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Subject: DCC gate closure

Since the DAT call this morning, we have received today's data from sampling at Knights Landing and Tisdale RST sites. In the last 48 hours, 49 salmon (120-200 mm) were caught in the Sacramento River at the Tisdale weir. At Knights Landing 4 salmon were caught with less than 1/4 the amount of trapping effort as at Tisdale.

This new information confirms our collective speculation of this morning that salmon would be arriving in the Delta soon. It leads DFG (White and McKee) to conclude that salmon are moving downstream at last and that it is appropriate to close the DCC gates as soon as possible.

Accordingly, instead of waiting to be paged on Saturday or waiting until next week to discuss it further with the other DAT members, I left voice messages with Dave Read (whom we understood would be working at CVO this weekend) and Paul Fujitani (who was on the DAT call today) requesting DCC gate closure on Friday if possible. There was no indication during the call this morning that Delta WQ conditions would preclude this action.

In addition, I spoke with Victor Pacheco (DWR) who offered to visit the CVP control center and convey this request to USBR personnel directly. I then talked with Sheila Greene, who is the DAT contact point during the 4-day holiday weekend, in order that she be aware of the request.

This new information also makes it very likely that we would recommend the December b(2) action in the Delta begin next week. I expect we will want to talk about this on Monday. By then we will also have more information on the extent of fish movement.

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