

Memorandum

To : Assistant Deputy Director - Operations

Date : September 26, 1983

From : Department of Fish and Game - Region 2

Subject: Proposed 1984 Angling Regulation Change: Establish "Flies Only" Section on the Truckee River

Proposal:

Restrict angling to flies only in that portion of the Truckee River from the "Pink House" downstream to Prosser Creek, Nevada County.

Source:

J. Barton Phelps and Otto Miller

Recommendation:

Reject.

Analysis

The Phelps-Miller proposal would not provide the protection required to allow the Truckee River trout resource to reach its full capacity. A fishery at full capacity is achieved when fishing quality is comparable with that potentially available without angler-incurred mortality.

It is the intention of the Department of Fish and Game to manage the Truckee River trout resource from Truckee downstream to Nevada at full capacity. This will be achieved through support of the proposed Cal Trout angling regulation which would restrict angling to artificial lures only with single barbless hook from the Highway 267 Bridge (at Truckee) downstream to Juniper Creek (near Herschdale). In addition, the Cal Trout proposal would limit the catch to two trout 15 inches or greater in length.

Field studies on the Truckee River clearly show the trout population is in need of protection. Angler harvest has essentially eliminated the three year old and older trout and as a result the quality of angling and production of fish is much reduced from that of earlier years.


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