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Katrina,

Sending a link to information on the experimental population of Central Valley spring-run Chinook salmon and associated take provisions -- see the final set of linked documents at [https://www.westcoast.fisheries.noaa.gov/central\\_valley/san\\_joaquin/san\\_joaquin\\_reint.html](https://www.westcoast.fisheries.noaa.gov/central_valley/san_joaquin/san_joaquin_reint.html) .

Particularly relevant is this excerpt from the FAQ:

"In the lower San Joaquin River and its tributaries, including the Merced River, downstream from its confluence with the Merced River to Mossdale County Park in San Joaquin County, take of spring-run Chinook salmon is allowed in certain cases that may cause water supply reductions, additional storage releases, or bypass flows on unwilling water diverters. This applies to spring-run Chinook salmon that may occur in the lower San Joaquin River and its tributaries, and is not specifically limited to reintroduced Central Valley spring-run Chinook salmon.

The operations of the Central Valley Project and State Water Project are also covered by the de minimus conditions of the Settlement Act. NOAA Fisheries will adjust the operational requirements of these projects to account for reintroduced spring-run Chinook salmon to insure de minimus: water supply reductions, additional storage releases, or unwilling bypass flows associated with the operations of the Central Valley Project and State Water Project."

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