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NOAA Discusses Public Comments on Draft Plan to Recover Salmon and Steelhead Trout in California's Central Valley

Workshops planned in Sacramento, Chico and Mount Shasta

NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA Fisheries Service) is hosting public workshops to discuss comments received during a 120-day public comment period that ended in February 2010 on the draft Recovery Plan for winter-run Chinook salmon, spring-run Chinook salmon, and steelhead in California's Central Valley. These are species listed under the federal Endangered Species Act.

The draft Recovery Plan addresses management efforts for endangered Sacramento River winter-run Chinook salmon, threatened Central Valley spring-run Chinook salmon and threatened Central Valley steelhead.

"This draft plan provides the framework necessary to recover salmon and steelhead listed under the Endangered Species Act in the Central Valley," said Maria Rea, Sacramento office supervisor for NOAA's Fisheries Service. "With the public's input, it will also provide significant improvement for other non-listed salmonid species like the commercially valuable fall-run Chinook."

Local knowledge and input from the public on the unique needs of these fish and how to recover them will be critical to the ability to successfully implement the plan with a broad cross-section of stakeholders. The plan has benefitted significantly from earlier rounds of public and agency review, including, key input from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the California Department of Fish and Game.

The upcoming workshops will be in Sacramento, Chico, and Mount Shasta and are intended to provide additional opportunity for the public to help shape the Recovery Plan. NOAA Fisheries Service biologists will provide an overview of the comments received, approaches to address the comments, responses to additional questions the public may have, and an outline of the steps toward adoption of the Recovery Plan.

Workshops will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the locations and dates listed below:

**October 14th 2010; 6:00pm to 8:00pm; Radisson Hotel
500 Leisure Lane, Sacramento, CA 95815, Phone: (916) 922-2020**

**October 18th 2010; 6:00pm to 8:00pm; Masonic Center
1110 W. East Ave, Chico, CA 95926, Phone: (530) 342-7143**

**October 19th 2010; 6:00pm to 8:00pm; Mount Shasta Resort
1000 Siskiyou Lake Blvd, Mt. Shasta, CA 96067, Phone: (530) 926-3030**