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STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
INTRAOFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE April 14, 1953

TO: REGION II - Fisheries Management

FROM: C. K. FISHER

SUBJECT: SNAKE LAKE DAM, PLUMAS COUNTY: DEDICATION PLANS

The following is a summary of pertinent results of a meeting in the Plumas Forest Headquarters in Quincy on April 10:

In attendance: Mr. Norman Johnson, local sportsman and newspaper publisher, chairman of plans committee

Mr. William A. Peterson, Forest Supervisor

Mr. ~~Herb~~^{Erwin} Bosworth, U. S. Forest Service

Mr. Pete Hook, U. S. Forest Service

Mr. Paul Kehrer, Game Warden, Department of Fish and Game

Mr. C. K. Fisher, Biologist, Department of Fish and Game

Proposed Plans:

Date and time - Sunday, May 17, 1:00 p.m. to ?

A picnic lunch is planned for 1:00 to 2:30 p.m., with the dedication to follow immediately. The dedication will consist of a number of speakers, who will describe past events and history leading to dam construction.

During the ceremony it is planned to have a hatchery pickup tank truck with a load of largemouth bass (and/or bluegill, dependent on final management decision) pull up to the lake shore and plant the lake. Immediately prior to this act, the truck will be parked in the area for inspection, during which time a Department representative will describe to the group fisheries features of the lake, including an explanation as to the source of the fish, and environmental features of the lake by which it was decided to plant largemouth bass and bluegill.

After the meeting, I accompanied Wardens Paul Kehrer and Gil Berg to Round Valley Reservoir, previously mentioned as a possible source of bass and bluegill for planting Snake Lake. Time and terrain did not permit an inspection of the shoreline for seining sites, however, there appeared to be a meadow area on the far shore (opposite dam) that may be suitable for this purpose. Warden Kehrer was of the opinion that angling would be a more efficient means of taking bass, especially the larger individuals, and prior to dedication time before seining may be profitable even if the shoreline is suitable. With this in mind, he expects to get together a party of anglers for this purpose, and will let us know when this is to take place so we can contribute equipment and personnel.

This possibility of netting bass as they attempt to pass over the dam during high water was also discussed, but it was thought that possibilities of success by this method are slim

If it is decided to plant bluegill this year, they possibly may be seined in Round Valley Reservoir, after water temperatures have risen to the point that they are active in the shallows. Otherwise, they will have to come from Central Valleys, rescue, or possibly some farm pond with an excess of bluegill.

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CKF - will try to catch more adult LMB for
transplanting to Snake Lake. Also try to
get some for dedication day. ✓ BC