

**Memorandum**

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From : Department of Fish and Game

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Subject: Letts Lake Trout rescue

Subject water was inspected by me on Thurs. July 27, 1972.

Arrived at lake at 1030, surface temperature was 75° F.

Walked total perimeter of lake and counted 29 dead RT, also saw several others in poor condition near surface.

Approximately 100 RT sub-catchable and catchable size were gathered at one spring inlet. Spring temperature was 50° F.

Talked with Glenn Johnson of USFS. He plans to use boys from Touts Springs camp to install culverts to channel spring water into lake some distance off shore hoping the fish will then gather in deeper water so people won't attempt to take them by hand nets and other illegal means.

The situation has improved over the last two weeks as there aren't as many fish remaining in the lake.

The lake level is dropping rapidly though due to the very dry conditions this year.

No rescue was attempted for several reasons; lack of vehicle access to fish concentration, snags which would make seining ineffective and general weakened condition of fish caused by high temperatures. Also the small number of fish present at this time does not warrant any great effort on the part of the Department.

Mr. Johnson did request more coverage of the lake, especially on weekends, by our Wildlife Protection Personnel. He also mentioned that there has been some fish loss in the subject water in years past.