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 Nomination for Waters  
 Important to Anadromous Fish

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Anadromous Water Catalog Volume SE-Region I  
 USGS Quad 3 Canyon B-3  
 Name of Waterway Port St. Nicholas Bay  
 Anadromous Water Catalog Number of Waterway 103-60-1059B

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<u>Richard Reed</u> Regional Supervisor	<u>10/15/87</u> Date
<u>SFS</u>	<u>11/17/87</u>
<u>FI</u> Drafted	<u>11/10/87</u> Date

USGS name None

Local name (1) Larry Creek (2) Curly Ck. (3) Moe Ck.

*(all three streams)*

Species	Date(s) Observed	Spawning	Rearing	Migration
<u>Coho</u>	<u>6-9-87</u>		<u>X</u>	

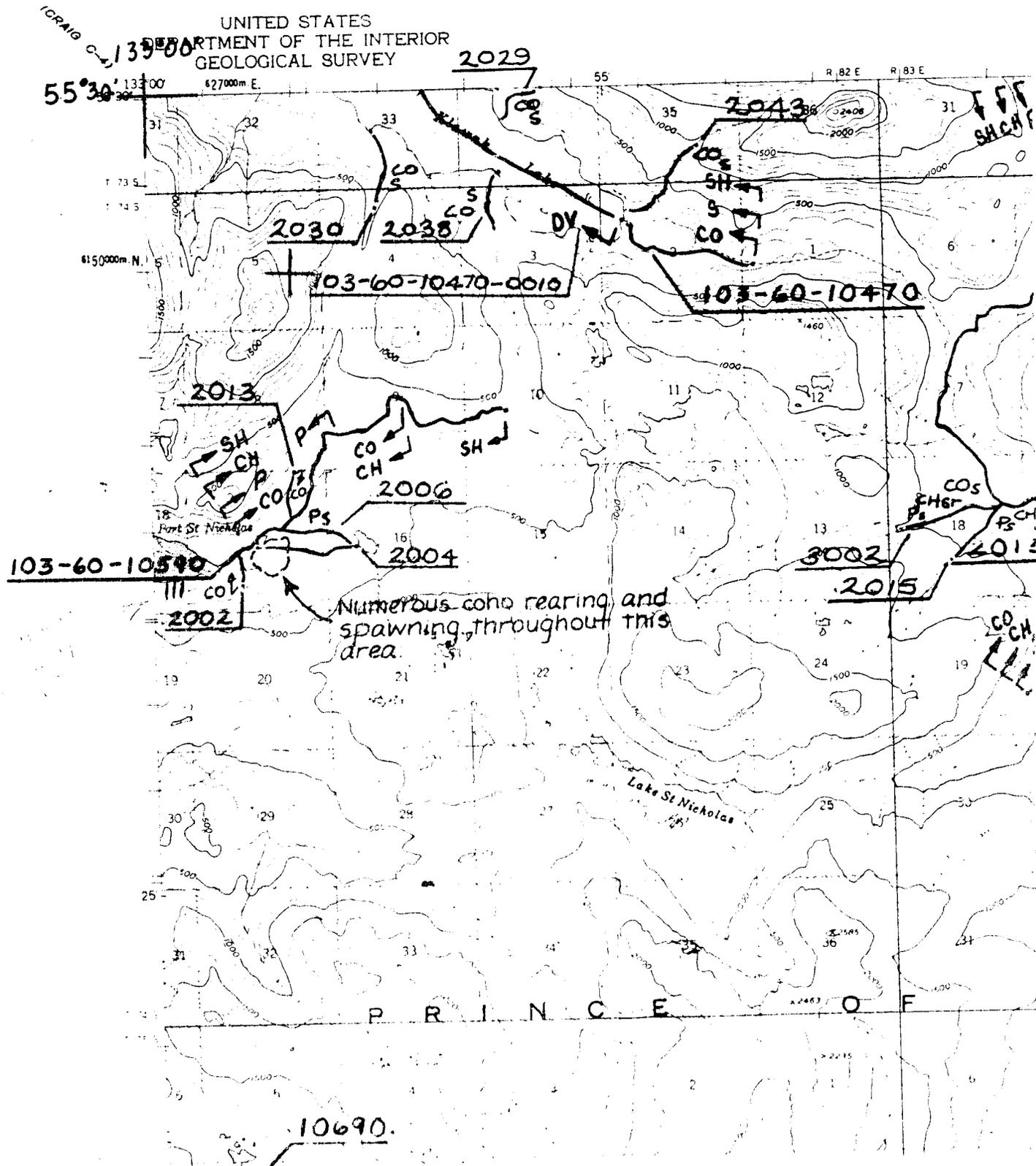
Comments: Provide any clarifying information, including number of fish observed, location of fish survey data, etc.

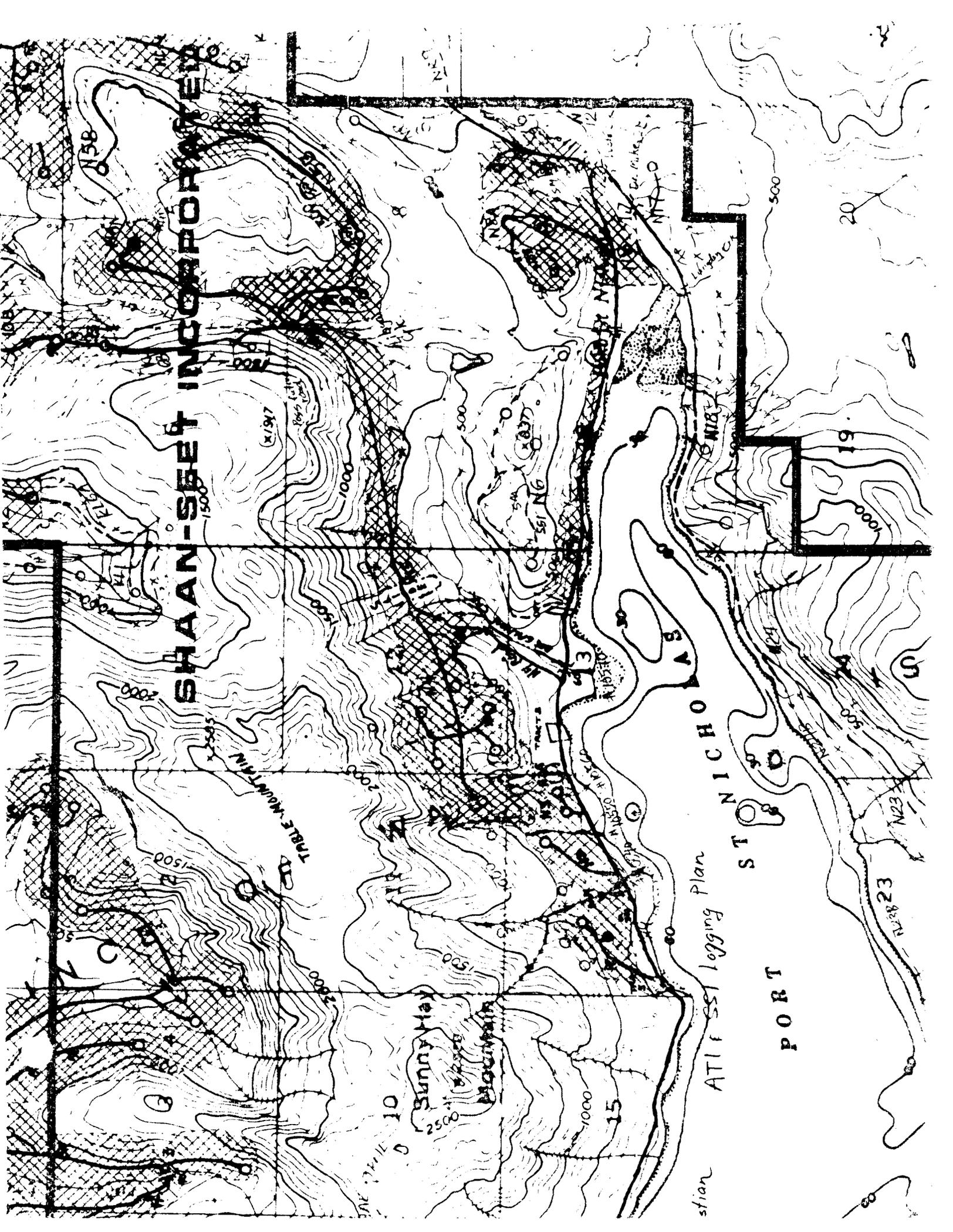
Streams enter Port St. Nicholas sedge/grass flats at head of bay.  
Area was roaded (this summer and is presently being logged. Station #'s  
from the "Y" (near main St. Nicholas River bridge) are: Curly Ck (Sta # 52+19)  
Larry Creek (Sta # 53+60), Moe Creek (Sta # 54+60).

Attach a copy of a map showing location of mouth and upper points of each species, specific stream reaches identified for spawning or rearing, locations of barriers, such as falls. Attach a copy of the fish survey data, if available.

Name of Observer (please print) Jack Gustafson  
 Date: 10-14-87 Signature: Jack Gustafson  
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 Signature of Area Biologist: Jack Gustafson

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June 17, 1987

Mr. Gordon James, Sr.  
President, Shaan Seet, Inc.  
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Dear Mr. James:

Re: Forest Practices Inspection - Port St. Nicholas Drainage

On June 9, 1987, Les Christian, Bill Hanson and myself conducted a Forest Practices inspection of Shaan Seet's current roading and logging activities in the Port St. Nicholas area. The results of this inspection are as follows:

Both the Port St. Nicholas and Wolf Creek bridges have been installed. Construction was accomplished with a minimum amount of instream disturbance and everything appeared to have been done according to the plans submitted. This is a particularly sensitive area. Though the crews are to be commended for the good work they have done thus far, they should continue to be particularly careful not to cut unmerchantable timber near the streams in the area.

The No. 1 spur road of Unit N17 is an especially sensitive and difficult area for logging. It is in or near very high density coho spawning and rearing habitat. Our observations and comments for N17 are as follows:

- (1) Agreed to leave timber in braided area on the L-4 alignment between the road and St. Nicholas Creek.
- (2) One large spruce below the road has to be jacked between creeks to be fallen, otherwise it needs to be left.
- (3) Three small log bridges are required on the No. 1 spur road alignment. A fish habitat permit authorizing this bridge construction is attached. Another CMP may be needed near the end of the spur, but there are no fish at this crossing.
- (4) Directional felling and split-line yarding is required on all streams above the road. No felling or yarding through these streams is authorized and if it occurs, it could result in the issuance of a Notice of Violation.

Dr. Mike Creek: Fish habitat permit for construction of 30 foot bridge is attached. Split-line yarding and directional falling required.

Langdon Creek: Fish habitat permit for construction of 30 foot bridge is attached. Directional falling and split-line yarding is required.

Curly Creek (Sta. #52+19): Fish habitat permit for construction of 20 foot bridge is attached. Coho fry observed in stream. Directional falling and split-line yarding is required.

Larry Creek (Sta. #53+60): Fish habitat permit for construction of 20 foot bridge is attached. Coho fry observed in stream. There may be some encroachment on the adjacent "Larry Jr." Creek, where fry were also observed. Directional falling and split-line yarding is required.

Moe Creek (Sta. #54+60): Fish habitat permit for construction of small log bridge is attached. Coho fry were observed in stream. Directional falling and split-line yarding is required.

Shemp Creek (Sta. #60+60): No fry observed at bridge crossing, however, they are found further down near the estuary. Directional falling and split-line yarding is also needed on this stream.

The NR17-B Liberty Creek log culvert has been removed. The NR17-C bridge is still in place at this time. The "creek cleaners" should walk Liberty Creek and check for small limbs and debris.

Wolf Creek "Island": It is apparent that the trees isolated by the braided portion of Wolf Creek above the Port St. Nicholas road cannot be yarded to the main road without damaging the stream and causing significant water quality disturbances. For the time being, at least, these trees are to be left in place. When the N-12 spur road alignment is laid out, then we can once again look at the yarding plan for the area to see what can be done.

Other comments made during previous reviews of Forest Practices materials regarding this notification are still applicable. Please note that this report does not identify the ecological, fish, or wildlife impacts of the timber harvest activities observed, nor does it address anticipated changes of fish and wildlife productivities within the logging units.

Gordon Juneau, Sr.

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June 17, 1987

The cooperation of your personnel in completing this inspection is appreciated. If you have any need to discuss this report, please contact us at 225-2027.

Sincerely,



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Area Habitat Biologist

Enclosure

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