FIELD NOTES

ROBINSON CREEK Mendocino County

July 8, 1954. While searching for fingerling SH holding pond sites, this creek was briefly visited in company with Gerald Holman. Observations were made at a point about 2 miles upstream from the Stambaugh ranch above the canyon area. Here R.T.-SH were abundant and a few young suckers were present. In the flat area the stream was nearly dry with scattered, isolated pools. In the canyon the flow was less than ½ sec. ft. The water temp. in the shade was 70 deg. F. at 11 A. M. No Sacramento squawfish were observed. It was felt that the flow in this area would not hold up long enough to create an adequate holding pond above the canyon. -- HEP/mm

August 21, 1956: A single 100' station was electro-sampled in the area about 50 yards downstream from the second bridge crossing above U.S. Highway 101. Channel conditions were relatively unchanged from 1955 except for a small 6" cobblestone dam across the creek approximately in the middle of the station. It appeared as if this small dam had been built by children. The flow in Robinson Creek at this point was about the same as 1955 or an estimated 1/2 cu. ft. per second. At 3 p.m. the air temperature was 88°F and the water temperature was 82°F. In spite of the high water temperature, sampling results yielded 223 young steelhead and 3 small suckers. No other fish were taken at this station. HEP:dk