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Memorandum

To: Fisheries Management Date: September 20, 1979
Region 3

From : Department of Fish and Game, Fisheries Management, Menlo Park

Subject: Olema Creek, Marin County; Fish Population Sampling, August 16, 1979.

On August 16, 1979, Central Fishery District personnel and WCA Joe Baima used a Smith-Root Type V backpack electroshocker to sample fish populations at two sites on Olema Creek.

Sampling Results by Station

Station 1: An approximate 1,000-ft. reach due west of Olema (intersection of Sir Francis Drake Highway and State Highway 1) and upstream from Bear Valley Road bridge. Streammile 2.2. At 0930 hrs. water temperature was 59°F. Streamflow was visually estimated at 0.2 cfs. Pool and riffle reach with good riparian canopy. Shocking time: 2587 seconds.

| Species | Number | FL Range (inches) | FL (inches) |
|---------|--------|-------------------|-------------|
| | | | |
| SH | 29 | 1.8 - 8.8 | 3.9 |
| SCP | 34 | 1.8 - 6.3 | 3.2 |
| RCH | 34 | 1.8 - 5.7 | 3.9 |
| SKR | 6 | 4.4 - 14.3 | 11.8 |
| LP | 1 | (ammocoete) | 5.0 |

Station 2: An approximate 800-ft. reach adjacent to Stewarts Morgan Horse Ranch. Streammile 5.2. At 1500 hrs. water temperature was 71°F. Streamflow was visually estimated at 0.1 cfs. Pool and riffle reach with considerable sun exposure. Shocking time: 2180 seconds.

| Species | Number | FL Range (inches) | FL (inches) |
|---------|--------|-------------------|-------------|
| SH | 48 | 1.5 - 5.6 | 2.7 |
| RCH* | 109 | 0.7 - 5.7 | 2.9 |
| STB* | 20 | 0.6 - 2.0 | 1.3 |
| SCP | 11 | 1.3 - 5.0 | 3.0 |
| SKR | 6 | 10.8 - 12.8 | 11.5 |

^{*} Small RCH and STB were abundant.

Length-frequency distribution tables for SH, RCH and SCP are attached. All fish appeared in good physical condition. <u>Crayfish</u> were observed at both sampling stations.

Examination of the combined SH length-frequency distribution reveals at least three apparent age classes (see attached length-frequency table):

Probable Age

| Class | Number | FL Range (inches) | TIT (in a local) |
|-------|--------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 0+ | 61 | 1.5 - 3.7 | 2.4 |
| 1+ | 12 | 4.1 - 6.5 | 5.3 |
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It is significant to note that no silver salmon were observed at the two sampling stations. Silver salmon are known to have spawned in Olema Creek at least as late as the mid-1970's, prior to the severe 1976-1977 drought.

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Attachments

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Olema Creek, LOCATION Marin County August 16, DATE¹⁹⁷⁹ NAME.

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SPECIES Sculpin (SCP) LOCATION

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