

**NoName Group Conference Call
Monday, January 3, 2000
Draft Meeting Notes**

Attendees:

Greg Gartrell (Ag/Urban)	Roger Guinee (USFWS)	Steve Macaulay (DWR)
Perry Herrgesell (DFG)	Pete Rhoads (MWD)	John Burke (USBR)
Lowell Ploss (USBR)	Dave Schuster (Ag/Urban)	Jim Snow (WWD)
Jim White (DFG)	Mark Pierce (USFWS)	Marty Kjelson (USFWS)
Victor Pacheco (DWR)	Rick Sitts (MWD)	Francis Mizuno (SLDMWA)
Sheila Greene (DWR)	Dave Briggs (CCWD)	Dave Robinson
Serge Birk (CVPWA)	Terry Erlewine (SWC)	Curtis Creel (DWR)
Bruce Herbold (EPA)		

The NoName Group held a conference call on January 3 to review recent operations.

The Delta Cross Channel gates remain open. Jersey Point EC is ranging between 0.5 at low tide and about 0.9 at high tide. The Jan. 3 daily average chloride at the Contra Costa Canal Pumping Plant No. 1 was 225 mg/l (averaged from two titrations). Chloride levels are expected to drop in Rock Slough and Pumping Plant No. 1 because of the water quality improvement in Old River.

Exports are currently about 11,000 cfs. The present spring tide will peak on Jan. 6 or 7 and then switch to the neap cycle. A storm is predicted for January 4 that may yield about 3 to 4 tenths of an inch north of the Delta. Outflow is approximately 4,000 cfs.

Operations will continue as is for the immediate future unless fish conditions or the hydrology changes.

Fish monitoring continues to indicate no significant migration of spring-run through the Delta. Chipps Island monitoring over the weekend yielded 20 tagged fish but no untagged fish. Jim White reported the recent monitoring results from Knights Landing (subsequent to the call). Catch at Knight's Landing since the last report were as follows: Dec. 29, 2 salmon from the Dec. 21 Battle Creek release (1 untagged salmon, 96 mm); Dec. 30, 1 salmon from Dec. 21 Battle Creek release; Dec. 31, no salmon; Jan. 2, no salmon (traps had fished continuously since Dec. 31). Only a few more salmon have been caught at Tisdale than at Knight's Landing. These fish are mostly tagged salmon from Battle Creek releases and a few spring run, winter run, and fry-size salmon. The Knight's Landing catches verify the information provided by the GCID and Delta data that not much fish movement is taking place under the present stable river conditions.

The Eight River Index is expected to yield less than 800 TAF for December 1999. Minimum required outflow for January 2000 will likely be 4,500 cfs.

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The next NoName Group conference call will be held with the DAT on Wednesday, January 5, 1999 at 10:00 am. The call number is (916) 657-4111. Conference call notes will be distributed.

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