

SURVEY NOTE

NAME OF WATER

COUNTY

DATE

TAYLOR CREEK

EL DORADO

MAY 29, 1947

Sucker and minnow spawning - Approximately 38-45 suckers observed to be spawning in a small area near the road bridge just below the hatchery. Myriads of minnows accompanied the spawning pairs-eating the eggs as they came out of the ♀ suckers' vent. They would actually crowd right under the ♀ sucker as she laid her eggs. Males outnumbered females about 9 or 10 to 1. At times 2 males would accompany a single ♀ in the spawning act - on each side. - Vibrations last one or two seconds. Hatcheryman says minnows (which are now practically choking stream-spawning) create a problem as to disease - and actually come down thru the water supply and get into the hatchery; He suggests screening the stream below hatchery during periods of minnow and sucker spawning runs. (Also contends that chubs and suckers eat up trout eggs laid previously)

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