

Memorandum

To : Captain H. Bergstrom

Date : May 17, 1963

From : Department of Fish and Game - Dick Laursen

Subject: Letts Lake angler inventory (May 4, 1963)

The following statistics were computed from data obtained on May 4, 1963 at Letts Lake in Colusa County.

Starting at 0630 hours I made a check of all persons on shore. I completed the entire shore line at 0930 hours. During this check I counted 122 fishermen (this figure includes the juvenile anglers). The following points of origin for the anglers was ascertained:

Lake County; 20
Colusa County; 10
Sutter County; 5
Glenn County; 10
Yolo County; 7
Other counties; 70 (predominantly Bay Area Counties)

These anglers stated that they had spent approximately \$357.00 in Colusa so far on this trip. Many had arrived in the night and had not spent any money as yet, but stated that they would at least have to have gas before going far.

At 0630 hours there were 77 boats on the lake and a reasonable estimate would indicate that there were about two and a half persons per boat. The boat anglers were not interviewed as to their expenditures or home counties.

A fisheries census taker found about 5.3 fish per angler, but he did not arrive until about 0830 and many persons had already left with their limits. A reasonable estimate is that well over 2000 trout were taken from the lake on opening day, probably near 2,500. The fish averaged about 9 - 10 inches. Only two brook trout were observed by me. The fisheries man had not seen any brooks by noon opening day.

Dick Laursen