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File - East Park  
Colusa ~~Blanca~~ County

September 5, 1951

Regional Supervisor of Operation and Maintenance  
U. S. Bureau of Reclamation  
P. O. Box 2511  
Sacramento, California

Subject: East Park Reservoir - Colusa County

Dear Sir:

To bring you up to date on our efforts to improve angling at subject reservoir, we have recently concluded, on the basis of forage fish studies made elsewhere in the Central Valley, that the greaser blackfish (Orthodon microlepidotus) is not the answer to the problem. You will recall that we introduced them in the lake in April of 1949. We now believe that the golden shiner will improve forage conditions for black bass and provide a better source of live bait for anglers at East Park Reservoir. We are accordingly proceeding with plans to introduce this fish into the lake in the immediate future.

Another recent step was the introduction of 1400 white crappie fingerlings there on August 22, 1951. This fish was formerly restricted to Southern California; only the black crappie being present in the North. East Park was believed particularly well suited for these fish, and it was the first lake in the Central Valley to receive them. They provide exceedingly good angling in some Southern California Lakes, and we are hoping they will do the same in East Park.

Very truly yours,

A. C. TAFT, CHIEF  
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