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Subject: DAT RECOMMENDATION FOR DELTA CROSS CHANNEL GATE OPERATION
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The DAT convened a conference call today, December 13, 1999 to evaluate water quality status and spring run fisheries status to make a recommendation on the operation of the Delta Cross Channel.

The recommendation is to open the Delta Cross Channel gates tidally during daylight hours for the next several days, to improve water quality and still maintain some protection for spring run yearlings, as long as combined exports remain at 1,500 cfs.

Spring run yearlings are expected to be adversely impacted due to this action, but the adverse impact is expected to be reduced as long as the export rate remains at 1500c fs. The fisheries biologists believe keeping the Delta Cross Channel gates closed would provide the maximum protection for spring run.

Water quality operators believe opening the Delta Cross Channel Gates would provide the optimal improvement in water quality.

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