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Stony Creek Reservoir System Management Plan

The Stony Creek system contains three large reservoirs, East Park (1500 SA), Stony Gorge (1200 SA), and Black Butte (4500 SA).

These reservoirs receive heavy use in the February-June period. Corps' records indicated 134,000 people used Black Butte in the December 1975 - June 1976 period.

East Park is now without fish and Black Butte (drawn down to 800 AF in September 1977) does not contain enough fish to provide a fishery this spring. Stony Gorge, reduced to 3000 AF in 1977, will support a limited fishery this spring.

I recommend we divert up to three percent (50,000) of the 1,700,000 catchables in the Region 2 1978 allotment. This would be about 20,000 to East Park and 30,000 to Black Butte. In addition, unallotted subcatchable rainbows currently available should be stocked in these waters at a rate of up to 30/SA.

To build a trophy fishery in February-May 1979, approximately 25,000 grade outs (smallest) from the 1978 Region 2 silver salmon allotment (175,000) should be held for planting in October 1978 if space is available in the hatcheries in the June-September 1978 period.

This program will provide a fishery during the high use period up to about June 1979. By the fall of 1979 the 1978 year class of warmwater fish should start entering the catch. The program is within the current budget and has only a slight impact on the management of other Region 2 waters. It is the best use of the hatchery product.

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