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East Park
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July 10, 1924.

Mr. Geo. H. Evans,
Lodoga, Calif.

Dear Sir:

We took up the matter of the destruction of the pike in East Park Reservoir and Stoney Creek with our Deputy S. J. Carpenter and he is of the opinion that any plan to destroy the pike in that stream would be impractical and only a waste of time and money as they would soon return from the stream below, in fact, they would return with the first flood that came down Stoney Creek.

Mr. Carpenter states that East Park Dam was entirely dried up few years ago, being drained for the purpose of repairing the lower gate and the pike were all killed. He states that the reservoir is again full of pike and if they were destroyed in the smaller streams as well as East Park Reservoir, it would be only a short time before they would be as numerous as ever. This has been our experience in all other streams where attempts have been made to destroy the pike, as wherever it is possible for them to ascend from the main rivers, they always do so and there is no way to prevent them from ascending the streams as they are a fish that will ascend a very rapid current.

We agree with Mr. Carpenter that an attempt to destroy the pike in such places as Stoney Creek and its tributaries and East Park Reservoir cannot be done and even if they should be it would be only a question of time when they would be back again as this fish is native to all streams tributary to the Sacramento Basin.

Very truly yours,

FISH AND GAME COMMISSION

Will Shebley
in charge
Department of Fishculture.

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