



## Delta Science Program

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September 21, 2023

Ted Craddock, State Water Project Deputy Director  
California Department of Water Resources  
715 P St  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Delivered via email: Ted.Craddock@water.ca.gov

### **RE: Independent Panel Review of the Methodology for the Spring-run Chinook Salmon Juvenile Production Estimate**

Dear Mr. Craddock,

The Delta Stewardship Council's Delta Science Program (DSP) is pleased to accept the request of the Department of Water Resources to convene an independent scientific panel to review the methodology for the Spring-run Chinook salmon juvenile production estimate.

The DSP mission is to provide the best possible scientific information to guide management and inform decision making in the Bay-Delta system. One of the ways that the DSP advances that mission is by convening independent peer review panels to evaluate scientific and technical processes, programs, plans, and products.

As requested, DSP will convene and facilitate a panel of subject matter experts to review the materials, engage in a public dialogue with DWR and interagency lead staff on preliminary review findings, and provide a final panel report of panel findings and recommendations by late summer 2024. This will be done to meet the

Regarding Independent Panel Review of the Methodology for the Spring-run Chinook Salmon Juvenile Production Estimate, Ted Craddock, September 21, 2023 final Spring-run Chinook salmon juvenile production estimate approach submission deadline to California Department of Fish and Wildlife of September 30, 2023, and implementation date of March 31, 2025.

We look forward to working with your staff to convene this independent review panel. If there any questions about this response, please contact Tricia Lee, Senior Environmental Scientist, at [Tricia.Lee@deltacouncil.ca.gov](mailto:Tricia.Lee@deltacouncil.ca.gov) or 916-902-6569.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Laurel E. Larsen", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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