

State of Alaska
 Department of Fish and Game
 Nomination for Waters
 Important to Anadromous Fish

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Anadromous Water Catalog Number of Waterway 102-70-10360

Name of Waterway RIGHT-OF-WAY CREEK USGS name _____ Local name X

Addition _____ Deletion X Correction _____ Backup Information _____

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Nomination # <u>99 264</u>	<u>Janaflanders</u> Regional Supervisor	<u>9-10-99</u> Date
Revision Year: _____	<u>Edwin</u>	<u>11/24/99</u> Date
Revision to: Atlas _____ Catalog _____ Both <u>X</u>		
Revision Code: <u>D-2</u>	Drafted	Date

OBSERVATION INFORMATION

Species	Date(s) Observed	Spawning	Rearing	Migration	Anadromous

IMPORTANT: Provide all supporting documentation that this water body is important for the spawning, rearing or migration of anadromous fish, including: number of fish and life stages observed; sampling methods, sampling duration and area sampled; copies of field notes; etc. Attach a copy of a map showing location of mouth and observed upper extent of each species, as well as any other information such as: specific stream reaches observed as spawning or rearing habitat; locations, types, and heights of any barriers; etc.

Comments: SEE ATTACHED INSPECTION REPORT (9/7/97)

ACTION REQUIRED: DELETE STREAM FROM CATALOG

NO PREEXISTING DATA TO SUPPORT INCLUSION
 DELETE. FROM 11/24/99

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Name of Observer (please print) MICRA INGLE
 Date: 6/16/98 Signature: Micra Ingle
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This certifies that in my best professional judgement and belief the above information is evidence that this waterbody should be included in or deleted from the Catalog of Waters Important for Spawning, Rearing or Migration of Anadromous Fishes per AS 16.05.870.

Signature of Area Biologist: James D. Dunst 8/14/98 MP
Rev. 7/93

MEMORANDUM

State of Alaska DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

TO: John P. Karoly
Forest Practices Forester
Department of Natural Resources
Ketchikan

DATE: September 7, 1997

FILE NO: SE-96-006

PHONE: 755-2485

FROM: James D. Durst
Habitat Biologist
Habitat and Restoration Division
Klawock

SUBJECT: Forest Practices Inspection— STC
Tolstoi Bay Helicopter Unit TH9

On May 21, 1997, you; Bruce Askren and Dave Archambault (STC); and Moira Ingle and I participated in a Forest Practices Inspection of Sealaska Timber Corporation's (STC's) Tolstoi Bay helicopter operation. The primary goal of the inspection was to examine "Right-Of-Way Creek" to determine extent of anadromous fish habitat. The weather was clear, warm, and dry.

Right-Of-Way Creek: This stream is cataloged as number 102-70-10360 (for pink and coho salmon) and has been the subject of considerable evaluation for a number of years. On October 22, 1992, I placed six baited minnow traps in Right-Of-Way Creek from its mouth to the 1100 Road crossing, and three in the lower ends of two of its tributaries. A total of three Dolly Varden Char were captured. No evidence (bones, adults, juveniles) of anadromous fish was seen, although stream flows, gradient, and substrate all appeared adequate to support anadromous fish. A month later, on November 20, we electrofished the stream from tidewater about two-thirds of the way to the 1100 Road crossing. Again, only Dolly Varden were captured in the stream and its tributaries, and no evidence of anadromous fish was seen.

On May 21, 1997, we again sampled Right-Of-Way Creek with baited minnow traps and an electrofisher. Three traps near the stream mouth captured no fish. Dolly Varden were captured with the shocker in the lower several hundred feet of the stream, and in a tributary. No evidence of anadromous fish juveniles or adults was seen. Dave Archambault stated that he saw no evidence of anadromous fish when he flagged in the buffer along the stream in November 1996.

Considering the extensive lack of evidence of anadromous fish use of Right-Of-Way Creek, it is my belief that the stream is incorrectly specified as important for the spawning, rearing or migration of anadromous fish, and that it does not contain anadromous fish habitat. I will be submitting a nomination for deletion from the Anadromous Waters Catalog during the next submittal cycle. We

John P. Karoly
September 7, 1997

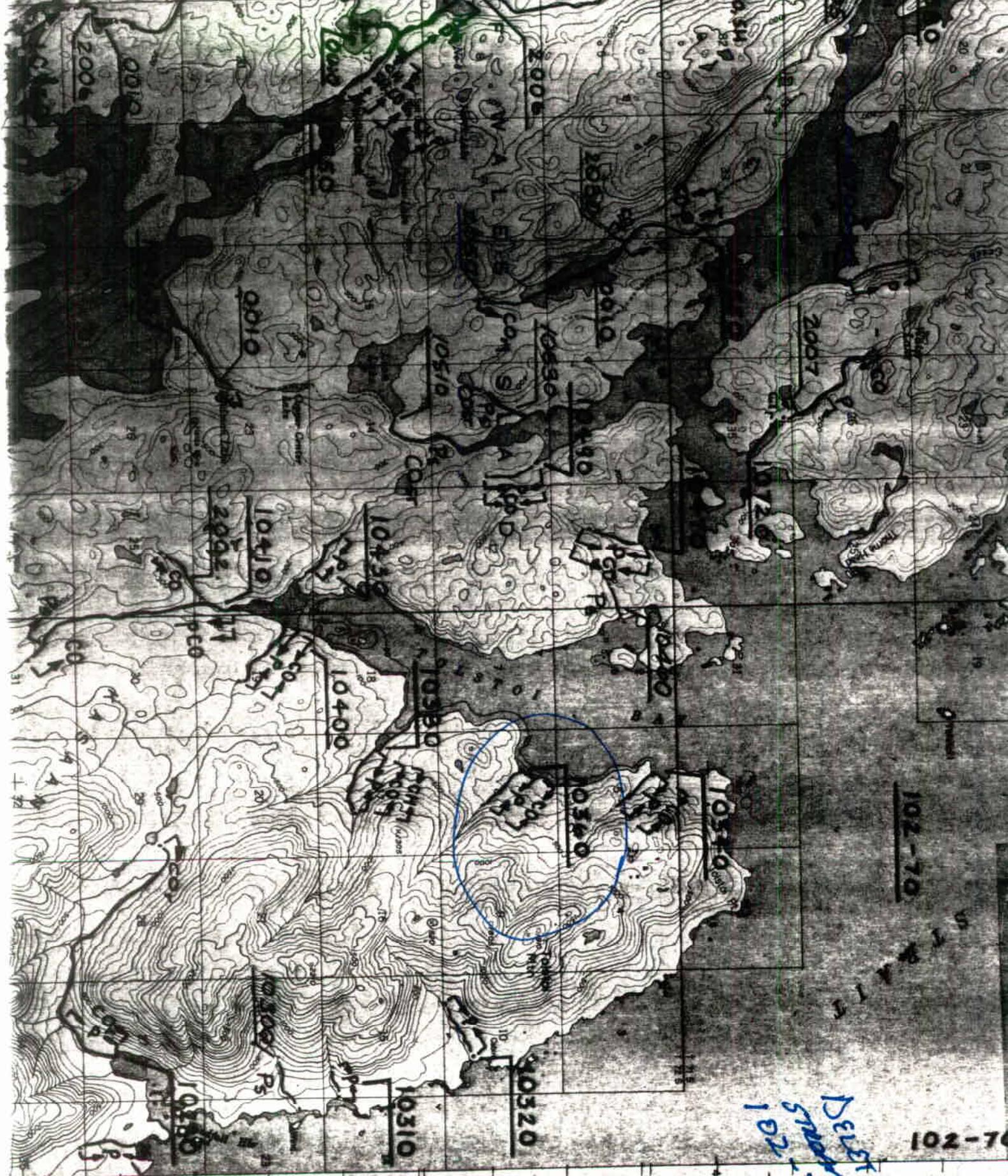
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determined the appropriate stream classification under the Forest Resources and Practices Act to be unclassified surface waters.

Thank you for scheduling and conducting this inspection. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact me.

cc: Lana Shea Flanders, ADF&G, Douglas
Kevin Hanley, DEC, Juneau
Dave Archambault, STC, Ketchikan
Bruce Askren, STC, Craig



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