

Memorandum

To : Fisheries Management
Region 3

Date: October 11, 1976

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From : Department of Fish and Game - Menlo Park

Subject : Field Observations of Tomasini Creek, Marin County; 15 September, 1976.

Selected reaches of Tomasini Creek were investigated on the afternoon of September 15, 1976, by Fish and Wildlife Seasonal Aids Maureen Cogger and Ron Curtis. The survey was conducted both by car and on foot.

The stream channel was dry at the time of the survey (save for one or two stagnant pools). According to a local resident, the stream supported annual runs of salmon and steelhead in the past. He was also able to give us the following information: A levee near the mouth would tend to block spawning migrations, because the flood gates will not open until extremely high water conditions occur. The stream channel often is full in the winter (may attain a depth greater than 3 feet), but was low this past year due to drought conditions.

What appears to be a public dump is located on land adjacent to the creek. Huge piles of urban debris, including numerous junked cars, were observed. A considerable amount of garbage had also been strewn in the creek in this reach.

The canyon is U-shaped, with an incised channel, which averaged 8 feet wide and 2 feet deep. The bottom was compacted and heavily silted.

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