

MEMO TO: Members of the Wrights Lake Fish Fund Group

FROM: Phil Oakes

SUBJECT: Status of Fish Planting Activities and Return of Donated Funds

DATE: June 24, 1976

For the past several years we have been actively involved in attempting to get the California Department of Fish and Game to plant more fingerling trout in Wrights Lake and Dark Lake. In April, 1976, I wrote a proposal to the Fish and Game Department outlining some alternatives for the stocking of Wrights Lake and Dark Lake (copy of the letter is attached). On June 9, 1976, the Fish and Game Department responded and indicated that in addition to annual plantings of catchable rainbows, fingerling browns and brooks would be planted in 1977 in Wrights Lake but that Dark Lake would continue to receive only rainbow catchables. I have attached a copy of this letter.

The funds that you donated to this group have been in a bank account since 1973 and a small portion has been used to cover expenses for having the German Brown fingerlings' fins clipped and related activities. Since the money was to be used to privately purchase fingerling trout and we have now found that the costs are prohibitive in terms of the number of fingerlings we would receive, I am returning your money. Your check should be slightly more than the amount you donated to reflect the interest obtained over the past two years. The money served a purpose since the Fish and Game Department knew that we were serious about attempting to get more fingerlings in Wrights Lake and Dark Lake.

I will continue to contact the Fish and Game Department and attempt to get them to plant more fish. I feel that this project should now be terminated with the knowledge that we were at least partially successful in getting the Fish and Game Department to understand that fingerling plantings are necessary to maintain a sport fishing lake.

I hope that our efforts will pay dividends for the years to come.