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DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME  
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El Dorado Co.

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TO: J. C. FRASER  
FROM: BUREAU OF FISH CONSERVATION  
SUBJECT: WRIGHTS LAKE, EL DORADO COUNTY

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As I told you in our telephone conversation on November 7, Chief of Patrol E. L. Macaulay brought his old friend and schoolmate Mr. Ed S. Thomas, 2170 University Avenue, Berkeley, California (Telephone Thornwall 3-2774) into my office on November 5 to discuss fish management in Wrights Lake. Mr. Thomas is one of the older members of the Wrights Lake Summer Home Association.

As I told you, Mr. Thomas pointed up the large increase in the number of summer residents that has taken place and is continuing to take place at Wrights Lake and expressed the opinion that particularly in view of the heavy angling pressure we should carry out some sort of stocking in Wrights Lake. I went over the material pertaining to Wrights Lake contained in our survey files with Mr. Thomas and presented to him the arguments in support of our present fish management policies contained therein. Mr. Thomas listened attentively and politely but retained his conviction that we should continue planting Wrights Lake with trout. He stated that the trout caught in Wrights Lake are almost invariably fat and otherwise in good condition, indicating that carrying capacity of the water would not be over extended if we planted trout in addition to those produced by natural reproduction. He stated that since there was no natural reproduction in Dark Lake it was evident that our planting of fingerlings was producing some results there and that therefore similar planting of fingerlings in Wrights Lake should also produce some survival and was preferable to no stocking at all, although catchable trout would be welcome when they become available.

Mr. Thomas also expressed his personal preference for the stocking of brown trout in Wrights Lake. He said that for some reason or another, perhaps the abundance of food in Wrights Lake, the eastern brook trout and to a large extent the rainbows would not take a fly there except in rare instances. He said that when we planted brown trout in the lake some excellent fly fishing was to be had over a period of several years.

When you come to make up your 1953 allotments please reconsider the possibility of an allotment for Wrights Lake on the basis of the above information.



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