; fish release dates to be determined What: Rotary Screw Trap Study (field advisory posted late February 2013) Who: California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Reclamation, and FWS

Several more fish releases will be done to assess the efficiency of rotary screw traps through the month of July 2013. Specific release dates are not currently scheduled as it will depend on river and trap conditions and river flow changes.

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