

FIELD NOTES

June 6, 1955.

The use of this small lake for public fishing seems to be working quite well. Major Wirtz reports that on May 21 approximately 80 people fished the lake; while on May 22, 140 people fished the lake. With this type of use and considering the size of the water, a 5-fish limit similar to Lake Merced would be in order. I believe Major Wirtz would be receptive to this idea. The Kamalooops trout are now reaching approx. 4" in length and should enter the fishery during July and August. A recheck should be made at this time.

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July 5, 1956 - Word was received by phone today from Capt. Hoover, Fort Baker (Barry) explaining the reason for requiring civilians to pick up fishing permits for Rodeo Lagoon at the Provost Marshall's office at the Presidio in San Francisco. At present there is no one at the gate available to check permits or to issue permits because there is only a roving M.P. patrol. Capt. Hoover said he would write a letter explaining the arrangement and that he may be reached at the Presidio in San Francisco. Until this situation is corrected, it is our recommendation not to plant Rodeo Lagoon.

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7-30-57: The upper Rodeo Lagoon was seined on this date by Gallagher and Elwell to check on the status of yellow perch planted a few years previously in this lake. Seining was almost impossible due to the dense growth of emergent aquatic plants which extended from the bank out some 8 to 10 ft. around .9 of the margin of the lake. The center of the lake was heavily matted with potamogeton. Two seine hauls were made with a 200-ft. one-inch stretched-mesh beach seine. A total of 12 rainbow trout ranging from 4 to 12 inches and 7 Cottids averaging 4 inches were the only fish taken. No yellow perch were recovered and there were no reports of any having been caught recently. Many salamanders were taken on each seine haul. Water was clear, air temperature 58°F. water temperature 61°F., weather cold and foggy. Recommendations: Because of the heavy aquatic plant growth around the margin of this lake, it appears to be very doubtful if this lake is being utilized to its fullest extent for fishing. The dense matted growth of potamogeton in the center of the lake also limits the area available for boat fishing. In view of these conditions I would not recommend future stocking of catchable RT until some attempt has been made by the Army to control the aquatic plant growth.

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