

March 25, 1949

U. S. Bureau of Reclamation
Orland, California

Subject: East Park Reservoir, Colusa County

Gentlemen:

It is our belief that the most important factor limiting game fish production in East Park Reservoir is the shortage of forage fish. The greaser blackfish, (Orthodon microlepidotus) appears to be most suitable species which could be obtained readily. It feeds on phytoplankton and therefore will not compete with the game fishes present in the reservoir for food. Unless you have serious objections in the future we plan to secure some numbers of this species from Clear Lake and stock them in East Park Reservoir.

We trust that this program will meet with your approval.

Yours very truly,

LEO SHAPOVALOV
Supervising Fisheries Biologist
Bureau of Fish Conservation

IS MD

CC G. I. Murphy ✓

CC A. J. Calhoun

CC C. A. Woodhull

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF FISH AND GAME
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE March 25, 1949

FROM: BUREAU OF FISH CONSERVATION
TO: GARTH I. MURPHY
SUBJECT: GREASER BLACKFISH PLANTING, EAST PARK RESERVOIR: COLUSA COUNTY

Earl Leitritz informs me that one or two of the 150 gallon tank trucks now at Central Valleys Hatchery can be assigned immediately for use in transporting the blackfish from Clear Lake to East Park Reservoir. We are aware that the permits to seine in Clear Lake will expire on March 31 and that quick action is needed if we are to make use of the commercial seiners to secure the blackfish for us. It is my suggestion that if you have secured the approval of the Lake County Sportsmen to remove blackfish from Clear Lake for planting in East Park Reservoir, you make arrangements with the commercial seiners to secure the necessary blackfish and place them in live boxes. The fish could then be picked up whenever convenient for you. I don't know just how many pounds of blackfish one of the 150 gallon tank trucks will haul, but such a truck will haul 200 pounds of trout. It should be able to haul at least the same number of pounds of blackfish and perhaps more.

Keeping in mind the basic arrangements which we have made, please modify the plans and procedures which I have suggested as you think best.



LEO SHAPOVALOV
Supervising Fisheries Biologist

LS MD
CC C. A. Woodhull
CC A. J. Calhoun

Murphy

C O P Y

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Region II
Sacramento Valley Dist.
P. O. Box 302
Chico, Calif.

April 4, 1949

(East Park Reservoir,
Colusa County)

Mr. Leo Shapovalov
Supervising Fisheries Biologist
Division of Fish and Game
Ferry Building
San Francisco 11, California

Dear Mr. Shapovalov:

I am pleased to inform you in connection with your letter of March 25 that our Regional Office has no objection to the planting of greaser black fish (Orthodon microlepidotus) as forage fish in the East Park Reservoir.

We will appreciate being informed when the field operations of planting these fish will take place.

Very truly yours,

/s/ James K. Carr
District Manager

April 14, 1949

Mr. James K. Carr
District Manager
Sacramento Valley District
U. S. Bureau of Reclamation, Region II
P. O. Box 302
Chico, California

Dear Mr. Carr:

Thank you for your letter of April 4 informing us that your Regional Office has no objection to the planting of greaser blackfish (Orthodon microlepidotus) as forage fish in East Park Reservoir, Colusa County.

We have now secured 63 blackfish from Clear Lake, Lake County, and stocked them in East Park Reservoir.

Very truly yours,

LEO SHAPOVALOV
Supervising Fisheries Biologist
Bureau of Fish Conservation

LS MD

CC Garth Murphy ✓
CC A. J. Calhoun