



December 28, 2007

**-Meeting Notice-**

**The CALFED Science Program presents  
a workshop as part of an Independent Review of  
the Regional Salmon Outmigration Study Plan**

**January 10, 2008  
8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
CALFED Bay-Delta Program  
650 Capitol Mall, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Delta Room  
Sacramento, CA 95814**

**This workshop will not be webcast.**

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**Problem Statement:**

The northern Delta Region (including the Sacramento River, the Delta Cross Channel, Georgiana Slough, Snodgrass Slough, and the North and South Forks of the Mokelumne River) contains complex hydrodynamic systems that may pose risks to out-migrating Sacramento River Chinook salmon. In 2004 and 2006, pilot-scale research efforts were implemented to explore the feasibility of conducting combined hydrodynamic and salmon smolt passage and survival studies using hydroacoustic monitoring technology. The results of these pilot-level projects indicate that much more can be learned by expanding the study to a regional basis. The proposed study will generate key data characterizing salmon passage and survival using these techniques within a fully-developed regional monitoring study.

**The Technical Review Charge:**

The CALFED Science Program is convening a Review Panel of independent scientists to evaluate and comment on the proposal to conduct a full-scale regional hydrodynamic and fish passage study. The Review Panel will make recommendations to ensure that when funded and executed, the proposed investigation will provide the best-available science.

The review will focus specifically on: *The Regional Salmon Outmigration Study Plan*, which includes an implementation plan planning for data retrieval and storage, data reduction, data analysis, and information synthesis, and proposals for results

documentation, including manuscript preparation and periodic reporting to project funding agencies and the public.

The Review Panel members are:

Stephen Monismith, chair, Stanford University  
Si Simenstad, University of Washington  
Richard Denton, consultant  
Ken Newman, US Fish and Wildlife Service  
William Bennett, University of California, Davis  
Dennis Rondorf, USGS  
Ken Rose, Louisiana State University

The Study Team will present information about the proposal to the Panel at the public workshop. There will be an opportunity to provide public comment following the presentations and discussions with the Panel.

The Panel chair will deliver a draft review report by January 21, 2008. Written response to the technical review will be required from the Study Team in the form of a revised proposal to be prepared by March 1, 2008.

A workshop agenda will be posted at the CALFED Science Program website when available: <http://www.science.calwater.ca.gov/index.html>. If you have any questions, please contact Steve Culberson at (916) 445-0584 or [stevec@calwater.ca.gov](mailto:stevec@calwater.ca.gov).

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