

Determination of Actions Required Under Component 2 of the 2008 OCAP Biological Opinion  
June 8, 2010

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The Service has determined that OMR flows be no more negative than -5000 cfs on a 14-day average (no more negative than -6250 cfs on a 5-day average), as allowed under the RPA.

The Service received a recommendation from the Smelt Working Group (SWG) that OMR flows of no more negative than -5000 would be sufficiently protective of Delta smelt. SWG noted that there has been no salvage of smelt since May 21. The latest survey data indicate that the overall risk of entrainment is low.

The juvenile protective phase of the biological opinion (RPA Component 2; Action 3 in Attachment B) is in effect. This action will continue until June 30 or when the 3-day mean water temperature at Clifton Court Forebay reaches 25°C, whichever occurs earlier.

Cumulative expanded salvage of larvae is currently at 23 for the season.

The Working Group will continue to monitor salvage, survey data, and hydrological conditions and will reconvene on June 14.