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RE: Independent Peer Review of Water Year 2024 and 2025
Winter-run Chinook Salmon Annual Loss

Dear Mr. Walden and Dr. Grimaldo:

The Delta Stewardship Council's Delta Science Program is pleased to announce the completion of the independent scientific peer review of the Water Year 2024 and 2025 Winter-run Chinook Salmon Annual Loss. The Panel members have completed their report, and the courtesy copy is attached to this email.

Next steps include adding the final, accessible document to our website (<https://deltacouncil.ca.gov/delta-science-program/water-year-2024-and-2025-winter-run-chinook-salmon-annual-loss-independent-peer-review>) and sending a Delta Stewardship Council listserv announcement in March.

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Regarding Independent Peer Review, Spencer Walden and Lenny Grimaldo, March 3, 2026

The three Panel members responded to Charge questions aligned with their respective expertise. They provide recommendations regarding changes in management, improvements to monitoring and predictive modeling methods, and expanding sharing of key information between agencies.

If there are questions about the final report please contact Elizabeth Brusati, Senior Environmental Scientist, at reviewadvice@deltacouncil.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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Water Year 2024 and 2025 Winter-run Chinook Salmon Annual Loss Independent Peer Review Report

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