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Subject: Planned release of brood year 2017 juvenile winter Chinook Salmon from the Livingston Stone National Fish Hatchery captive broodstock program

This notification is for the planned release of approximately 29,947 winter Chinook Salmon at the North Fork Battle Creek on Friday, March 2, 2018 (Table 1). This is the first planned release of more than 200,000 juvenile winter Chinook Salmon that will be released into Battle Creek this month. These fish are the progeny of captive broodstock from the Livingston Stone National Fish Hatchery. They are approximately 80 mm fork length and are 100% coded-wire tagged and marked with both an adipose-fin clip **and a left pelvic-fin clip**. When available, final release information will be submitted to the RMIS database (www.rmhc.org). Please forward this information to all interested parties. For questions concerning this release please contact Kevin Niemela at (530) 527-3043.

Table 1.—Planned release summary of Livingston Stone National Fish Hatchery brood year 2017 winter Chinook Salmon.

Release		CWT Code or Mark	Fork Length (mm) <i>estimated average</i>	Count	
Date	Location			With CWT and Mark ¹	Total
March 2, 2018	Battle Creek, Wildcat Rd. Bridge, Manton, CA	05 61 73	80	29,947	29,947

¹ Total number of fish with a coded-wire tag (CWT) and an adipose fin clip (Mark) for groups that receive a CWT or total number of fish with a Mark for groups only receiving an adipose fin clip. For this pre-release notice, retention was assumed to be 100% for any applied CWT or Mark.