

## e. Regulations

Because of special management considerations, angling regulations are complex. A salmon punch card is required with a daily bag limit of three trout and five salmon, but no more than two salmon greater than 22 inches total length. There are also special weekly bag and possession limits.

2. ~~Mad River~~ - Humboldt County

## a. Species Present

Fall chinook and winter steelhead are the primary species present. Secondary species include coho and summer steelhead.

## b. Stocking Program

Production goals for Mad River fish plants from Mad River Hatchery are 100,000 chinook yearlings and 4 million fingerlings, 500,000 coho yearlings, and 250,000 winter/summer steelhead yearlings. Most planting is done in the spring, with some fall plants.

## c. Fisheries

Fall chinook are caught from October through December. Few are taken after that. Winter steelhead enter as early as November, with best fishing in January and February. Coho are taken December through January primarily. Summer steelhead reside in the lower river during summer and early fall months.

Angler access is limited to the lower thirteen miles and some access is available several miles upstream. The majority of Mad River in Humboldt County is privately owned and posted. Most fishing is from shore, with some drift boating and boating in the estuary

## d. Management

Mad River Hatchery is a non-mitigation facility that supplements wild stock production. Stream improvement projects are ongoing to enhance salmonid spawning and rearing habitats.

## e. Regulations

Accessible areas of the lower Mad River are open to angling year round. Those areas are closed to fishing during low flows from early October to late December to prevent adult salmon overharvest.

3. ~~Redwood Creek~~ - Humboldt County

## a. Species Present

Fall chinook and winter steelhead are the primary species present.

Secondary species include coho and a few coastal cutthroat trout.

b. Stocking Program

Prairie Creek Hatchery stocks the Redwood Creek drainage, primarily back into Prairie Creek. Releases include around 50,000 yearling chinook, 50,000 yearling coho and 40,000 yearling steelhead.

c. Fisheries

Winter chinook enter Redwood Creek when the mouth opens to the ocean, normally in late October. Anglers bank fish for them through December. Coho are caught November into January. Winter steelhead fishing occurs December into February.

Angler access is good from the mouth to Prairie Creek by road, about three miles. A few cutthroat trout are caught in the same area during migration periods in the fall and spring.

d. Management

Much of Redwood Creek is within Redwood National Park. The embayment water level is manipulated by RNP with controlled breaching summer through fall. This allows for extended rearing for salmonids, primarily chinook, and alleviates local flooding problems. All of lower Redwood Creek is leveed, which has stopped natural water circulation to the south slough. Gated culverts have been installed through the south levee to restore circulation and increase rearing space.

e. Regulations

The lower six miles of Redwood Creek is open to angling year round. The remainder is closed to fishing from mid-November through late May to protect adult spawners and pre-smolts. The lower river is closed during low flows from early October to late December to prevent adult salmon overharvest.

4. Smith River - Del Norte County

a. Species Present

Winter chinook and winter steelhead are the primary species present. Coastal cutthroat trout is the secondary sport species.

b. Stocking Program

A private non-profit hatchery at Rowdy Creek releases primarily chinook and steelhead into the Smith River system. Production goals are 450,000 chinook smolts and 35,000 steelhead smolts released annually.

c. Fisheries

NAME PRAIRIE CREEK COUNTY HUMBOLDT

STREAM SECTION From Mouth To Source

TRIBUTARY TO REDWOOD CREEK Twp. 11N R. 1E Sec. 34

OTHER NAMES RIVER SYSTEM REDWOOD CREEK

STOCKING RECORD 1940 -

DATE	SPECIES	SIZE	TOTAL WEIGHT	NUMBER OF FISH	OBSER. LOSS	HATCHERY	PLANTING LOCALITY
5/22-							Prairie Cr. State
5/17/40	SS-IR	15-28 p. oz.	1,960 ozs.	48,400	0		Prairie Cr. Pk. Davidson Ranch
7/27-							Prairie Cr.
10/4/40	SH-SM	14-42 p. oz.	1,357 ozs.	48,850	0	P. C.	State Park area
8/12-21/41	SS-IR	12-16 p. oz.	2,890 ozs.	39,560	8	P. C.	Prairie Cr. State Park area
11/4/41	SH-SM	12.7-14.7 p. oz.	1,800 ozs.	24,060	4	P. C.	Prairie Cr. State Park area
10/12 &							Prairie Cr.
10/14/42	SH-SM	17 p. oz.	1,332 ozs.	29,640	2	P. C.	State Park area
6/14/43	SS-LMC	17 p. oz.	525 ozs.	8,925	0	P. C.	S. end Prairie State Park
1/2 & 9/8/43	SH-SM	12-37 p. oz.	2,677 ozs.	63,050	50	P. C.	S. end Prairie State Park
6/19 &							Prairie Cr.
6/24/43	RT-3	10 p. oz.	1,109 ozs.	11,090	5	P. C.	State Park area
7/10-8/1/44	RT-S	4.5-7.5 p. oz. Av. 21 p. oz.	4,260 ozs.	25,644	2	P. C.	Prairie Cr. State Park area
7/25-9/5/45	SH-SM	17-30 p. oz.	2,410 ozs.	50,210	11	P. C.	State Park area
8/5/46	SH-SM	33 p. oz. Av. 5 p. oz.	800 ozs.	26,400	3	P. C.	S. end of Prairie Creek State Park
6/26-8/8/46	RT-S	3-10 p. oz.	2,862 ozs.	14,256	0	P. C.	M. Lost Man Cr. P. C. State Park
4-3-47	KS-FC	28 per oz.	900 ozs.	25,200	3	P. C.	P. C. State Park*
6-3-47	RT-S	11 per oz.	1,000 ozs.	11,000	0	P. C.	South end of P. C. State Park
8-5-47	SH-SM	24 p. oz.	500 ozs.	12,000	3	P. C.	South end of P. C. State Park
7-26-48	RT-SFS	8.8p. oz.	1,000 ozs.	8,800	0	P. C.	South boundary of Prairie Cr. St. Park and old Swimming Hole in State Park
8-17-49	SH-SM	26 p. oz.	500 ozs.	13,000	0	P. C.	Lower boundary of Prairie Cr. St. Park
8/8/50	SH-SI	31 p. oz.	500 ozs.	15,500	8	P. C.	So. end of Prairie Cr. State Park
8/25/52	SH	33/oz.	400 oz.	13,200	11	P. C.	So. boundary Prairie Cr. State Park
8/25/52	KS	4.8/oz.	600 oz.	2,880	0	P. C.	So. boundary Prairie Cr. State Park
500 ✓ 7/12/54	CT	14/oz	1,072 oz	15,008	26	"	At State Park
550 ✓ 7/20/54	CT	12/oz	1250 oz	15,000	5	"	State Park 1/2 mi above bridge at lower bound

\* This lot of King Salmon planted in Prairie Creek because truck broke down on way to (Klamath River.)

# STOCKING RECORD

DATE	SPECIES	SIZE	TOTAL WEIGHT	NUMBER OF FISH	OBSER LOSS	HATCHERY	PLANTING LOCALITY
✓ 9/6/55	CT	9.6/oz	490 oz	4704	1	Prairie Cr	2 mi N. to 1/2 mi S. o Prairie Cr state par
✓ 9/8/55	CT	9.6/oz	720 oz	6912	4	Prairie Cr	2-5 mi N. of Park entrance
✓ 9/27/55	CT	6/oz	990 oz	5940	0	Prairie Cr	5 mi N. to 1/2 mi S. c Park camp grounds
✓ 9/27/55	CT	6/oz	1190	7140	1	Prairie Cr	Old Swimming Hole
8/24/56	SH	10/oz	24 oz	240		Rescued	5 mi. N. of Park Off
8/24/56	SH	1/oz;	4 oz	4		Rescued	"
8/24/56	SS	9/oz	16 oz	144		Rescued	"
✓ 8/24/56	CT	Adult		1		Rescued	"
✓ 1957	CT-C Fing.			4,656		Mt. Shasta	
✓ 1959	ET-C Fing.	25.1/oz.	300 ozs.	10,530		Mt. Shasta	
✓ 8/13/61	CT-C Fing.	24/oz.	480 ozs.	11,520		Mt. Shasta	
✓ 1966	OC Trout	2.8/lb.	181 lbs.	2,202		Prairie Creek	
3/15-3/31/80	SS	13.3/lb.	4,167 lbs.	55,510	0	"	R.V. FSN GLIP LV fin clip. 5 days for
3-6-81	SS	10.6/lb	875 lbs	9,280	0	PCFH	fish to leave pond

CALIFORNIA DIVISION OF FISH AND GAME - FISH STOCKING RECORD

No. \_\_\_\_\_

Name of lake or stream PRAIRIE CREEK Tributary to REDWOOD CREEK River system \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other names \_\_\_\_\_ County HUMBOLDT Township 11N Range 1E Section 27  
 Stream section: From: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_ Length of stream section: \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIES: STEELHEAD				SPECIES: SILVER SALMON				SPECIES: CHINOOK SALMON			
Date	Number	Per oz.	Remarks	Date	Number	Per oz.	Remarks	Date	Number	Per oz.	Remarks
1930	229,680			1930	365,600						
1931	201,740			1931	388,330			1931	103,840		
1932	60,000			1932	370,840			1932	13,850		
1933	83,925			1933	446,570			1933	69,840		
1934	50,000			1934	400,824			1934	29,628		
1935	49,040			1935	176,060						
1936	43,695			1936	121,000						
<u>1938</u>				<u>1938</u>							
June 24	35,000	50	Prairie Cr. Hat.	Febr. 20	36,000	50	Prairie Cr. Hat.				
June 27	14,800	50	" " "	Febr. 21	51,800	48	" " "				
Aug. 13	14,000	36	" " "	Febr. 22	49,600	46	" " "				
Sept. 21	7,500	25	" " "	Febr. 23	16,400	45.5	" " "				
Sept. 27	10,600	23	" " "	Apr. 28	48,000	24	" " "				
				Apr. 29	18,200	21	" " "				
				" 29	10,000	24	" " "				

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**CALIFORNIA DIVISION OF FISH AND GAME**

*Stream Survey*

No. \_\_\_\_\_

NAME Prairie Creek Tributary to Redwood Creek River system Same

Other names \_\_\_\_\_

County Humboldt Township 11 N Range 1 E S 27

Tributaries Lost man creek

STREAM SECTION	UPPER	MIDDLE	LOWER	STREAM SECTION	UPPER	MIDDLE	LOWER
Length	11 Mi. entire stream			Altitude	30' to zero		
Minimum flow	4 S.F.			Torrential			
Constant	Yes			Rapid			
Intermittent				Medium			
Dry				Slow	Yes		
Maximum temperature	60			Type of bottom	Sand and silt		
Average width	12'			Average depth	10"		
Obstructions	None			Diversions	None		
Lakes present	None			Open or closed	Open	See note	

STREAM SECTION	UPPER	MIDDLE	LOWER
Character of drainage basin	Brushy flats and swamp land.		
Dominant trees, brush	Usual types of brush and small timber, redwood		
Spawning grounds	Common		
Fish food	Abundant usual types		
Fishes present	S.S., S.H., and cut throats		
Degree fished	Heavy		
Stocking accessibility	Redwood highway parallels stream for several miles		
Stocking recommendations	S.S., S.H., And C.T.		

Past stocking—species and success Heavy plants all three species with results unknown account heavy natural reproductions.

Extent of natural propagation Probably extensive.

Sources of data Wm. J. Harp, A.E. Burghduff

References Same

Additional data Div. of Fish and Game operate egg collecting racks at mouth of Lost Man Creek.

Hatchery is located near creek on Lost Man Creek. Principal value of racks is in collecting Silver Salmon eggs. The stream is subject to heavy freshets. Stream

was closed by F & G for several years but opened in 1935.

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6	5	4	3	2	1
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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
 DIVISION OF FISH AND GAME  
 FIELD CORRESPONDENCE

FROM: S. C. Smedley PLACE Orick, Calif.  
 TO: Bureau of Fish Conservation DATE Dec. 8, 1950  
 SUBJECT: Redwood Creek KS Plant

Dear Sir:

In your letter of Nov. 15th outlining the program of Prairie Creek Hatchery for the coming season it was stated that the 100,000 Fall Creek KS on hand were to be planted locally as recommended by Garth Murphy and myself.

Since there is no designated locality for these KS, and since they are, in a sense, surplus fish, and since Prairie Cr. is now an experimental hatchery, it is my recommendation that subject fish be planted in Redwood Creek. I further recommend that the planting technique used is that suggested in my letter of April 3rd.

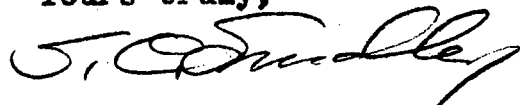
It was proposed, you will recall, that live-cars be used in planting anadromous fishes; the fish were to be held in live-cars near the mouth of the planted stream until accustomed to salt water and then planted directly into the ocean, thus eliminating stream losses.

In the original proposal, 500,000 KS (termed a saturation plant) was the plant suggested for Redwood Creek; however, 100,000 unalloted KS are now on hand and this number is large enough for a practical demonstration of the radical procedure outlined. Furthermore, it might be wise to make the initial attempt at this new technique with the smaller number; mechanical difficulties might thus be corrected before any "production" plant is made. Because we would be developing a new technique I do not believe the first plant should be considered a production plant.

Any production plant made under the new procedure should consist of marked fish and it is possible that all marking combinations have been assigned by the Tri-State committee; the virtue, however, of learning the new procedure would remain unaffected by the possible lack of marking.

Other than Murphy's fish screen and possibly the writers grader, the State of California has, to my knowledge, contributed little of an original nature to fish work in general. The proposal outlined in my letter of April 3rd and discussed here has distinct possibilities; if it is attempted, the full resources of the Bureau should be behind the attempt.

Yours truly,



cc: Garth Murphy

California Department of Fish and Game

STOCKING RECORD

No. 1

NAME Prairie Creek COUNTY Humboldt

STREAM SECTION From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_

TRIB. TO Redwood Creek Twp. 11N R. 1E Sec. 27

OTHER NAMES \_\_\_\_\_ RIVER SYSTEM \_\_\_\_\_

Date	Species	Number	Size	Observ. loss	Hatchery	Remarks	Plant Site
X July 24, 1956	CT-L	28,200	4 7/16	5	Mt. Shasta		
✓ Aug 15, 1957	CT-C	4,656	4 8/16	10	Mt. Shasta	Prairie Cr. St. Park	
Sept 16, 1959	SS	4,320	4.5/oz	7	Prairie Cr.	Prairie Cr. St. Park	
Sept 24, 1959	SS	4,080	4.5/oz	0	Prairie Cr.	Prairie Cr. St. Park	
Sept 26, 1959	SS	4,320	4.5/oz	0	Prairie Cr.	Prairie Cr. St. Park	
Sept 27, 1959	SS	4,320	4.5/oz	0	Prairie Cr.	Prairie Cr. St. Park	
Oct 4, 1959	SS	6,240	3/oz	0	Prairie Cr.	Prairie Cr. St. Park	
Oct 5, 1959	SS	6,240	3/oz	0	Prairie Cr.	Prairie Cr. St. Park	
Nov 5, 1959	SS	5,760	3/oz	0	Prairie Cr.	Prairie Cr. St. Park	
Nov 6, 1959	SS	29,600	3/oz	-	Prairie Cr.	200 yds north of Lost Man Creek	
Nov 6, 1959	SS	5,760	3/oz	0	Prairie Cr.	Lost Man Creek at 101 Bridge	
✓ July 12, 1961	C. Cutthroat	102,600	2 1/16	100	Mt. Shasta		
✓ July 13, 1961	C. Cutthroat	75,100	2 1/16	5	Mt. Shasta		
✓ June 6, 1962	C. Cutthroat	290	4 4/16	0	Prairie Cr.		
July 6, 1965	KS	9,996	8 5/16	3	Prairie Cr.	Mouth of Prairie Cr. Bridge on Cold Bluff Road	
✓ Aug 5, 1965	Cutthroat	1475	5.7/16	-	Prairie Cr.		
✓ Aug 22, 1965	C. Cutthroat	925	5/16	0	Prairie Cr.	P.C. State Park	
✓ Sept 14, 1966	C. Cutthroat	546	2.8/16	0	Prairie Cr.	P.C. State Park	
✓ Sept 14, 1966	C. Cutthroat	554	2.8/16	0	Prairie Cr.	P.C. State Park	

California Department of Fish and Game

STOCKING RECORD

No. 2

NAME Prairie Creek COUNTY Humboldt

STREAM SECTION \_\_\_\_\_ From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_

TRIB. TO Redwood Creek Twp. 11N R. 1E Sec. 27

OTHER NAMES \_\_\_\_\_ RIVER SYSTEM \_\_\_\_\_

Date	Species	Number	Size	Observ. loss	Hatchery	Remarks - Plant site
Jun 21, 1968	RT	4240	2.32/16	0	HSC	P.C. Fish Hatchery
Jun 21, 1968	KT	291	1.39/16	0	HSC	P.C. Fish Hatchery
Nov 14, 1969	RT	3,140	1.9/16	0	HSC	P.C. Fish Hatchery
Nov 12, 1970	RT	1,933	12.2/16	0	HSC	P.C. Fish Hatchery
Apr 24, 1970	KT RT	2440 5897	7.63.3/16 1785.7/16	0	HSC	P.C. Fish Hatchery
7-30-72	SH	1,880	5/16	0	Prairie Cr.	?
6-22-73	SH	1,000	4.2/16	0	Prairie Cr.	P.C. Fish Hatchery
6-26-73	SH	700	4/16	0	Prairie Cr.	"
7-13-73	SH	1,000	3.7/16	0	"	"
7-27-73	SH	1,000	3.7/16	0	"	"
8-3-73	SH	1,300	3.4/16	0	"	"
8-10-73	SH	500	3.2/16	0	"	"
8-28-73	SH	800	3.0/16	0	"	west of Hatchery
5-3-74	KS	600,000	95/16	0	"	Pond #10
3-30-74	SH	22,500	9.0/16	0	"	at ladder
7/12/74	SH	1000	7.5/16	0	"	"
6/3/85	SH	140,815	6.67.4/16	0	"	Adj. to US of hatchery
4/14-5/7/93	SS-PC-91	12,764	14.6-27.5/16	26	"	6,379 RP-clipped
released by MRH from George allens ponds						

Hatchery Production

The Prairie Creek Hatchery released 54,048 steelhead, 52,708 chinook and 209,081 coho juveniles in the 1979-1980 fiscal year (Sanders 1981). Chinook juveniles were released into a tributary of Prairie Creek as age 1+ fish in March and April (Sanders, personal communication). Only a few hatchery fish were caught during the sampling year. Hatchery fish, recognized by fin-clips and large size, were released before the migration of wild juvenile salmonids. One hatchery coho, identified by a fin clip, was caught in the north slough during a purse seining attempt on April 12. The hatchery coho was 160 mm long. Because of the release and migration timing difference between hatchery and wild salmonids, it appears hatchery fish were not impacting wild juvenile chinook and steelhead utilizing the estuary.

LATSON, 1987

NAME PRAIRIE CREEK COUNTY HUMBOLDT

STREAM SECTION From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_

TRIBUTARY TO REDWOOD CREEK Twp. 11N R. 1E Sec. 27

OTHER NAMES \_\_\_\_\_ RIVER SYSTEM REDWOOD CREEK

PRIORITY

Steelhead A
Rainbow B

Orig. by Smedley & Shapovalov  
 Date 2/14/47  
 Rev. by \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rev. by \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date \_\_\_\_\_

BASIC STOCKING POLICY

Frequency	<u>Annually</u>	<u>Annually</u>
Species	<u>Steelhead</u>	<u>Rainbow</u>
Size	<u>35 per oz.</u>	<u>10 per oz.</u>
Total weight	<u>500 ozs.</u>	<u>1,000 ozs.</u>
Number of fish	<u>17,500</u>	<u>10,000</u>
Time of year	_____	_____
Basis	_____	_____

Other Management \_\_\_\_\_

Maps U.S.F.S. Klamath N. F. (West Half) 1934.

Accessibility (Travel Directions; Road or Trail; Distance or Time; Season) \_\_\_\_\_

Truck 20 min. to 45 min.

Planting Localities Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park and 1 mi. below south boundary of P.C.R.S.P.

Releases to Prairie Creek from Caltrans Pond Rearing Program  
As of 1993-1995

<u>Year</u>	<u>Chinook</u>	<u>CWT Number</u>	<u>Coho</u>	<u>CWT Number</u>	<u>SH</u>
<i>SPRING</i> 1990	33,900	NA	35,645	06-01-05-01-02	24,800
			1,640	NA	
1991	32,226	NA	24,380	06-01-05-01-01	
			500	NA	
1992	8,190	NA	26,710	NA	6,810
1993	62,410	06-01-05-01-03	17,430	NA	
1994	83,070	NA	7,230	NA	
1995	37,710 Tagged 1,150 Untagged	06-01-05-01-04			

1995 - last release



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

FISH PLANTING RECEIPT

No. \_\_\_\_\_

FROM Prairie Creek V.I.A. Trinidad School

Date planted May 21, 1993

TRIBUTARY TO Redwood Creek

EXACT LOCALITY OF PLANTING

COUNTY Humboldt

Elk Prairie Camp Ground

NAME OF STREAM OR LAKE Prairie Creek

TRIBUTARY TO Redwood Creek

COUNTY Humboldt

SPECIES	LOT OR EGG SOURCE	SIZE	TOTAL WEIGHT	NUMBER OF FISH	OBSERVED LOSS
Coho	Cal. Trans Mitigation	300 to a lb.		6	0
Chinook	Cal. Trans Mitigation	300 to a lb.		5	0

Counted and loaded by Tom Weseloh

Temperature of planted water 52° Time 10:00 AM. Temperature in cans or tank 51°

Condition of fish Perfectly healthy Time en route—Truck \_\_\_\_\_ Pack \_\_\_\_\_ Airplane \_\_\_\_\_

REMARKS: Thanks, we learned a lot. Please take care of our fish. Subaru - 1 hour

Observer Entire Trinidad 7th grade 1993 Planted by seth, Amber, Claire

Address or Organization Trinidad School P.O. Box 3030 Title Rubber Boot Brigade  
 FG-729 Trinidad

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

FISH PLANTING RECEIPT

No. \_\_\_\_\_

FROM Prairie Creek via Trinidad School

Date planted June 14, 1993

TRIBUTARY TO Redwood Creek

EXACT LOCALITY OF PLANTING

COUNTY Humboldt

Davison Rd Bridge - Mainstem

NAME OF STREAM OR LAKE Prairie Creek

Prairie Creek

TRIBUTARY TO Redwood Creek

COUNTY Humboldt

SPECIES	LOT OR EGG SOURCE	SIZE	TOTAL WEIGHT	NUMBER OF FISH	OBSERVED LOSS
Coho	Cal Trans Mitigation	≈ 150/lb	0	4	0
Chinook	"	≈ 150/lb	0	6	0

Counted and loaded by Tom Weseloh

Temperature of planted water \_\_\_\_\_ Time 1:00 PM. Temperature in cans or tank \_\_\_\_\_

Condition of fish excellent Time en route—Truck 3/4 hr. Pack \_\_\_\_\_ Airplane \_\_\_\_\_

REMARKS: \_\_\_\_\_

Observer Darin Price Planted by Tom Weseloh

Address or Organization \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

**PCFWWRA  
Prairie Creek 1992  
Releases**

**Chinook**

June 4            6,340 released in Prairie Cr. @ first hole  
                  above confluence with Redwood Cr.  
                  @ 167 per lb.

June 30           1,850 released in Prairie Cr. @ Elk Prairie  
                  @ 296 per lb.

All Chinook releases were un-tagged.  
The total Chinook release of 8,190 represents 90.0% of the  
eyed eggs, and 57.0% of the total egg take.

**Coho**

June 5            7,120 released in upper Prairie Cr. from  
                  fire road crossing upstream  
                  @ 160 per lb.

June 5            3,180 released in May Cr.  
                  @ 172 per lb.

June 6            4,290 released in Brown's Cr.  
                  @ 172 per lb.

June 6            3,780 released in Boyes Cr.  
                  @ 352 per lb.

June 7            1,140 released in S.Fk. Brown's  
                  @ 352 per lb.

June 7            1,140 released in each of the following; Ten  
                  Tapo Cr., Little Cr., Worn Grove Cr., CREA Cr.  
                  @ 352 per lb.

June 8            1,140 released in Bud Pond Grove Cr.  
                  @ 352 per lb.

June 8            1,500 released in Big Tree Cr.  
                  @ 352 per lb.

All Coho releases were un-tagged.  
The total Coho release of 26,710 represents 96.0% of the  
eyed eggs, and 59.0% of the total egg take.

**Steelhead**

June 30           6,810 released in Prairie Cr. @ fire road  
                  crossing  
                  @ 450 per lb.

All Steelhead releases were un-tagged.  
The total Steelhead release of 6,810 represents 89.0% of the  
eyed eggs, and 45.0% of the total egg take.







## NOTES

## PINK SALMON IN PRAIRIE CREEK, CALIFORNIA

Another of those infrequent visits to California waters has been made by at least one individual of the species *Oncorhynchus gorbuscha*, the pink or "humpback" salmon. The specimen, a male 26 inches in fork length and weighing seven pounds, was taken in Prairie Creek, tributary to Redwood Creek in Humboldt County, on October 13, 1951. The normal spawning grounds for these fish lie well north of California, usually from Washington to Alaska. Pink salmon mature and spawn at the early age of two years and thus are the smallest of the Pacific salmon. Only the males develop the grotesque hump seen in the specimen pictured.

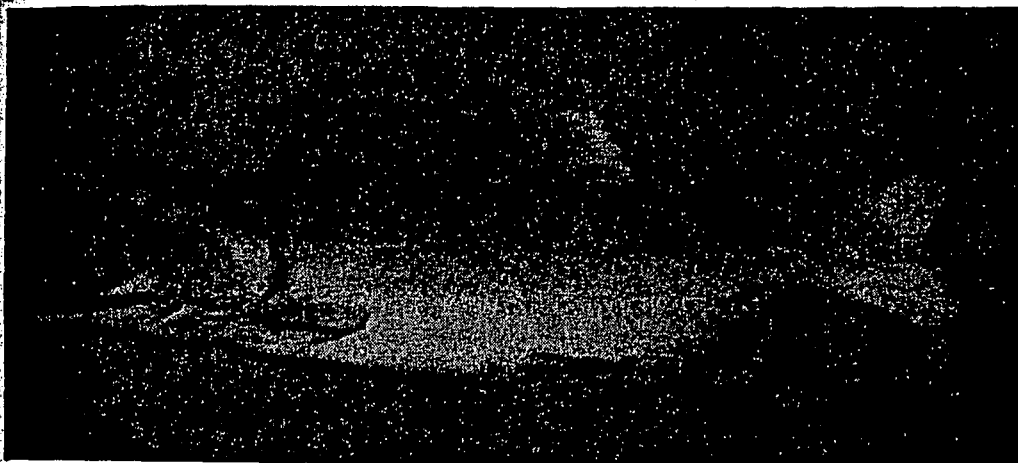


FIGURE 1. Pink salmon (*Oncorhynchus gorbuscha*) from Prairie Creek, California.  
Photograph by J. B. Kimsey

Previous appearances of the species in California waters have been recorded at various times; indeed, fairly respectable runs apparently occurred in some Mendocino County streams during 1937. (See "Pink Salmon in California" by A. C. Taft, California Fish and Game, vol. 24, no. 2, p. 197-8, April, 1938.) These, however, do not appear to have been repeated regularly and the appearance of isolated individuals in California remains noteworthy.—S. C. Smedley, Bureau of Fish Conservation, California Department of Fish and Game, November, 1951.