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# Spring Run Chinook Salmon Intake Gate Restrictions for the Spring of 2023

**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 21<sup>st</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023**. 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 annually during the 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.

\*<u>NOTE!</u> 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 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Mallard Branch Sloughs
- E) Suisun Slough (from downstream of confluence with Boynton Slough to Grizzly Bay)
- F) Chipps Island

## **CLUBS AFFECTED**:

#124 Fat Hen Farms #213 Rush Ranch #220 Joice Island Mallard Farms #320 Tule Meadows Club #322 DWR- Overlook Club #326 Tonnesen Ranch #330 Wildwing Duck Club #418 Cygnus Gun Club #420 Antioch Goldeneve #425 California Farms #501 The Island Club #503 Montezuma Gun Club #505 Dead Duck Country Club #514 Tree Slough Farms #524 CDFW Island Slough #526 Flatlander Club #533 CDFW Joice Island #601 Can-Can Duck Club #605 Wohn Duck Club #609 Black Dog Gun Club #612 Meridian Duck Club #618 Hidden Cove #627 Honegger Ranch #634 Grizzly Hilton #703 The Friendly Godfather #910 Dante Farms #913 4 G Ranch #916 A & B Duck Club #926 Webfoot Duck Club #931 Delta Farms #940 Spinner Island

#133 Shell Drake Duck Club #219 Volanti Duck Club #304 Denverton Land Co. #321 Greenhead Duck Club #323 Duck & R #329 DWR-Flying D #415 Arnold Ranch #419 Miramonte Duck Club #424 Lower Joice Island Gun Club #426 Tip End Gun Club #502 Grizzly Duck Club #504 Gum Tree Farms #506 Four Winds Duck Club #522 Piedmont Rod and Gun Club #525 Balboa Farms #527 Delta King Ranch #535 CDFW Grizzly Island #604 Blacklock Ranch #607/608 Duck A-Go-Go Club #610 Westwind Duck Club #613 Kirby Hill Club #625 Pintail Ranch #631 DWR-Meins Landing #702 Morrow Island #908 Montezuma Ranch #912 Honker Bay Farms #914/15 DWR Chipps Island #918 Blue-winged Teal #930 Hit & Miss Club #932 Concord Farms

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

Sincerely,

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