

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME  
INTRAOFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: April 17, 1961

TO: Allan F. Pollitt,  
Fisheries Manager III,  
Sacramento, California.

FROM: Charles J. Spillner

SUBJECT: Diversion Dam on the Truckee River.

There is a diversion dam located on the Truckee River about  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile south of Deep Canyon, approximately  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles SW of the California-Nevada state line. This dam diverts water from the Truckee River into the Sierra Pacific Power Company flume.

This dam has a fish ladder that is inoperable at this time. The dam and fish ladder are in good shape except that the boards, controlling the height of each step of the ladder, are broken or missing and, in its present condition, the fish could not possibly use the ladder to by-pass the dam.

The dam is presently posted with signs prohibiting fishing within 250 feet. However, under the present set-up, with the boards in the condition that they are, I think that we could be beaten in court if we cited a person for violation of that section.

If the dam is going to be repaired and put in proper operating condition I will leave the signs up and try to enforce it as much as possible. If you have no plans for repairing the fish ladder, then I think the signs should come down and we should open the waters to fishing to everyone.

I would like your suggestions before the opening of the trout season so that I'll have time to get the signs down or to plan on enforcing that section of the code.

  
Charles J. Spillner

April 21, 1961

Warden Charles J. Spillner

George H. Warner, Fisheries Management Supervisor

Diversion Dam on Truckee River

Reference is made to your letter of April 17 regarding subject and addressed to Allan Pollitt. If the Sierra Pacific Power Company dam is blocking migratory fish and the ladder is in disrepair, then it is our responsibility to request the Company to carry out the necessary maintenance work. If you feel that a functioning ladder is necessary, please advise us of the nature and extent of repairs needed, and we will request the Power Company to accomplish this maintenance.

On the other hand, if a ladder will serve no useful purpose, then it appears to me the signs should come down, and anglers allowed to use the area below the dam.

George H. Warner  
Fisheries Management Supervisor

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cc: Greenwald  
Pollitt

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