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UPPER TRUCKEE AND TROUT CREEK ALTERNATE
CLOSINGS

Conferences on the above subject were held on October 30 and 31 with various interested people.

LaMarr thinks the closing of Upper Truckee and Trout Creek in alternate years might be desirable if it could be enforced, but cannot be enforced under present conditions. Pollitt states there is much opposition to the present system at the south end of the lake, and that both streams are fished every year now regardless. John Kellar, of Altahoe, is very strong for our present method of rotation and would even endorse including Cold Creek, making a rotation of three streams; he is strong for the July 1 opening. Mr. Young, of Young's Resort, says the rotation would be fine if enforced, but that all streams are fished now, and that not many more fish would come out of them if they were opened; he favors July 1 opening. Bode Martin thinks that rotation makes too much confusion; that people don't know which is closed, and fish innocently in the wrong stream; and is against the rotation; even though when the biological reasons were explained, he was less emphatic; he thinks Star Lake should be opened even if trout and Cold creeks are closed. Warden Sears favors opening all streams because too much bad feeling is caused by the present situation, and because he thinks the results do not justify the effort, since very few fingerlings and small fish were seen in the Upper Truckee in 1945.

Summarizing, it seems that most of those interviewed oppose the closing of Upper Truckee and Trout Creek on alternate years. In view of this, and of the fact that Trout Creek is naturally a poor fishing stream but a good spawning stream, and that the Upper Truckee is a better fishing stream than Trout Creek, it is proposed as follows:

RECOMMENDATION. Upper Truckee River in El Dorado County to remain open throughout its length from July 1 of every year. Trout creek and Cold Creek and their tributaries to remain closed; exception: Star Lake to be open every year during the regular season in District 23.

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