

DRAFT Proposed Long-Term BDCP Water Operations Range of Criteria (July 30, 2009)

This table provides a summary of proposed long-term Delta water operations for the purpose of conducting the BDCP impact and conservation assessment. Information in this table provides the basis for hydrologic and hydrodynamic modeling inputs for the assessment. This table does not state an agreed to proposal for operations. More specifics regarding criteria and rationale for each water operational parameter will be provided in the text of water operations conservation measures in Chapter 3 Conservation Strategy.

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<p>1. North Delta Diversion Bypass Flows <i>Objectives include flows or the functional equivalent thereof to (1) maintain fish screen sweeping velocities, (2) minimize upstream transport from downstream channels, (3) support salmonid and pelagic fish transport to regions of suitable habitat, (4) minimize predation effects downstream, and (5) maintain or improve rearing habitat in the north Delta.</i></p>																																															
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2. South Delta Channel Flows

Minimize take at south Delta pumps by reducing incidence and magnitude of reverse flows during critical periods for pelagic species.

OMR Flows

Old and Middle River flows no less than the values below:

Combined Old and Middle River flows no less than values below* (cfs)					
Month	W	AN	BN	D	C
Jan	-5000	-5000	-5000	-5000	-5000
Feb	-5000	-5000	-5000	-5000	-5000
Mar	-5000	-5000	-5000	-5000	-5000
Apr	-5000	-5000	-5000	-5000	-5000
May	-5000	-5000	-5000	-5000	-5000
Jun	-5000	-5000	-5000	-5000	-5000
Jul	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Aug	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
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Oct	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Nov	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Dec	-6800	-6800	-6800	-6800	-6800

* Values are monthly average for use in modeling. December 20-31 targets are -5000 cfs and are averaged with an assumed background of -8000 cfs for December 1-19.

OMR Flows

- FWS smelt BO model of adaptive restrictions (temperature, turbidity, salinity, smelt presence)

Table below represents current estimate of “most likely” operation under FWS BO for modeling purposes

Combined Old and Middle River flows no less than values below* (cfs)					
Month	W	AN	BN	D	C
Jan	-4000	-4000	-4000	-5000	-5000
Feb	-5000	-4000	-4000	-4000	-4000
Mar	-5000	-4000	-4000	-3500	-3000
Apr	-5000	-4000	-4000	-3500	-2000
May	-5000	-4000	-4000	-3500	-2000
Jun	-5000	-5000	-5000	-5000	-2000
Jul	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
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Dec	-6800	-6800	-6300	-6300	-6100

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South Delta Export – San Joaquin Inflow

Consider replacement of OMR with sliding scale SJR EI ratio that provides similar or greater protection than FWS smelt BO

South Delta Export – San Joaquin Inflow Ratio

- 50% Mar & Jun
- 25% April & May
- 75% Oct, 50% Nov
- 100% Dec-Feb

OMR Flows

- Old and Middle River flows no less than -5,000 cfs during Jul-Sep.

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	<p>Ratio</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sliding scale for flows above the established OMR to share additional SJR flows between export and environment; export share would increase at higher flows • Time value of benefit; crediting outside of period in which flows are acquired <p>[Note that Conveyance WG/HOTT recommends continuing to evaluate the concept of isolating Old River to address south Delta channel flows.]</p>	
<p>3. Fremont Weir/Yolo Bypass</p> <p><i>Considerations include (1) increasing spawning and rearing habitat for splittail and rearing habitat for salmonids, (2) providing alternate migration corridor to the mainstem Sacramento River, and (3) increasing effectiveness of habitat and food transport in Cache Slough.</i></p>		
<p>Same as "Proposed Operations"</p>	<p>Modified Fremont Weir and Control Gate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spills into Yolo Bypass enabled at water surface elevation 17.5 ft NAVD88 (~15,000 cfs Sac R at Fremont flow) by notch and new gates, as compared to current weir elevation of 33.5 ft (~56,000 cfs Fremont flow). • Flows: 2,000-6,000 cfs* depending on hydrology • Duration: 30-45 days • Period: Gates operable December - April 15 (occasionally April 16-May 15 depending of hydrologic conditions) <p>* Flows less than 3,000 cfs may require physical modifications to the Yolo Bypass and toe drain to achieve levels of desired floodplain habitat.</p> <p>** Physical modifications to Yolo Bypass and</p>	<p>Same as "Proposed Operations"</p>

	the toe drain may be required to achieve levels of desired floodplain habitat enhancement.	
4. Delta Cross Channel Gate Operations <i>Considerations include (1) reduce transport of outmigrating Sacramento River fish into central Delta, (2) maintain flows downstream on Sacramento River, (3) and providing sufficient Sacramento River flow into interior Delta when water quality for M&I and AG may be of concern.</i>		
Same as "Proposed Operations"	Oct-Nov: DCC gate closed if fish are present (assume 15 days per month; may be open longer depending on presence of fish) Dec-Jun: DCC gate closed Jul-Sep: DCC gate open	Same as "Proposed Operations"
5. Rio Vista Minimum Instream Flows <i>Maintain minimum flows for outmigrating salmonids and smelt.</i>		
Sep-Dec: Per D-1641 Jan-Aug: Minimum of 3,000 cfs	Sep-Dec: Per D-1641 Jan-Aug: Minimum of 3,000 cfs	Sep-Dec: Per D-1641 Jan-Aug: Minimum of 3,000 cfs
6. Delta Inflow & Outflow <i>Considerations include (1) Provide sufficient outflow to maintain desirable salinity regime downstream of Collinsville during the spring, (2) explore range of approaches toward providing additional variability to Delta inflow and outflow.</i>		
Delta Outflow: Jul-Jan: Per D-1641 Feb-Jun: Per D-1641*, except no Roe Island triggering * Current relaxation of Collinsville standard to 4,000 cfs in May and June revised to state when the Eight River Index is 10.0 or less as established on May 1. ** Proportional Reservoir Release concept will	Delta Outflow: Jul-Jan: Per D-1641 Feb-Jun: Per D-1641 * Proportional Reservoir Release concept will continue to be evaluated to the extent that it provides similar response to outflow, inflow, and upstream storage conditions	Delta Outflow: Jul-Aug & Jan: Per D-1641 Sep-Nov: Fall X2 per FWS Smelt BO Feb-Jun: NGO X2-Eight River Index approach (storage off-ramps to be refined) * Proportional Reservoir Release concept will continue to be evaluated to the extent that it provides similar response to outflow, inflow, and upstream storage conditions

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7. Operations for Delta Water Quality and Residence Time <i>Considerations include (1) maintain a minimum level of pumping from the south Delta during summer to provide limited flushing for general water quality conditions (reduce residence times), (2) for M&I and AG salinity improvements, and (3) to allow operational flexibility during other periods to operate either north or south diversions based on real-time assessments of benefits to fish and water quality.</i>		
Same as "Proposed Operations"	Assumptions for analysis: Jul-Sep: Prefer south delta pumping up to 3,000 cfs before diverting from north Oct-Jun: Prefer north delta pumping (real-time operational flexibility)	Same as "Proposed Operations"
8. In-Delta Agricultural and Municipal & Industrial Water Quality Requirements <i>Existing M&I and AG salinity requirements.</i>		
Same as "Proposed Operations"	<u>Existing D-1641 North and Western Delta AG and MI standards, EXCEPT move D-1641 compliance point from Emmaton to Three Mile Slough juncture. Maintain all water quality requirements contained in the NDWA/DWR Contract and other contractual obligations.</u> ¹	Same as "Proposed Operations"
9. Habitat Restoration Targets		
Same as "Proposed Operations"	65,000 acres Tidal Marsh (subtidal, sea level rise	Same as "Proposed Operations"

¹ [The results of the water quality modeling from the effects analysis will be used, to determine if other actions are needed to address water quality issues that may arise, including water quality in the southern and central Delta for both Agricultural and M&I due to the BDCP Long-term operations.](#)

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