

Clifton Court Forebay Predatory Fish Relocation Study

The objective of SWP Operational Changes was to evaluate the feasibility to comply in lieu of the incentive and reward program identified under interim measure (c) from Condition 3 of the April 9, 2015 NMFS response letter.

This project will implement a two-year Predatory Fish Relocation Study (PFRS) within the boundaries of Clifton Court Forebay (CCF). This study will evaluate the effectiveness of using commercial fishing methods to remove and relocate predatory fish such as Striped Bass, Black Bass, Channel Catfish, and White Catfish to Bethany Reservoir. Fishing methods that will be evaluated include beach sein, fyke trap, Kodiak trawl, hoop trap and lampara net. This study is part of the DWR's compliance with the 2009 NMFS Biological Opinion to reduce predation of protected and listed species.

Project Effectiveness

The effectiveness of placement and use of various commercial fishing methods will be evaluated in the first year of this study, and these methods will be adjusted in the second year to focus on the most effective methods.

Project Effect on Listed Species

Actual effects of this project on listed and protected species is not known and will be evaluated as a result of this study before specific methods are considered for long term use in the CCF.