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To: Ernie Clarke, TRRP Science Coordinator  
From: Joe Polos, TRRP Fish WG Coordinator  
Subject: Policy clarification for a proposed limiting factor analysis for the South Fork Trinity River spring Chinook salmon population to be considered in the FY2012 work plan process.

At the TRRP Fish Work Group (FWG) meeting held on December 12, 2010, the FWG members were tasked with prioritizing the fish population and fish habitat assessments and PITAs to assist in the development of the FY2012 work plan. A new assessment was proposed to conduct a limiting factor analysis for the South Fork Trinity River spring Chinook salmon population (this was also added as a PITA). During the discussion of this project, a concern was raised that the TRRP has stated that work in the tributaries is limited to watershed restoration activities under the Trinity River Mainstem Fishery Restoration EIS/R Record of Decision (ROD). It was also mentioned that during the TMC conference call on November 18, (?) 2101, that Mike Orcutt asked for clarification from the BOR on the types of work allowed in the watersheds under the TRRP which may provide guidance to this issue (not sure this is the exact language that was asked..hopefully Jennifer can clarify this) .

The FWG is seeking policy guidance on the following question:

*Should the FWG consider incorporating limiting factor analysis for the South Fork Trinity River spring Chinook salmon population into the prioritized list of assessments and PITAs for the FY2012 work plan process?*