

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
INTRAOFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

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TO: File Reference

FROM: Ted Wooster and Jim Richard

SUBJECT: Echo Lake and Upper Truckee Fish Kill

On February 23, Jim Richard and I went to Echo Lake to gather water samples to determine the toxicity of the water. Four samples were taken through the ice in the middle of the lake. Samples were taken at 17 feet, 32 feet, 47 feet and _____. Approximately 3 c.f.s. were coming into the lake and 15 c.f.s. were going out Echo Creek.

On February 24, Jim and I took the boat to Lake Tahoe and examined the mouth of the Upper Truckee and Lake Tahoe for possible fish kill. No fish were found dead in Lake Tahoe, but many fish were found in the Upper Truckee from Lake Tahoe to within a few hundred feet of the first road crossing. The following table shows the numbers, species, and degree of ripeness.

BROWNS		RAINBOWS			KOKANEE	
Length	Sex	Length	Sex	Condition	Length	Sex
14"	F	18"	M	--	15"	--
13"	F	16"	M	--		
15"	F	16"	M	--		
13"	M	17"	-	--		
11"	-	18"	M	ripe (fresh)		
16"	-	17"	M	--		
14"	-	20"	M	ripe		
11"	-	14"	M	ripe		
13"	-	16"	-	--		
15"	M	22"	M	ripe		
5"		16"	F	ripe		
		26"	F	ripe		
		16"	F	ripe		
		23"	M	ripe		
		16"	M	ripe		
		16"	M	ripe		