

Take Action for the Trinity

Ask for Bay Delta Plan Protections

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Oct 29 12pm Sacramento, CA
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There are Almost no Protections for Trinity/Klamath Salmon for Temperatures and Carry Over Storage



Recently water was released from Trinity reservoir to aid struggling salmon on the Lower Trinity & Klamath Rivers. This coordinated federal and Tribal action, part of the 2017 Long Term Plan to Protect Adult Salmon in the Lower Klamath River, has helped avoid otherwise imminent fish kills from low flows and warm temperatures. It is also helps wash out toxic and attached algae, which plague the Hoopa drinking water and Klamath and Trinity River swimming and fishing.

Unfortunately there are almost no protections for cold water carryover storage at the Trinity Reservoir and no state protections for this, or the ROD flows. This means that in multi-year droughts reservoir levels may be too low for cold water releases, especially if too much water is diverted to Central Valley ag. in the winter & spring. This could lead to mortality of Trinity River spawners and eggs as well as migrating salmon in the Klamath. Trinity flow releases are only effective if Trinity water is cold. Currently flow releases are threatened both by California's Bay Delta water quality decisions and federal Executive Orders to maximize water deliveries to large agricultural interests. State temperature objectives for the Trinity are also too high,

Opportunity: Stand up for the Trinity at Bay Delta Plan adoption hearing Sept 29

On Oct 25th the State Board will vote to approve the Bay Delta Plan, which is based on VAs with water users. These users rely on over allocated (paper) water rights. We have asked for Trinity carry over storage & temperature protections as modeling shows the plan will harm the Trinity. If the board approves without protecting the Trinity, water needed for the Lower Klamath Long Term Plan may not be available.

Without hard temperature standards and cold water reservoir protections the Trinity will be impacted, whether from the VAs or the Unimpaired Flow Alternative. We are asking for the SWRCB to schedule a water right hearing to establish enforceable temperature standards and cold water pool requirements to ensure that Trinity and Klamath River have cold water to survive droughts.

Asks For the California Water Board

- Include Trinity temperature & storage protections in the Plan
- Change the temperature standard from 56 F to 53.5 F
- Hold a water rights hearing to add Trinity River storage and flow protections to state water law
- Update Water Right 90-5 to protect the Trinity River