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Memorandum

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Date : 21 August 1990

From : Department of Fish and Game Kimberly Nicol, Fishery Biologist

Subject: Desert Pupfish Survey - Salt Creek

This year the Department did not conduct a desert pupfish survey at Salt Creek, Riverside County. Dr. Allan Schoenher of Pomona College began a study of the pupfish there this year and is trapping fish on a quarterly basis. Trapping is occurring in the portion of the creek between the powerline road and the Kaiser Steel Railroad trestle. On 31 March 1990 there were 119 desert pupfish trapped in 12 traps. On 9 June 1990 there were 125 desert pupfish trapped in two traps. Sailfin mollies were also trapped on this occasion. Dr. Schoenherr trapped again on 14 June 1990 and caught only one desert pupfish and one sailfin mollie in 12 traps. He trapped one week after the second quarter survey because on the night of June 9, 1990, after he had left, a flood came through Salt Creek and he wanted to record the difference in the number of fish. He will be setting traps again in the fall.

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