

**2023 SPRING CHINOOK/SUMMER STEELHEAD DIVE  
SALMON RIVER, CALIFORNIA**

REACH	DATE	SKILL RATING	MILES	SPRING CHINOOK ADULTS	SPRING CHINOOK JACKS	STEELHEAD ADULTS	STEELHEAD ½ POUNDERS
<b>MAINSTEM</b>							
Brannon's - Mouth	7/25	ADVANCED	4.4	1^	0^	9	3
Butler – Brannon's	7/25	ADVANCED	4.0	1	2	5	2
Tripp Point - Butler	7/25	ADVANCED	2.8	6	0	2	7
Nordheimer – Tripp Point	7/26	ADVANCED	3.6	2	0	3	1
Forks - Nordheimer	7/26	INTERMEDIATE	4.5	6	0	5	1
<b>MNSTM COUNT</b>			19.3	<b>16</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>SOUTH FORK</b>							
Henry Bell - Forks	7/26	EASY	3.0	11	0	10	3
O'Farril - Henry Bell	7/26	EASY	2.0	1	1	0	0
Indian – O'Farril	7/26	INTERMEDIATE	2.7	2	0	2	2
Matthews - Indian	7/26	INTERMEDIATE	2.3	0	0	5	2
French - Matthews	7/26	ADVANCED	4.0	16	2	1	2
Cecil - French	7/26	EASY	4.0	5	2	0	3
INDEX - Timber Gl - Limestone Gl				(1)	(0)	(0)	(3)
Petersburg - Cecil	7/26	EASY	4.0	7	0	2	2
Blindhorse - Petersburg	7/26	EASY	3.0	1	0	4	10
Little South Fk - Blindhorse	7/26	INTERMEDIATE	3.0	1	0	2	1
<b>SFK COUNT</b>			28.0	<b>44</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>NORTH FORK</b>							
4 - Forks	7/26	EASY	4.0	1	0	0	7
Index - China Pt. - Deadhorse Gl	7/26	(EASY / INTER)	(3.0)	(4)	(0)	(1)	(0)
8 - 4	7/26	INTERMEDIATE	4.0	15	0	2	3
12 - 8	7/26	INTERMEDIATE	4.0	21	4	1	6
16 - 12	7/26	EASY	4.0	3	0	3	8
Whites Gl - 16	7/26	INTERMEDIATE	2.0	19	3	1	3
Idlewild - Whites Gl	7/26	EASY	2.5	14	1	1	5
Mule Br. - Idlewild	7/26	INTERMEDIATE	3.0	0	0	1	0
Big Ck - Mule Br.	7/26	INTERMEDIATE	3.0	0	0	0	1
<b>NFK COUNT</b>			26.5	<b>73</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>33</b>
<b>EAST FORK</b>							
Taylor - Confluence	7/26	EASY	2.0	0	0	0	1
Shadow Ck - Taylor	7/26	EASY	2.5	0	0	0	0
<b>EAST FK COUNT</b>			4.5	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>WOOLEY CREEK</b>							
Gates – Mouth	8/6	ADVANCED	3.8	10	3	12	10
Bridge Ck - Gates	8/6	ADVANCED	3.4	28	3	79	0
Hancock Ck – Bridge Ck	8/6	ADVANCED	3.1	47	2	119	2
North Fork – Hancock Ck	8/6	ADVANCED	2.2	0	0	2	0
<b>WOOLEY COUNT</b>			12.5	<b>85</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>FINAL COUNT</b>		(w/o “extra” tributaries)	<b>90.8</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>85</b>
<b>OTHER TRIBUTARIES</b>							
Knownothing Creek	7/27	EASY	2.8	0	0	0	2
Little NF Salmon River	7/26	INTERMEDIATE	2.3	0	0	0	0
Methodist Creek	NS	EASY	2.4	-	-	-	-
Nordheimer Creek	NS	EASY	1.8	-	-	-	-

Mortalities (as reported in notes and mortality sheets)

- Spring Chinook (adult) = 3
- Juvenile steelhead/rainbow trout = 6
- Sucker = 2
- Pacific giant salamander = 3

Other

^The survey on 7/25 reported 88 Spring Chinook (84 adults; 4 jacks) near the mouth of the Salmon River. Given the anomalous nature of the report, the location was rechecked on 7/26 or 7/27. The experienced individual who performed the resurvey only found American Shad; and it was recommended by the CDFW co-lead for the lower Salmon River effort to remove the 88 "Chinook" due to mis-identification.

\*SF Salmon River (and mainstem Salmon River) demonstrates an elevated amount of sand and finer material, including significant infilling of large pools. These observations are in result of (1) slides/debris flows in August 2022 following heavy rain over the 2021 River Complex area; and (2) general erosion and additional landslides in the same fire footprint during a spring run-off that included a higher-than-normal snowpack. Turbidity became notably elevated below certain tributaries: Little Grizzly Ck, Rush Creek, and Taylor Creek (EF Salmon).

\*\*SF Salmon River, especially upstream of Cecilville, reported observations of elevated wood loading as a result of aforementioned debris flows.

\*\*\*Two live Pacific lamprey adults and 1 lamprey redd found. All observations were made in differing reaches.