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FROM: Ray R. Bruer

TO: Inland Fisheries Branch, Region III

DATE July 28, 1953

SUBJECT: Mark West Creek, tributary to Russian River
via Sebastopol Lagoon.

Mark West creek and its tributaries comprise about 56 miles of fishable trout water and steelhead spawning grounds. Pressure is high and many limits of trout are taken throughout the first two months of the season. Tributaries and the main body are intermittent during the late summer. There are 15 to 20 pumps on the lower 6 miles. Roach are present in the entire watershed. Steelhead fingerlings are present throughout all summer. Small numbers of Roach also present. The lower five miles Green Sunfish, Roach, Suckers, Sticklebacks and a few Carp.

There are no barriers to migrating steelhead. One flashboard dam 10 ft. high on the Pelm ranch. This stream has very good possibilities for a series of check dams to increase water flow. This should be done on a private ownership basis. To provide a swimming pool for the kids will create a pool to rear young steelhead.

Very little rescue work is necessary in Mark West creek. Some rough fish control in the lower 10 miles would probably improve the stream.