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SUBJECT: Stream Inspection,
Dog Salmon Creek.
No. 103-60-10570

On February 3, 1993, Sam Thomas (Shaan-Seet, Inc.) and I examined a portion of Dog Salmon Creek, 5-mile Port Saint Nicholas, to determine the extent of anadromous fish habitat. The water was fairly high and murky, and snow up to knee-deep was still present in the woods. Blue and white flagging was hung in portions of Dog Salmon Creek, and the anadromous portions of the second and third tributaries, with pink flagging marking the upper extents.

The anadromous habitat in Dog Salmon Creek is as shown in the Atlas to the Catalog of Waters Important for Spawning, Rearing or Migration of Anadromous Fishes. A series of bedrock jumps, chutes and slides forms an apparent barrier in the western third of section 7. Skip Gish, ADF&G Fishery Biologist, observed coho salmon juveniles in the pool at the lower end of this barrier area last summer. The anadromous portion of the stream has reaches exhibiting Type A and others exhibiting Type B water body characteristics.

The lower major tributary, Yates Creek, enters from the northwest. It appears to contain anadromous habitat up to the road. A falls lies just above the road. The anadromous portion exhibits Type A water body characteristics.

The second major tributary also enters from the northwest. It is quite steep (15%+) for most of the distance we walked between the road and Dog Salmon Creek. The lower 150'-200' parallels Dog Salmon Creek in an area of old gravel deposits at a gradient less than 8%, and was flagged as anadromous habitat. This section exhibits Type A water body characteristics.

The third major tributary enters from the north. It too is quite steep most of the way between the road and Dog Salmon Creek. The lower 200' has a gradient less than 8%, and was flagged as anadromous habitat. This section exhibits Type A and Type B water body characteristics.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need further information.

