

THE RESOURCES AGENCY OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

STREAM SURVEY

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NAME: Fisher Creek COUNTY: Mendocino

STREAM SECTION: full FROM: mouth TO: headwaters LENGTH: 2½ mi.

TRIBUTARY TO: West Branch of Russian River TWP: 17N R: 12W SEC: 16,17

OTHER NAMES: unknown RIVER SYSTEM: Russian River

SOURCES OF DATA: Walked out by K. Rockwood on March 23, 1966.

<p>EXTENT OF OBSERVATION Include: Name of Surveyor, Date, Etc.</p> <p>LOCATION</p> <p>RELATION TO OTHER WATERS</p> <p>GENERAL DESCRIPTION</p> <p>Watershed</p> <p>Immediate Drainage Basin</p> <p>Altitude (Range)</p> <p>Gradient</p> <p>Width</p> <p>Depth</p> <p>Flow (Range)</p> <p>Velocity</p> <p>Bottom</p> <p>Spawning Areas</p> <p>Pools</p> <p>Shelter</p> <p>Barriers</p> <p>Diversions</p> <p>Temperatures</p> <p>Food</p> <p>Aquatic Plants</p> <p>Winter Conditions</p> <p>Pollution</p> <p>Springs</p> <p>FISHES PRESENT AND SUCCESS</p> <p>OTHER VERTEBRATES</p> <p>FISHING INTENSITY</p> <p>OTHER RECREATIONAL USE</p> <p>ACCESSIBILITY</p> <p>OWNERSHIP</p> <p>POSTED OR OPEN</p> <p>IMPROVEMENTS</p> <p>PAST STOCKING</p> <p>GENERAL ESTIMATE</p> <p>RECOMMENDED MANAGEMENT</p> <p>SKETCH MAP</p> <p>REFERENCES AND MAPS</p>

EXTENT OF OBSERVATION - Entire length.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION -

WATERSHED - Headwaters - forested. Middle and lower sections - open range and pastures.

IMMEDIATE DRAINAGE BASIN - The headwaters are in a "V"-shaped canyon, and the middle section lies in a wide "U"-shaped basin.

ALTITUDE - 840 feet to 2,000 feet.

GRADIENT - Moderate.

WIDTH - 2 feet to 8 feet. Ave - 4 feet.

DEPTH - 4 inches to 2.5 feet. Ave - 8 inches.

FLOW - unknown. (Intermittent in summer).

VELOCITY - Rapid.

BOTTOM - Fine rubble (20%), coarse rubble (20%), gravel, pea-sized to 2 inches (30%), boulders (10%), sand (10%), bedrock (10%).

SPAWNING AREAS - Good with loose gravel.

POOLS - 3 to 8 feet wide, 1 to 2½ feet deep, and 8 to 30 feet long.

SHELTER - Poor to fair. Mostly in the form of undercut banks and boulders. Vegetational cover was poor.

BARRIERS - none.

DIVERSIONS - none.

AQUATIC PLANTS - Algae common only in headwaters.

WINTER CONDITIONS - unknown

POLLUTION - none observed.

FISHES PRESENT - 3/4 inch steelhead trout were abundant in the upper 2 miles. 5 steelhead trout, 4 to 5 inches long were also found in upper reaches.

FISHING INTENSITY - light.

OTHER RECREATIONAL USE - unknown.

ACCESSIBILITY - Take the West Road of Redwood Valley to Mariposa Creek. Walk down Mariposa Creek to the Russian River, and the walk upstream 200 yards to the mouth of Fisher Creek. Fisher Creek is accessible on foot.

OWNERSHIP - Private.

POSTED OR OPEN - Posted.

IMPROVEMENTS - none.

PAST STOCKING - unknown.

GENERAL ESTIMATE - It is an excellent spawning and nursery stream.