

FIELD NOTE

REF 90438

Hunter Creek  
Humboldt County

Tributary To : Klamath River  
Date of Survey : December 22, 1987  
Purpose of Survey: Salmon Carcass Survey  
Location : 1500 ft. upstream of the Simpson H500 bridge,  
downstream to the H100 bridge. Approximately  
three miles.  
Method of Survey : Visual Observation  
Surveyors : Carl Harral  
Observations : Two live coho, one 69 cm. spawned out female  
coho, four coho skeletons, and eight redds  
were observed.

About 1500 ft above the H500 bridge there was a log jam that was about fifteen ft. high and was holding back gravel. This log jam was a barrier to fish migration. Several other barriers were identified in a July '83' Fish and Game survey. The rearing habitat below the H500 bridge is very limited as most of the lower reach in Hunter Creek dries up in the summer months. There are very few pools in this reach of the stream and cover in the existing pools is almost nonexistent.

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Freshwater rearing habitat is vital to the life cycle of coho and other salmonids. In order to maintain and strengthen the salmon and steelhead population in Hunter Creek, I strongly recommend the barriers above the H500 bridge be modified to allow access to the rearing habitat in the upper reach of the stream. I also recommend that the rearing habitat be enhanced wherever practical.

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