

File Colusa Co.

Memorandum

Region 2

To : Robert C. Fletcher
Deputy Director-Fisheries

Date : January 15, 1988

From : Department of Fish and Game - Region 2

Subject: Planting Surplus Coleman NFH CHIN Fry in Colusa Drain

Coleman National Fish Hatchery has a surplus of fall-run chinook salmon fingerlings this season. Because of low fall flows, the Colusa Drain did not have a salmon run this fall, therefore there are no salmon fingerlings there. Our planned work objectives for this coming spring were to evaluate the smolt rearing habitat and production of the Colusa Drain to determine if adult salmon entering the Drain were strays from the Sacramento River or a self-sustaining run. Growth and survival of salmon fry will be monitored by seining and/or electrofishing. Unless we can secure Coleman salmon, our evaluation must be put back for a year.

We therefore request permission to plant 2,000,000 Coleman salmon fry, in the Colusa Drain (as soon as possible) in the vicinity of the Norman-Princeton Road.

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Regional Manager

* Approved: *Robert C Fletcher*
Robert C. Fletcher
Deputy Director-Fisheries

Date: 1-26-88

cc: D. Manzer, D. Konhoff, P. Flint

* Number stocked should not exceed
~~1,000,000~~
RRR 750,000