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BUREAU OF FISH CONSERVATION

MAY 26, 1952

WRIGHTS LAKE, EL DORADO COUNTY

This will acknowledge receipt of William A. Dill's letter of May 19, 1952 on the same subject.

The reactions which have taken place following our recommendation that the planting of fingerling trout in Wrights Lake be discontinued is typical of any efforts on our part to reduce the fingerling allotments for waters in which we do not feel satisfactory returns are being obtained. Prior to this recommendation, we have been subjected to repeated criticism for the poor fishing which exists at Wrights Lake.

According to Mr. Dill's letter, Mr. Brollair now states that the lake contains large numbers of trout and that the soundings were taken at the time of the year when the lake was at its lowest level. Actually the lake was spilling over the crest of the dam on the day the soundings were taken August 17, 1951.

Most of the fishing success is obtained in the inlet stream area which, according to our observations, contains a good population of fish with good natural reproduction. It is our contention that this natural reproduction is adequate and that the artificial stocking of fingerling trout in the lake proper will not materially affect the anglers' success.

Problems of this nature have occurred in the past and will continue to occur in the future if any attempt is made to utilize hatchery production where it is most needed rather than on a basis of local demand. We would like to know whether or not the Bureau and Administration will back us up on this action and if not we would prefer to have the opportunity of graciously relenting to the demands of Mr. Brollair before he carries his request to Administration resulting in our being ordered to plant the lake which would then put us in the position of being corrected bad boys.

I suggest that Mr. L. R. Dunham's survey of Wrights Lake and Mr. Pollitt's letter of May 19 to Mr. Brollair (copy to Bureau of Fish Conservation) be reviewed in connection with this problem.

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Earl Leitritz, Bill Dill, and I all read your letter of May 26 under subject heading and agreed that we would back you up on your action. Earl then sent a memo to Director Seth Gordon to the effect that we should back up our men in actions of this kind and Mr. Gordon put his "O.K." on this memo.

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Supervising Fisheries Biologist

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cc: A.F. Pollitt