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Sent: Wednesday, February 28, 2018 8:36 AM
To: Garwin Yip - NOAA Federal
Subject: Re: Species list for ROC on LTO

My suggestion would be to include CV spring-run in the SJ River tributaries for the later tracks.
Rationale:

- There are already reports of CV spring-run Chinook behaving fish in the Stanislaus River that go back several years (see Sierra Frank's report).
- Re-colonization of the SJ River tributaries by the SR experimental population is highly likely - thus the Stanislaus, Tuolumne, and Merced rivers will likely have at least small populations in future years as strays from the experimental population.

We should include sDPS green sturgeon for at least the Stanislaus River.
Rationale:

- Presence of at least one green sturgeon was visually and DNA confirmed this past year. Although spawning has not been documented, they were using the tributary for at least holding or resting.
- Confirmation in the Stanislaus River lends support to the records of green sturgeon being caught in the SJ River on the CDFW sturgeon report cards over the past several years.

On Wed, Feb 28, 2018 at 7:30 AM, Garwin Yip - NOAA Federal <garwin.yip@noaa.gov> wrote:
All,

Reclamation is developing species lists for all 3 tracks. I asked them to not just list the species that will be part of the consultation, but identify them by watershed. Currently, we have questions regarding whether we should consult on CV spring-run Chinook salmon in the Stanislaus River (or any/all of the tributaries to the San Joaquin River in track 2), or sDPS in the Stanislaus River (based on the sighting last year).

Thoughts, with rationale and documentation, appreciated.

-Garwin-

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