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Box 415 Lakeport, Calif.
September 7, 1948

Mr. Paul A. Nelson
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Dear Mr. Nelson:

Can you give me any idea as to how low East Park Reservoir, Colusa Co. will be drawn this fall? According to my figures dead storage in this reservoir is 260 acre feet. If not to dead storage how many acre feet will be in the lake at the lowest point? The same information is needed with respect to Stony Gorge Reservoir.

It occurs to me that if the lowest expected point in East Park Reservoir is too high for a practical poisoning operation, it might be possible to transfer this water to Stony Gorge Reservoir, leaving E. Park at dead storage. It would then be possible to poison E. Park Res., with no chance of undesirable fish making their way to the lake from Stony Gorge Res..

Your comments on the above two paragraphs will be greatly appreciated. If the information you are able to furnish, coupled with our information on the fishery, indicate that a poisoning operation this fall is desirable, I will formulate provisional plans and submit them to you and to my office. Perhaps at this time a conference might be desirable.

Sincerely,

Garth I. Murphy
Assistant Aquatic Biologist



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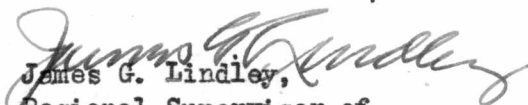
My dear Mr. Murphy:

Reference is made to your letter of September 7 regarding the anticipated drawdown of East Park and Stony Gorge Reservoirs in connection with plans to improve the fishing in them by replacing the present fish population with desirable species only.

At present East Park has about 26,000 acre-feet, and Stony Gorge about 4,600 acre-feet. We have considered your idea that the water from East Park be transferred to Stony Gorge, but it does not appear to be wise to make the transfer because of the larger watershed above Stony Gorge. Also, the gates at Stony Gorge will be repaired this coming winter and low water is an advantage.

We hope you can continue your surveillance of these reservoirs, and when an opportune time comes carry out your fish management plans.

Sincerely yours,


James G. Lindley,
Regional Supervisor of
Operation and Maintenance.