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San Joaquin River Restoration Program Requests Comment on Draft Fisheries Framework to Guide Fish Restoration

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – The Bureau of Reclamation, on behalf of the San Joaquin River Restoration Program, released the Draft Fisheries Framework: Spring-run and Fall-run Chinook Salmon for public review. The Fisheries Framework builds upon the program's Revised Framework for Implementation, which was completed in July 2015, and establishes a realistic schedule and guidelines for implementation of fisheries management actions covered under the program based on the best science and information available.

To help meet the program's Restoration Goal to restore and maintain self-sustaining fish populations in good condition in the main stem of the San Joaquin River, the Fisheries Framework outlines: (1) goals and objectives for establishing spring-run and fall-run Chinook salmon populations in the Restoration Area; (2) habitat and ecosystem conditions that will support naturally reproducing, self-sustaining salmon populations; (3) the scientific foundation for the planned management actions; and, (4) a proposed Adaptive Management process and implementation plan.

The San Joaquin River Restoration Program is the result of the Stipulation of Settlement in Natural Resources Defense Council, et al., v. Rodgers, et al., and the San Joaquin River Restoration Settlement Act (Title X of Public Law 111-11). The program is a comprehensive, long-term effort to restore flows to the San Joaquin River from Friant Dam to the confluence of the Merced River and restore self-sustaining Chinook salmon populations in the river while reducing or avoiding adverse water supply impacts from those flows. Program implementing agencies include Reclamation, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Marine Fisheries Service, California Department of Water Resources and California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

The Draft Fisheries Framework may be viewed at <http://www.restoresjr.net/restoration-goal/fisheries-reintroduction/>. If you encounter problems accessing the document online, please call 916-978-5100 (TTY 800-877-8339) or email mppublicaffairs@usbr.gov. Written comments are due by close of business Aug. 2, 2017, to Donald Portz, Bureau of Reclamation, 2800 Cottage Way, MP-170, Sacramento, CA 95825. Comments may be faxed to 916-978-5469 or emailed to dportz@usbr.gov. For additional information, please contact Portz at 916-978-5461.

For more information on the San Joaquin River Restoration Program, please visit www.restoresjr.net or contact Josh Newcom, Public Affairs Specialist, at 916-978-5508 or snewcom@usbr.gov.

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