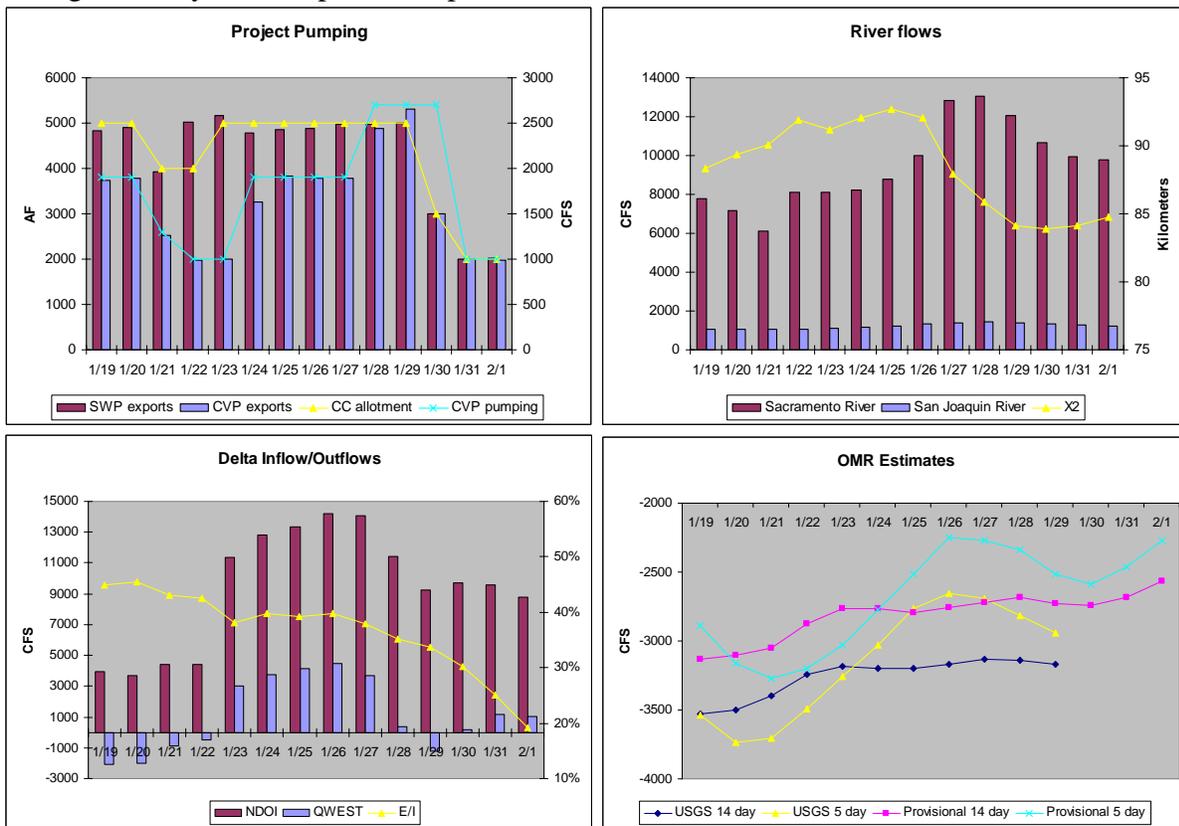


Recommendation for the week of February 2, 2009:

No recommendation at this time because the triggers for Action 1 have not been met. The group is monitoring the turbidity and salvage triggers that would trigger Action 1 in the biological opinion.

1) Current environmental data.

Temperatures for the 3 station average are around 10C. Turbidity (as per the new BO, part B of Action 1) is 3.83 NTU. The provisional estimate by the projects is -2563 cfs for 14 day average, -2270 cfs for 5 day average. USGS OMR as of January 29 is -3169 cfs 14 day average and -2939 cfs for 5 day average. No salvage has been reported for either delta or longfin smelt through January 29. Graphs are depicted below.



2) Delta fish monitoring:

The Smelt Larval Survey #3 began this week. The Spring Kodiak Trawl Survey #1 ended January 17. Results from previous larval surveys and the SKT are available online at: <http://www.delta.dfg.ca.gov/data/projects/?ProjectID=SKT>.

3) Discussion for Recommendation

We are currently monitoring for the triggers (Part B) that would initiate Action 1. The triggers are: a) an average daily turbidity of 12 NTU at the Prisoner's Pt, Holland Cut and Victoria Canal monitoring stations over three days, OR b) three days of salvage at the facilities. Currently no salvage has been recorded, and the turbidity average is 3.83 NTU. The triggers have not yet been met and therefore no Actions have begun.

4) CCF Smelt Study Update

An update was presented on the status of the CCF Delta Smelt Study. Comments were requested on the ongoing negotiation with DWR. Service, CDFG, and DWR to have a conference call today at 2 pm to discuss remaining details before hatchery smelt can be released into the CCF.

5) HSG mission and proposed structure

The latest Framework Document was presented to the group and requested red-line corrections by COB February 4.

6) Proposals to change X2 and other potential changes to standards

DWR and Reclamation have not forwarded a formal write-up to the Fisheries Agencies. The request may be for either 7100 cfs outflow for February or no X2 requirement with 2000 cfs total pumping for February. Not meeting the WQCP would mean re-initiation of the OCAP biological opinion. The projects do not have the water right now to fulfill the WQCP or cold-water pool for NMFS biological opinion.