

May 1, 1954

FIELD NOTES

Ray Bruer and I checked this stream throughout the afternoon, beginning at 1 p.m. The weather was clear, without wind, and the air temperature was 86°F.; the water temperature was 58°F., and the flow was estimated to be about 30 cu. ft. per second. About 49 cars were actually counted, and it was estimated that we may have missed an additional 20%. 30 anglers were actually checked, nearly all of whom had fish. There were eight limits caught. The fish ranged in size from about 7 - 9". Several adult steelhead were reported caught and one 19" female containing about 1 cup of eggs was seen. Only 1 rough fish was observed, and this a 14" Sacramento Squaw fish, was caught below the falls. Because of the high water, no rough fish were observed in the stream.

From the mouth of Frazier Creek, on the Hale property, the forman, Mr. Jim Moss, was warning anglers that there was no fishing in the creek anywhere along the Hale property. It appears that Mr. Hale is of the opinion that the barrier falls was too high this winter to permit steelhead to ascend. It was claimed that he complained of this to the Department, but that because no action was taken, he decided to close his part of the stream in order to protect what few fish remained. It is felt that he is not fully aware of our program on Big Sulphur, and that a meeting with him in San Francisco should result in the stream again being open.

An analysis of the fishing success will follow.

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Anglers Checked	Angler Hours	RT-SH Checked	Catch per Angler	Catch per Angler hr.	Cars Observed	Est.	Anglers Est.	RT-SH Catch Est.
30	122	252	8.40	2.07	49	65	125	900