

January 21, 2017

Spring Run Chinook Salmon Intake Gate Restrictions for the Spring of 2017

RESTRICTIONS SUMMARY: *(Taken from the Army Corps of Engineers Regional General Permit 3 for the Suisun Resource Conservation District, Page 8 & 9, Condition #13 and #15.)*

Condition #13: “Landowners are prohibited from diverting unscreened water from the sloughs (listed on page 2) from February 21 through March 31. The purpose of these diversion restrictions is to protect migrating salmon.”

Condition #15: “While the diversion restrictions are in place the Suisun Resource Conservation District and Department of Fish and Wildlife shall monitor gate closures, notify landowners, and take appropriate action on such gates in compliance with the USFW and NMFS Biological Opinion. If an open gate is observed they shall immediately contact the owner and the gate shall be closed.”

This letter is to remind all landowners listed below of the monitoring requirements that SRCD and the landowners must comply with as of **February 21st through March 31st, 2017**. SRCD will be checking all intake gates in these designated areas by boat for the duration of the monitoring period. Intake gate stem measurements collected during the 2013 spring closures will be used to ensure that these gates are closed. This letter is to notify landowners, in advance, so proper water management can be obtained prior to these restrictions taking effect. If there are any questions regarding these restrictions contact the SRCD office at (707) 425-9302.

Clubs that have fish screen facilities or intake gates on sloughs other than those listed as areas of critical salmon habitat may use them to intake water during this closure period.

***NOTE!** If a diversion is inspected and found to be noncompliant, the landowner will be notified by telephone and requested to close it immediately. The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, the National Marine Fisheries Service, and the Army Corps of Engineers will also be notified. Compliance with these permit conditions is essential otherwise the permit for the entire Suisun Marsh could be jeopardized.

AREAS OF CRITICAL SALMON HABITAT:

- A) Montezuma Slough
- B) Lower Nurse Slough (From the confluence with Denverton Slough to Montezuma Slough)
- C) Denverton Slough
- D) Cutoff Slough including: Spring Branch Slough and 1st & 2nd Mallard Branch Sloughs
- E) Suisun Slough (from downstream of confluence with Boynton Slough to Grizzly Bay)
- F) Chipps Island

CLUBS AFFECTED:

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| #124 Fat Hen Farms | #133 Shell Drake Duck Club |
| #213 Rush Ranch | #219 Volanti Duck Club |
| #220 Joice Island Mallard Farms | #304 Denverton Land Co. |
| #320 Tule Meadows Club | #321 Greenhead Duck Club |
| #322 DWR- Overlook Club | #323 Duck & R |
| #326 Tonnesen Ranch | #329 Flying D |
| #330 Wildwing Duck Club | #415 Arnold Ranch |
| #418 Cygnus Gun Club | #419 Miramonte Duck Club |
| #420 Antioch Goldeneye | #424 Lower Joice Island Gun Club |
| #425 California Farms | #426 Tip End Gun Club |
| #501 The Island Club | #502 Grizzly Duck Club |
| #503 Montezuma Gun Club | #504 Gum Tree Farms |
| #505 Dead Duck Country Club | #506 Four Winds Duck Club |
| #514 Tree Slough Farms | #522 Piedmont Rod and Gun Club |
| #524 CDFW Island Slough | #525 Balboa Farms |
| #526 Flatlander Club | #527 Delta King Ranch |
| #529 Sprigsville Ranch | #533 CDFW Joice Island |
| #535 CDFW Grizzly Island | #601 Can-Can Duck Club |
| #604 Blacklock Ranch | #605 Wohn Duck Club |
| #607/608 Duck A-Go-Go Club | #609 Black Dog Gun Club |
| #610 Westwind Duck Club | #612 Meridian Duck Club |
| #613 Kirby Hill Club | #618 Hidden Cove |
| #625 Pintail Ranch | #627 Honegger Ranch |
| #631 DWR-Meins Landing | #634 Grizzly Hilton |
| #702 Morrow Island | #703 The Friendly Godfather |
| #908 Montezuma Ranch | #910 Dante Farms |
| #912 Honker Bay Farms | #913 Ninelands |
| #914/15 Chipps Island Sport & Social | #916 A & B Duck Club |
| #918 Blue-winged Teal | #926 Webfoot Duck Club |
| #930 Hit & Miss Club | #931 Delta Farms |
| #932 Concord Farms | #940 Spinner Island |

The Suisun Resource Conservation District thanks you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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