

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME  
INTRAOFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: June 6, 1961

TO: Al Cordone

FROM: D. W. Kelley

SUBJECT: Taylor Creek

Harold Pischel called today and during our conversation, he reminded me that we must be very careful with the water from Fallen Leaf Lake or we shall have trouble keeping the kokanee eggs alive next winter. I told him I did not believe there was any further need for the fish ladder this year and that we could probably begin releasing water through the gate valve and close off the ladder entirely. Before asking Mullen to do this, I thought I had better check with you since you have been working on the stream. Operation through the gate valve can be more accurately controlled, and we will have a better record of the amount of water that left the lake. Please let me know as soon as you can.

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D. W. Kelley  
Fisheries Biologist III

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by phone etc*

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STUMP PLANTING, 1961

REPORT FOR TAYLOR CREEK  
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RSE BY HAROLD FISCHER

Region II  
1001 Jedsmith Drive  
Sacramento 19, California  
June 8, 1961

Al Mullen, District Ranger  
U. S. Forest Service  
P. O. Box 701  
Tahoe Valley, California

Dear Al:

I have read the Department of Water Resources' prediction that the runoff in the Truckee River drainage will once again be very low. According to the snow surveys, it will be about 40 percent of normal. This means that it will be very important to use the water in Fallen Leaf Lake carefully this year to prevent the loss of kokanee salmon in Taylor Creek next winter.

Almo Cordone told me yesterday that, in his opinion, there is no further need to use the fish ladder this spring. You may want to close it and make the entire release from now on through the gate valve. This provides a somewhat better means of control and a better record of the flow.

We are still trying to find some money to participate with Fallen Leaf Lake Protection Association and the U. S. Forest Service in the cooperative installation of a recording gage on Taylor Creek. Have you had any luck in finding or budgeting for funds for this purpose?

I am sending a copy of this letter to Jim Leamon with a request that if he has any information that would suggest the ladder remain open until July 1 he will contact you.

Sincerely,

D. W. Kelley  
Fisheries Biologist III

cc: Harold Fischel  
Jim Leamon

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