

2026 SPRING CHINOOK/SUMMER STEELHEAD DIVE
SALMON RIVER, CALIFORNIA

REACH	DATE	SKILL RATING	MILES	SPRING CHINOOK ADULTS	SPRING CHINOOK JACKS	STEELHEAD ADULTS	STEELHEAD ½ POUNDERS
MAINSTEM							
Brannon's - Mouth	7/21	ADVANCED	4.4	10	0	26	22
Butler – Brannon's	7/21	ADVANCED	4.0	5	4	5	9
Tripp Point - Butler	7/21	ADVANCED	2.8	0	1	6	6
Nordheimer – Tripp Point	7/21	ADVANCED	3.6	2	1	2	7
Forks - Nordheimer	7/22	INTERMEDIATE	4.5	9	0	6	12
MNSTM COUNT			19.3	26	6	45	56
SOUTH FORK							
Henry Bell - Forks	7/22	EASY	3.0	4	1	2	4
O'Farril - Henry Bell	7/22	EASY	2.0	1	1	0	10
Indian – O'Farril	7/22	INTERMEDIATE	2.7	2	0	1	2
Matthews - Indian	7/22	INTERMEDIATE	2.3	2	0	2	4
French - Matthews	7/22	ADVANCED	4.0	3	0	3	14
Cecil - French	7/22	EASY	4.0	11	0	2	6
INDEX - Timber Gl - Limestone Gl	(7/22)	(EASY)	(2.6)	(6)	(0)	(1)	(8)
Petersburg - Cecil	7/22	EASY	4.0	3	0	0	3
Blindhorse - Petersburg	7/22	EASY	3.0	1	0	3	5
Little South Fk - Blindhorse	7/22	INTERMEDIATE	3.0	1	0	0	1
SFK COUNT			28.0	28	2	13	49
NORTH FORK							
4 - Forks	7/22	EASY	4.0	16	3	16	26
Index - China Pt. - Deadhorse Gl	(7/22)	(EASY / INTER)	(3.0)	(7)	(0)	(7)	(3)
8 - 4	7/22	INTERMEDIATE	4.0	9	0	8	7
12 - 8	7/22	INTERMEDIATE	4.0	8	0	0	21
16 - 12	7/22	EASY	4.0	6	0	19	31
Whites Gl - 16	7/22	INTERMEDIATE	2.0	1	0	1	2
Idlewild - Whites Gl	7/22	EASY	2.5	10	0	2	1
Mule Br. - Idlewild	7/22	INTERMEDIATE	3.0	0	0	0	1
Big Ck - Mule Br.	7/22	INTERMEDIATE	3.0	0	0	1	1
NFK COUNT			26.5	50	3	47	90
EAST FORK							
Taylor - Confluence	7/22	EASY	2.0	0	0	0	0
Shadow Ck - Taylor	7/22	EASY	2.5	0	0	0	0
EAST FK COUNT			4.5	0	0	0	0
WOOLEY CREEK							
Gates – Mouth	8/5	ADVANCED	3.8	17	1	81	83
Bridge Ck - Gates	8/6	ADVANCED	3.4	11	0	8	12
Hancock Ck – Bridge Ck	8/6	ADVANCED	3.1	1	0	7	8
North Fork – Hancock Ck	NS	ADVANCED	2.2	-	-	-	-
WOOLEY COUNT			12.5	29	1	96	83
FINAL COUNT							
FINAL COUNT		(w/o “extra” tributaries)	90.8	133	12	201	278
OTHER TRIBUTARIES							
Knownothing Creek	7/20	EASY	2.8	0	0	0	1
Little NF Salmon River	7/22	INTERMEDIATE	2.3	0	0	0	0
Methodist Creek	7/20	EASY	2.4	0	0	0	0
Nordheimer Creek	7/20	EASY	1.8	0	0	0	0

Mortalities (as reported in notes and mortality sheets)

- Spring Chinook (adult) = 2
- Steelhead (half-pounder) = 2
- Juvenile steelhead/rainbow trout = 16
- Sucker = 2
- Pacific giant salamander = 10

Other

*Sand (and other finer substrates) in South Fork which originated from post-2021 River Complex Fire debris flows (2022 - Blindhorse Creek; Taylor Creek headwaters // 2023 - Rush Creek) is still moving through the system.

*Partial survey of Reach 20B (EF) - crew exited at Gooley Gulch

*Expanded survey of Little North Fork - crew started at Sur Cree Creek instead of Specimen Creek

Other biota of interest

- Northwestern pond turtle = 1 (NF Salmon - btwn Mile 13/14)
- Freshwater mussels
- Juvenile Chinook observed, from upper NF/SF reaches to mainstem Salmon River; also Little NF Salmon River, Nordheimer Creek, and Wooley Creek
 - Especially numerous (1,000+) at NF Salmon River, Reach 12