

Haggerty Gulch

Field Note

Haggerty Gulch Creek
Marin County

On March 4, 1982, Seasonal Aide Joyce Ambrosius surveyed Haggerty Gulch Creek, on foot, from Limantour Road to the mouth, a distance of approximately 1 mile. A large land slide from the January storm cut Limantour Road at Haggerty Gulch. Repair work on the road has put the stream through a culvert for the first 500± feet. D/s of the road at an angle of ~ 400% (very, very steep).

The upper section of the stream is in a steep narrow canyon with alder, redwood, and bay as a canopy. With the steep gradient, many small falls are present, with the largest drop no more than 4 ft. A few small log jams were present caused from recent slides.

The lower one-half of the stream has less of a gradient, but the erosion from slides is much greater. Large log jams, 10 ft. long x 5 ft. wide x 20 ft. high, were present. At the time of the survey, CCC crews were working to clear the log jams. Stream bottom consists mostly of silt at this time from the recent erosion and slides. The middle third of the stream is bedrock.

This stream is assessed as poor fisheries habitat because of the changes from the storm. Cover is good and flow at this time is moderate. Stream width is 2 ft. or less and water depth ranged from 4-6 inches.

Prior to the storm, the stream may not have had significant fish habitat because of the shallow depth and narrow width.

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