



The Fisherman's Line



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NEXT MEETING:

Date: Tuesday June 28th- 7:30 P.M.

Place: School Board Room 5th and B streets Davis See Map

Program: Our own Steve Ohrwall will do a short (20 minutes or so) presentation and slide show on the Trinity River. He is fishmeistering the upcoming Trinity outing on the 16th and 17th of July. Any of you who haven't heard a Steve Ohrwall presentation are missing one of the most entertaining speakers in the club. The main presentation will be **'Rainbow River, Float Fishing Alaska'** by Mike McIntyre of Sacramento. Mike runs a specialty rafting company, The White Water Angler that specializes in fly fishing float trips for salmon, trout, char and grayling.

Raffle: Our **Regular Raffle** drawing will include; a book, line, stream thermometer, fly box, flies, leaders and other good stuff. The **Raffle Board** prizes are 3 rods, one graphite and two fiberglass with reels. The value of each outfit is \$65. The board is about 2/3 filled and we **MUST** sell out by this meeting so we don't have to carry the drawing over the summer break.



FFD CALENDER:

June 28th:	Regular Meeting	School Board Room, 5th & Bst.
July 12th:	Board Meeting	7:00 P.M. Ren Rabun's Home
July 15-17th:	Trinity River Outing	Steve Ohrwall, Fishmeister
July 25th:	McCloud River	Cancelled! River is overbooked
August:	Yolo County Fair	Fairgrounds, Woodland
August 8-11th:	FFF Conclave	Livingston Montana
September 16-18th:	NCCFF Conclave	Redding California
October 8th:	Upper Sac outing	Ren Rabun, Fishmeister
October 28th:	Klamath/Trinity outing	Cary Boyden, Fishmeister

Future Meeting Locations: June-5th and B st Davis July-FFD Picnic Solano Lake Park
 August-No meeting, Fishing break

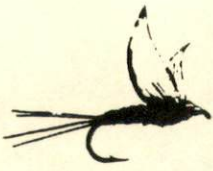
NOTICES:

Fly Tying Classes

Members and friends who wish to learn to tie flies, from the Black Ant to the Zonker Streamer and many dries and nymphs in between, should contact **Ron Rabun 758-5103** if interested in fall fly tying classes.

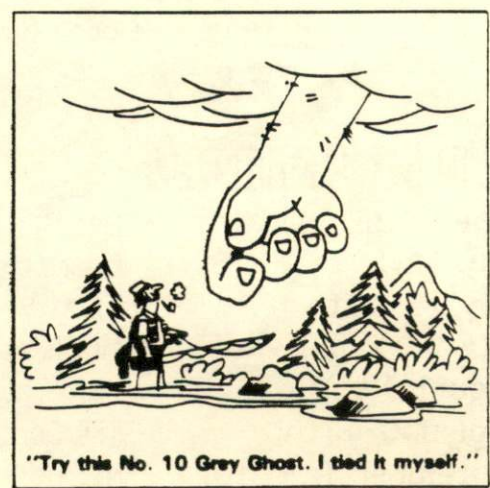
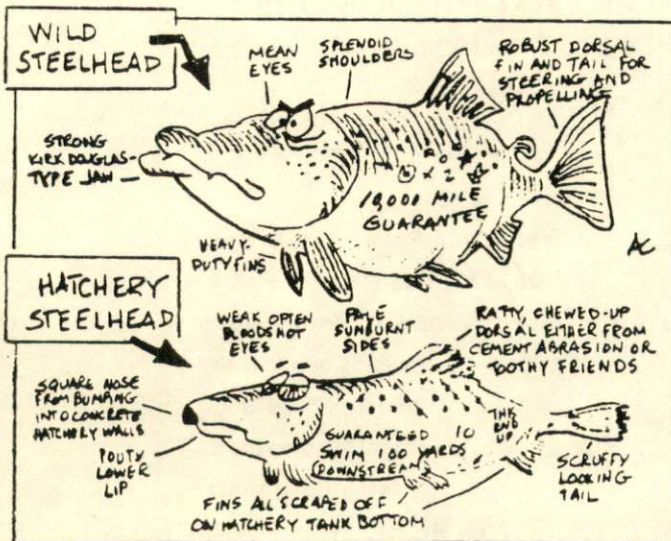
Board Meetings

The board has decided to start the monthly board meetings at 7:00 P.M. instead of 7:30 so we can get home earlier. Board meetings are held on the Tuesday that is two weeks before the regular meeting, which is always the last Tuesday of the month. Got that? All members are welcome to come to any board meeting and see what's going on.



Fishing Report

This is the best fishing report you're going to get all year so get out your gear and shine it up. All the fly shops are reporting good fishing virtually everywhere. All forks of the **Yuba, Feather, American, Truckee, Upper Sacramento** and **McCloud Rivers** are producing good to excellent fly fishing right now! **Manzanita** and **Webber Lakes** and **Martis** and **Milton Reservoirs** are also good prospects, with excellent dry fly activity in the early mornings and evenings. A number 14 dry of your choice and a boat or float tube is all you need to get in some great dry fly action. The evening bass fishing is also reported good right now with poppers in the valley reservoirs and ponds. The fishing is expected to fizzle out by the end of July due to the lack of snowpack, so get your fishing in soon !!! Thanks to Bill Kiene of **Kiene's Fly Shop** in Sacramento for the fishing report.



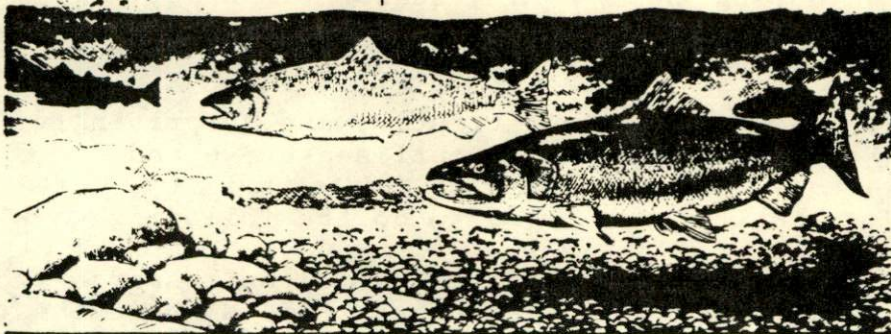
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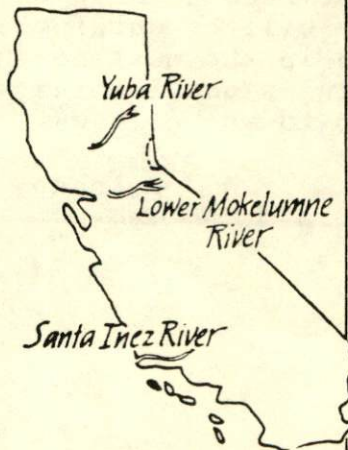
The California Sportfishing Protection Alliance has taken a number of legal and other actions some of which are summarized below. Please note that the legal complaint, filed on behalf of the Yuba River (Salmon, Steelhead and Shad), includes the Fly Fishers of Davis as a plaintiff.

Bill Schnaetherst, Conservation Chairman

The FFD board considers the California Sportfishing Alliance as the single most effective sportfishing conservation organization in the state at this time, (not to discount any others), and it deserves our utmost support. It is also worth noting that our own **Sarge Renolds** serves on the board of directors of the CSPA. The following is an excerpt from the Alliance Reporter, the newsletter of the CSPA. Copies of the Alliance Reporter will be available at the June meeting.



CSPA believes that the issue of public trust has the potential to correct problems on the Santa Ynez, Lower Mokelumne and Yuba Rivers, as well as other California rivers where fish were once abundantly available. Chinook Salmon illustration by Carl Dennis Buell.



ALLIANCE ATTACKS FLOWS ON THREE CALIFORNIA RIVERS

The Santa Ynez River once supported a population of more than 20,000 steelhead trout in its flow from the mountains above Santa Barbara to the sea. Today there are fewer than 20 fish left.

The California Sportfishing Protection Alliance has filed a complaint against the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation claiming that the dramatic degradation of stream quality in the Santa Ynez violates the public trust and represents an unreasonable use of the river.

The Santa Ynez River has no mandatory minimum flow requirements to protect fish below Bradbury Dam. The State Water Resources Control Board determined 15 years ago that it was a waste of water to release flows from the dam for the steelhead fishery.

CSPA's efforts to restore fisheries in major rivers statewide have resulted in similar complaints filed over the Lower Mokelumne and Yuba rivers. On the Lower Mokelumne, which has supported chinook salmon and steelhead trout, the public trust complaint against East Bay Municipal Utility District was filed jointly for CSPA and Delta Fly Fisherman.

The Yuba River complaint names Yuba County Water Agency, Brophy and South Yuba Water districts, and the Cordua Irrigation District. CSPA believes that these agencies have contributed to the demise of chinook salmon, steelhead trout and American shad in the Yuba River. The complaint was filed by CSPA, United Anglers of California, Northern California Council FFF, Fly Fishers of Davis, and E.C. Powell Flyfishers.

The three complaints filed with the State Water Resources Control Board are similar to one filed last year against Pacific Gas and Electric Co. for public trust violations at hydroelectric projects on the North Fork of the Feather River.

Stream Bulletin: WINNING IN WASHINGTON, SACRAMENTO & LOCALLY

CSPA is an action alliance. We communicate constantly with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the State Water Resources Control Board, the California Dept. of Fish and Game and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to protect and preserve the state's fisheries from proposed and existing water projects.

CSPA also works closely with other fishery and environmental groups in the state. Turn to our *Stream Bulletin* on page 3 for reports on our local, state and federal actions.

Also, don't miss out on our July drawing for a free fishing wilderness trip for 2 to Alaska's Silvetip Judd Lake - Tal Lodge!

PUTAH CREEK PROGRESS REPORT

Well, it took awhile to motivate myself into organizing this, but as promised several months ago, we finally met with the Department of Fish and Game regarding Peter Moyle's study and possible changes in future regulations. Last Thursday, June 9th, several members of the club including myself, Bill Schnathorst, Ed Coleman, Joe Warren, and Sarge Reynolds along with Peter Moyle met with Region 2 DFG Patrick O'Brien (Inland Fisheries manager), Fred Meyer and Bill Somer (biologists), and Jim Messersmith (Region 2 management).

The purpose of the meeting was to review Peter Moyle's study and to hopefully get support for changing regulations on Putah. The changes we would like have been discussed at club meetings but briefly in review are:

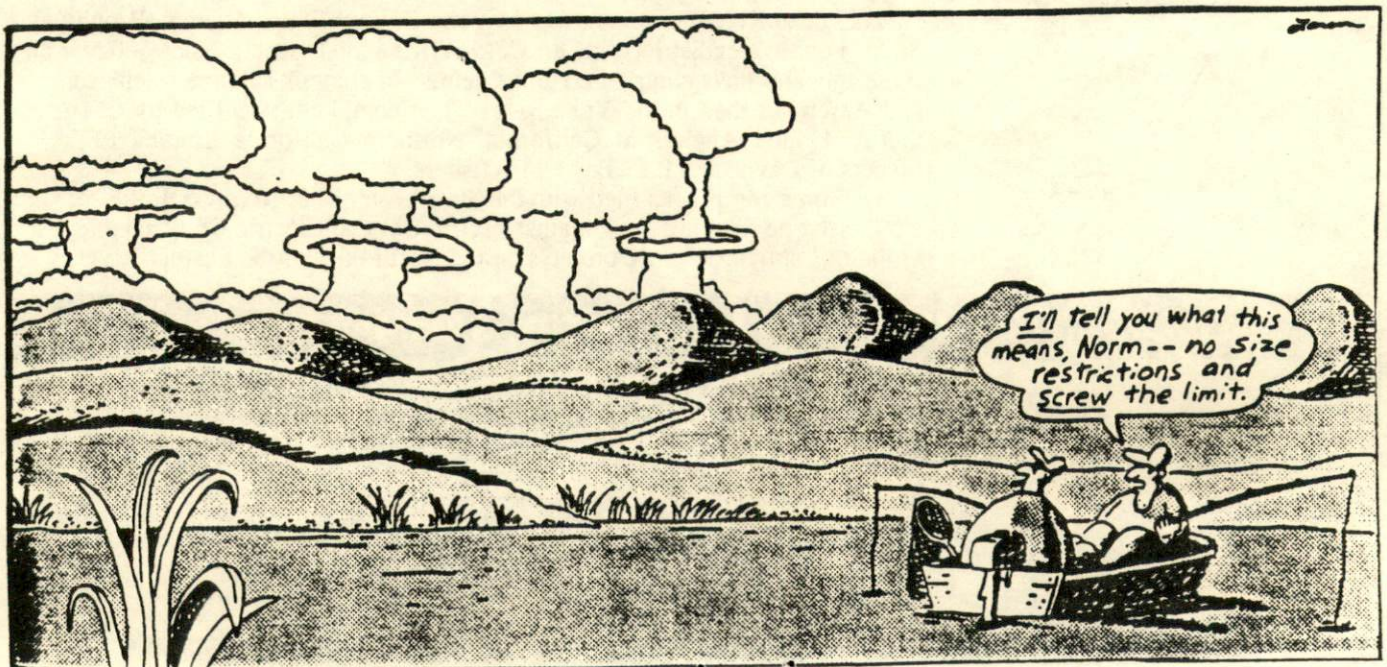
1. Lengthen the season on flyfishing to the opening day of regular trout season--the last Saturday in April.
2. Close the stream to all fishing above the bridge at Recreation Beach during the spawning season (Thanksgiving through January).
3. Enhance the brown trout fishery.

The DFG staff present at the meeting were attentive and surprisingly noncombative in mood. We covered the topics outlined above and I feel that we may be able to see some changes by 1990--it is too late for any changes in 1989. The DFG has agreed to do the following work this year:

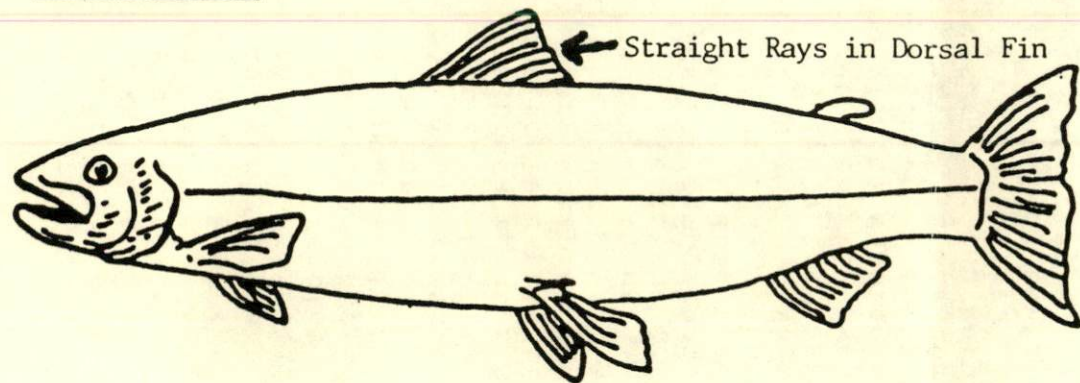
1. Electroshock Solano Lake so that Peter Moyle can research trout populations in the lake. He thinks this is where the spawners live in the summer.
2. DFG will look into planting fingerling browns instead of the larger catchable sized "bullets" now planted.
3. DFG will study the spawning area but will firstly need to tag some fish and may need our help to do this.

In summary, our meeting was very optimistic, but we need to keep on top of this situation. Joe Warren and Peter Moyle will be working on the electroshocking crew which should be completed in the next month or so. If we can get these changes made in th regulations I think we will see the quality of the fishing in Putah go up to where it was prior to the drought years.

Jon Knapp

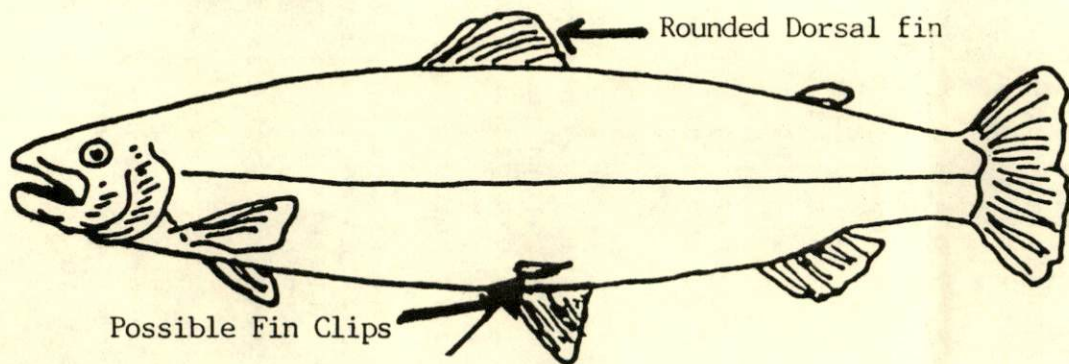


WILD TROUT



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HATCHERY TROUT

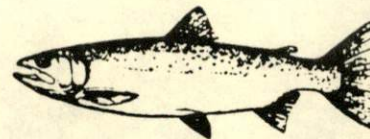


HOW TO RELEASE WILD TROUT . . .

A few simple guidelines make releasing fish easy, and help them survive:

1. Fish are most easily released if they are caught on flies or lures with single, barbless hooks. The barb on any hook can be bent down using small pliers. Fish caught on bait are not as likely to survive.
2. Handle the fish only with wet hands, keeping it under water as much as possible. Determine if the fish is a native or hatchery trout.
3. Don't touch the gills.
4. Don't squeeze the fish. Hold it as gently as possible while removing the hook. Do not tear the hook out.
5. If the hook is deep inside the fish's mouth, cut the leader. (The fish will disgorge the hook in a short time, without damage.)
6. Hold the fish gently under water and let it swim away. Do not throw the fish into the water. If the fish is exhausted, cradle it under water in your hand, moving it slowly back and forth so that water enters its gills. Let it swim away when revived.

**IF HE'S WILD...
LET HIM GO!**



7TH ANNUAL TRINITY RIVER FISHOUT - JULY 16 and 17

I think I look forward to this outing more than any of the numerous (according to my wife) fishing trips I take each year. For those of you who want to catch trout (small and large) this is the outing for you. We do on an occasion get skunked but I can't remember the last time. If the fishing is poor the dinner and fellow FFDers more than make up for slow conditions.

There is plenty of water to fish both river and lake (Lewiston), and places to see (an excellent museum in Weaverville and also in Shasta just outside Redding on Hwy. 299). Last year and all the previous years we have had an excellent dinner at the Lewiston Hotel (two minutes from the fly strip) on Saturday night and we plan on repeating this year.

I am optimistic that we will experience good fishing since water conditions appear to be like last year. The Trinity in the past was noted for its brown trout fishery that enjoys a rapid growth rate thanks to the ample supply of steelhead and salmon smolts from the hatchery. There are plenty of juvenile steelhead (6-10 inches) present in the river plus a smattering of large 2-8 lb steelhead present that can be taken.

Within a mile of the fly-fishing strip there are four private trailer parks and campgrounds which have showers and laundry facilities. On Lewiston Lake there are several nice areas to camp, Akerman Campground (RV's and tents), and Mary B. Smith Campground (tents only). On Hwy. 299 just past the Lewiston turnoff is the Indian Creek lodge which has nice rooms right on the Trinity River about 15 minutes from Lewiston.

If you plan on fishing Lewiston Lake or the slow section below the fly-strip on the Trinity, a boat of some sort is necessary (pram, canoe, etc., even a float tube will do but you will be cold) a motor is not necessary but can be used.

As to lines and flies - a 6 weight outfit is all you will need plus sinking lines for Lewiston Lake, a floater for the Trinity. A full selection of green wooly worms and you are all set. For those of you who want to justify your fly tying or fly purchases bring along some small hare's ears, black AP's, paraduns, yellow stones, anything that floats well for the evening on the Trinity. I personally will be throwing large flies for large fish, it seems to work.

I look forward to seeing you there at 9 A.M. on Saturday morning in the parking lot below the steel bridge at the end of the Fly Strip on the west side of the river (see map). I plan on fishing the area on Friday so if you come up early look for a white Nissan pick up with an orange canoe on it and say hello.

See you there,

Steve Orinwall



THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NOTHING ON THIS MAP TO SCALE

COARSE CREEK
 DEEDGER HOLE SMALL AND LARGE MOUTH BASS.
 TRINITY LAKE
 STURGETS FORK

* THIS MAP FOR EXCLUSIVE USE OF F.D. MEMBERS, GUESTS, AND FRIENDS. NOT TO BE DUPLICATED SINCE ONE OF THE HIDE THINGS ABOUT THE TRINITY IS LOW FISHING PRESSURE SEE YOU ON THE TRINITY - STEVE ORHWALL

GOOD EVENING FISHING WITH BOAT OR FLOAT TUBE - NO WADING TO SPEAK OF) - ALSO MID DAY IN CENTER OF LAKE

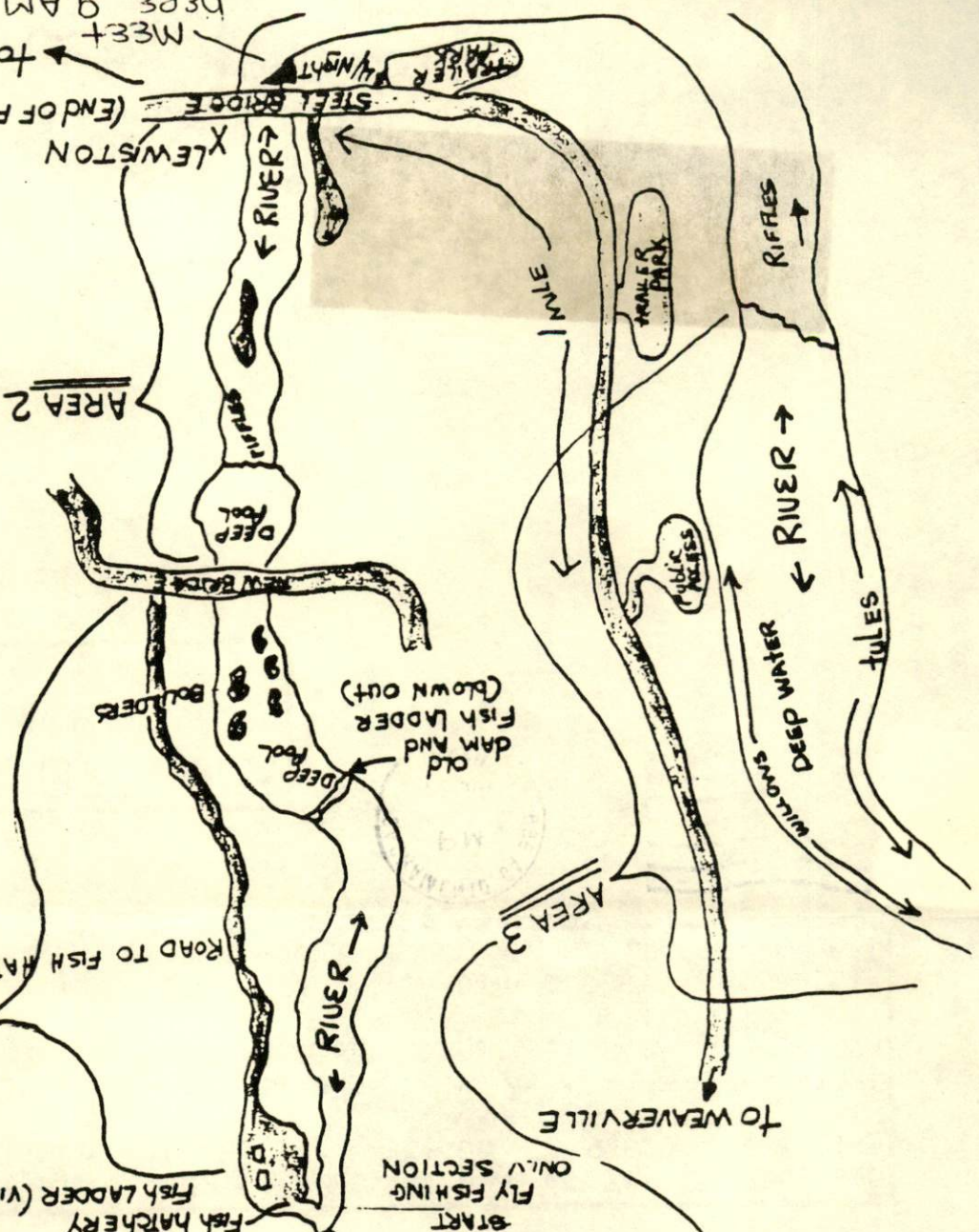
THE WATER IN AREA 3 IS 3'-15' DEEP - YOU CAN WADE THE UPPER END WHERE THE RIFLES ARE BUT YOU MUST USE A FLOAT TUBE, CWOE, ETC TO FISH THE DEEP WATER. I USE A SINK TIP LINE WITH A GREEN WOOLY WORM #14 - CAST AS CLOSE TO THE TULE AND WILLOWS AS YOU CAN AND USE A MEDIUM RETRIEVE - THE BROWNS ABOUND IN THIS SECTION. THE LATER IN THE DAY YOU FISH THE LOWER THE FISH GET.

START FLY FISHING ONLY SECTION TO WEAVERVILLE

DRIVE UP TO FISH HATCHERY PARK ALONG RAILING - LOOK OVER RIVER - SHOULD SEE FISH - WATER 1 1/4' DEEP - MAN MADE SPAWNING RIFLES EXCELLENT MORNING AND - MID AFT. DRY FLIES (SMALL) #1 AND NYMPHS (SMALL) #16 LARGER FISH IN EVENING

MORE RIFLES AND FASTER WATER - GADDS NYMPHS WORK WELL HERE THE AREA 200 YDS ABOVE STEEL BRIDGE LOOKS LIKE UPPER HATCHERY - WEED BEDS - 2' UNDER SURFACE - YOU CAN SEE FISH FROM BRIDGE - USE SMALL GREEN WOOLY WORM #16

MEET HERE 9 AM SAT. MORNING -7- to Redding 4/6M!



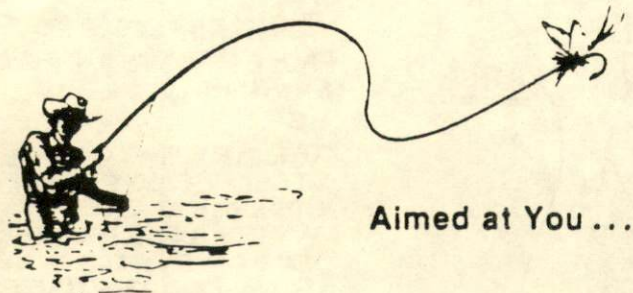
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