

Memorandum

To: Patrick O'Brien
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Date: November 15, 1996

From: Department of Fish and Game - Region 2

Subject: Meiss Meadows CT-L Coordination Meeting

I have scheduled a meeting with Jeff Reiner, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, USFS, during January 23, 1996 to discuss management of CT-L in Meiss/Upper Truckee Basin. The meeting will be held at 10:00 hours in the wildlife conference room at Region 2.

Surveys in October 1996 revealed a main stem river population of 1463 CT-L (minimum estimate). Twenty BK were also removed from the main stem (of these, three were yearlings). Attempts to electrofish Tributary #4 and "Meiss Ck" were thwarted by fall snowstorms and ice. Some issues for discussion include the following:

1. Chemical Treatment on Upper Truckee River between artificial and natural barriers. This project would include Four Lakes and associated stream segments.
2. Continued electrofishing of basin in fall to remove BK. This project will be ongoing and include monitoring of all tributaries and netting of Meiss Lake.
3. Special regulation "Catch and Release" angling status for CT-L. I propose a zero limit for CT-L, and an open limit for BK. This will require proper signing.
4. Stream guard for Meiss Meadows. Mr. Reiner has proposed a jointly funded Stream guard to protect this fishery.
5. Discussion of cattle grazing standards and future allotment plans.

I think it is important to keep in mind that the 1996 fall surveys were interrupted by inclement weather, and that surveys of Meiss Lake, Meiss Ck, and Tributary #4 of the Upper Truckee River should be completed before definitive plans can be implemented. Additional agenda items for this meeting are also welcome.

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