

July 29, 2005

-Public Meeting Notice-

**CALFED Science Program and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
present a workshop on  
Monitoring Central Valley Chinook salmon and steelhead  
populations**

**August 23, 2005 1:00pm to 5:00pm**

**August 24, 2005 8:00am to 5:00pm**

**August 25, 2005 8:00am to 1:00pm**

**Bay Conference Center  
Romberg Tiburon Center for Environmental Studies  
3152 Paradise Drive  
Tiburon, CA 94920**

**Background:**

The CALFED Science Program and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will host a 3-day workshop from August 23 to August 25, 2005 to help develop a comprehensive monitoring program for California Central Valley anadromous Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) and steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) populations. Two of the Chinook salmon races (winter and spring) are on both the state and the federal endangered and threatened species lists and the Central Valley steelhead have a “threatened” designation under the federal Endangered Species Act (ESA). Because of the ecological and economic importance of Central Valley anadromous salmonids, there is a need for a comprehensive monitoring program that would consider status and trend monitoring for the fish and their environment, including such human induced factors as harvest levels and hatchery contribution and impacts. The existing monitoring program for these Central Valley populations is somewhat piecemeal and not well coordinated or comprehensive.

**Workshop Objective:**

The objective of this workshop and any follow-up activities is to develop a comprehensive salmonid monitoring plan that reduces scientific uncertainty and identifies performance measures and indicators that can be used by managers and decision makers to evaluate the effectiveness of actions being taken to protect and restore Central Valley salmonid populations. To meet this goal, the workshop will address all aspects of the salmonid life cycle including adult and juvenile abundance, salmonid habitat (both freshwater and ocean), harvest, hatcheries and genetics, as well as include a discussion of data management and reporting. These monitoring data, in conjunction with the results of special studies, will provide the information needed by such programs as the CVAPIA’s Anadromous Fish Restoration Program to evaluate progress toward achieving the restoration goal of doubling the naturally spawning populations.

**Format:**

The overall workshop format is designed to foster communication among the attendees, speakers and invited outside experts.

- There will be several presentations by local experts on various aspects of salmonid monitoring. The presentations will last 20-30 minutes and a similar amount of time will be allocated to questions and discussion.
- The last part of day 3 will be devoted to discussing next steps.

**For More Information:**

- Registration for the event is not required. For more information contact Randy Brown at [brown.randall@comcast.net](mailto:brown.randall@comcast.net) or at 916.961.5449. An agenda and background material will be posted to the CALFED website by August 12, 2005 (<http://science.calwater.ca.gov/>). A nominal charge will be made for all attendees to cover the costs of breaks, lunches and receptions. If you plan to attend this workshop, please contact Randy at the above address.
- Written workshop summary report will be produced by CALFED Science Program and posted on the Science Program website: <http://science.calwater.ca.gov/>
- For additional information on the Romberg Tiburon Center, including directions on how to get there, see [www.rtc.sfsu.edu](http://www.rtc.sfsu.edu). The conference center is at the Tiburon Center's upper level – adjacent to the administration building.
- If you need reasonable accommodation due to a disability, please contact Colleen Kirtland, California Bay-Delta Program at (916) 445-5511, TDD (800) 735-2929.