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WARDEN EDWIN A. JOHNSON

J. C. FRASER, FISHERIES MANAGEMENT SUPERVISOR

WRIGHTS LAKE, EL DORADO COUNTY

Dear Ed:

We have received several reports that our catchable trout planting program for Wrights Lake has been a failure.

A meeting has been set for November 14th, with representatives of the Wrights Lake Homeowners Association, for the purpose of discussing future fish planting programs. Before going into this meeting, I would like to have the advantage of any observations you may have made during the past two seasons, with reference to fish populations, catches, and natural mortalities in Wrights Lake.

If we have not been obtaining a satisfactory return on catchable trout planted in Wrights Lake, we certainly do not want to continue this practice. Therefore, any information, recommendations, or suggestions that you may have will be greatly appreciated.

J. C. Fraser
Fisheries Management Supervisor
Region II

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cc: Captain Hooker
Warden Bernard Faist

SUBJECT:

Wrights Lake

*S. Wrights L.
El Dorado Co.*

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

"BUCK SLIP"

REFERENCE:

Letter Dated Nov. 7 55

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FROM:

Warden Ed Johnson

NO.	TO	DATE	MESSAGE
		11/10/55	Dear Jack:
			<p>I can't figure out how the people of Wrights Lake have any squak comming on the Fishing in that Area in regards to Catchable as they are getting plenty of Fish for a Back Country Area. There are plenty of other Areas that would sure like to have those Catchable Fish.</p>
			<p>However a good number of People Camp at Wrights Lake Camp Ground and the Mich. Cal. Lumber Co is making a real good road up to the Area which will bring many more Fishermen to this Area.</p>
			<p>The Average fishermen seem to have better luck catching the Catchable in the Stream below Wrights and Dark Lake than in Wrights Lake. The Shore Line of Wrights L is so shallow that a person should have a Boat or a Spinning outfit to get out into the Lake where the Fish seem to be. So the Kids and Poor Fishermen didn't have much luck in the Lake. I also saw some big German Brown Trout taken out of the Lake and one Cabin owner told me of seeing this Deer Season two large German Brs floating on the Water in front of their Cabin.</p>
			<p>I guess the only way to make Wrights L a good catchable lake would be to Poison out the Large Fish and start from Scratch. The Lake has reached Natures Balance without the Fishermen helping it. I have checked good fishermen who have taken near limits of Catchables from Boats from the lake.</p>
			<p>I ran into a X Mt. Ralston Pres (Forget his Name) Teacher in Sacto. Gray Hair, thin & Glasses who has lived there for years and he was complaining about the Fishing in General. No matter what we did I think he would be unhappy.</p>
			<p>I guess it all boils down to 1. Too many verities of Fish 2. Too many Fishermen 3 Fishing a Lake during the Mid Summer when lake fishing is slow. 4. Very Shallow Lake 5. The Cabin owners wish the General public would stay away. Yours truly, <i>Ed Johnson</i></p>

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