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Mr. Jack N. Tobiason
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Dear Mr. Tobiason:

Your letter to the Director of the California Department of Fish and Game regarding Union Valley Reservoir fishing, has been referred to me for response.

The Department has several programs to manage the fisheries in the waters of the State. Each individual water is managed according to its fish growing capability, its water quality, the fishing pressure, and its accessibility. Some waters are managed by stocking small fingerling fish, some with large fingerlings, some with catchable size fish, and some with a combination of different sized fish of one or more species.

The "Catchable Trout", program is a very popular and provides recreational fishing to thousands of people, State-wide. Information regarding our catchable trout planting is provided to the media by mail, and is available to the public by telephone, (916) 351-0832, on a weekly basis. We do not specify which day or at what time the fish will be stocked, but because of popular demand, we do provide the week of planting. The fishermen you saw at Union Valley would not have had prior knowledge of the planting date, but they may have observed the truck on its way to the reservoir and followed it to the planting site. I agree with you that fishing right after planting is not sportsmanlike, but we cannot regulate everything.

The hatchery personnel learned of the accessibility of Union Valley Reservoir, when on a previous trip to another lake in that area, a hatchery truck driver checked the road to Union Valley.

The size of the trout stock for the catchable program are generally about one-half pound. However, because we deal with a live, growing crop, sometimes the fish we plant are a little smaller or a little larger than one-half pound. The fish that were planted in Union Valley Reservoir in early May were between one-half and one-third of a pound each.

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Union Valley, along with 15 other lakes, was planted with kokanee fingerlings this spring. The kokanee program is also very popular, and is a regular part of our fisheries management program. The kokanee program is not intended to replace the trout program but to be a positive addition to it.

I hope your fishing experiences are good ones and that you will continue to buy a license. If you have any questions regarding our fish planting programs, please contact Mr. Bruce Barngrover, Senior Hatchery Supervisor, telephone (916) 355-0923.

Sincerely,



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