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FEDERAL AID IN FISH RESTORATION PROJECT F-5-R-2

SPORT FISH INVESTIGATIONS OF ALASKA

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## Introduction

This report of progress consists of the Job Completion Reports from the State of Alaska's Federal Aid in Fish Restoration Project F-5-R-2, "Sport Fish Investigations of Alaska".

The current Project is composed of eighteen separate studies and were designed to evaluate the various aspects of the State's recreational fisheries resources. The information gathered will provide the necessary background data for the development of future programs. During the current segment continued emphasis was placed on overall inventorying of accessible waters and the evaluation of general catch data.

Several problems of immediate concern appeared sufficiently defined to warrant independent studies. As a result, two independent creel censuses, one experimental silver salmon egg take and a Resurrection Bay area silver salmon population study were instigated. Data accumulated from prior jobs dealing with the Arctic grayling has resulted in the formulation of three separate investigations during the current segment.

The rapid expansion of Alaska's population is being reflected in the ever increasing numbers of "No Trespassing" signs encountered in the vicinity of population centers. Fortunately, much of Alaska's fishing waters are still in the public domain. An aggressive program of acquiring access to fishing waters, instigated in 1959, was continued during the present segment. Increased emphasis is being placed on this job and the successful continuation of this activity, now and in the immediate future, will forestall many of the serious recreational use problems currently facing other states.

The enclosed progress reports are fragmentary in many respects and the interpretations contained therein are subject to re-evaluation as the work progresses.

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INVESTIGATIONS PROJECTS  
COMPLETION OF 1960 - 1961 SEGMENT

State: ALASKA

Project No: F-5-R-2

Name: Sport Fish Investigations  
of Alaska

Job No: 2-D

Title: Creel Census and Population  
Sampling of the Sport Fishes  
in the Interior of Alaska

Period Covered: July 1, 1960 to June 30, 1961.

Findings:

No work was accomplished on this job during the 1960-1961 segment.

July 1, 1961

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