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RE: Independent Panel Review of the Methodology for the Spring-run Chinook Salmon Juvenile Production Estimate

Dear Dr. Grimaldo,

The Delta Stewardship Council's Delta Science Program is pleased to announce the completion of the independent scientific peer review of the Spring-run Chinook Salmon Juvenile Production Estimate (SRJPE). The Review panel has 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/spring-run-juvenile-production-estimate-independent-peer-review>) and sending a Delta Stewardship Council listserv announcement in late April.

The Review panel responded to Charge questions aligned with their respective expertise. They provide recommendations to strengthen the SRJPE and improve model uncertainty and bias. The Review panel commended the modeling team for developing an innovative and thoughtful approach.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisamarie Windham-Myers". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lisamarie" being more prominent than the last name.

Lisamarie Windham-Myers, Ph.D.
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List of Attachments:

Spring-Run Juvenile Production Estimate Independent Peer Review Report

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