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Sportfish Division

Nomination Form  
Fish Distribution Database

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USGS Quad(s) Edinwood A. 5

Fish Distribution Database Number of Waterway 335-20-16600-2671-3100-~~4188~~ 4020

Name of waterway ~~Donlin~~ Creek Ophir

USGS Name  Local Name

Addition  Deletion  Correction  Backup Information

For Office Use

Nomination #	<u>05-075</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>1/6/06</u>
Revision Year:	<u>2006 2007</u>	ADF&G Fisheries Scientist	Date
Revision to:	Atlas _____ Catalog _____ Both <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>1/6/06</u>
Revision Code:	<u>A-2, A-1, 36</u>	ADMF OPHM Operations Mgr.	Date
		<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>10/20/05</u>
		FDB Project Biologist	Date
		<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>1 10 00</u>
		Cartographer	Date

OBSERVATION INFORMATION

Species	Date(s) Observed	Spawning	Rearing	Present	Anadromous
<u>Coho Salmon</u>	<u>9-26-05</u>	<u>ENF</u>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<u>(3)</u>	<u>9-27-05</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>
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**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 other information such as: specific stream reaches observed as spawning or rearing habitat; locations, types, and heights of any barriers; etc.

**Comments:**  
During a pedestrian survey of ~~Donlin~~ Donlin Creek, the lower-most reach of Ophir Creek was surveyed/walked from the winter Road down stream to its confluence with Donlin Creek. Although water clarity was poor due to recent rainfalls, 3 coho were observed. More coho were very possibly present. ~~In~~ <sup>During the</sup> 2004 Coho survey, none were observed, but this was due to a Beaver dam restricting migration that was over-topped in 2005 due to high flows.

Name of Observer (please print): Ed Fleming  
Signature: [Signature]  
Address: 1045 N. Ford St  
Golden, CO 80403

Date: 10-1-05

This certifies that in my best professional judgment and belief the above information is evidence that this waterbody should be included in or deleted from the Fish Distribution Database.

Signature of Area Biologist: Reviewed by D. Malynow Date: 10/25/05  
Name of Area Biologist (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Revision 02/05

Add COP to new stream  
Extend COP in 335-20-16600-2671-3100

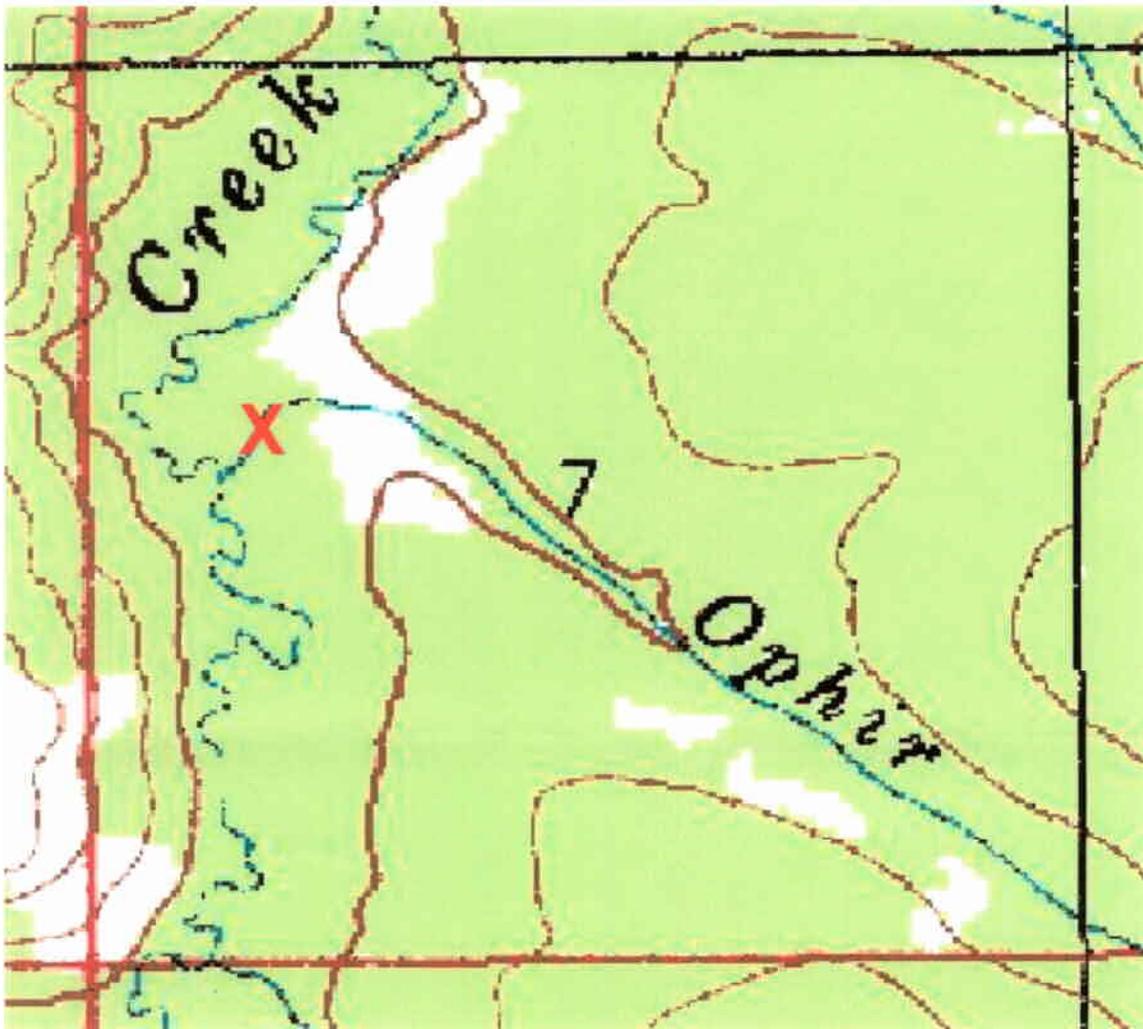
**Ophir Creek (FDD# 335-20-16600-2671- )**

Date of Survey: 09/27/05

Fish Species: 3 adult coho salmon observed during spawning surveys near confluence with Donlin Creek (see X on map below)

USGS Quadrangle: Iditarod A-5

Lat./Long: 62.09994 / 158.14960



October 1, 2005

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Fish Distribution Database Project Biologist  
Alaska Department of Fish and Game  
Division of Sport Fish  
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**RE: Nomination form submittals**

Dear J.,

Here are the signed nomination forms for Dome and Grouse creeks. Let me know if you need anything else on it. The field season is winding down and I am finally in the office for the next week or two.

I also have included a nomination form for another creek we documented to have more than the two coho minimum on a survey I just got back from; Ophir Creek. This creek is the one just upstream of Dome and was blocked from salmon use last year due to a significant beaver damn just down stream of its mouth on Donlin. Long-term low flow conditions in 2004 made the beaver dam a significant barrier. This damn was breached and over-topped in 2005 due to high rains and resulting high discharges in the system in August and September. With the water being quite turbid and Ophir being at or even slightly above bankfull conditions, it was hard to see and we still found three. Therefore, I am comfortable nominating this creek too.

We found another coho in Snow Gulch, but only one and this water was extremely turbid so it was just dumb luck to see this coho surface.

Call or email ([efleming@OtterTail.us](mailto:efleming@OtterTail.us)) if you have any questions or need anything else. In case you are interested, we are currently preparing an aquatic resource technical report that will have detailed results of our 2004 and 2005 aquatic biomonitoring program (bugs, tissue metals, resident electrofishing, and the helicopter adult salmon survey).

Sincerely,



Ed Fleming  
Principal Aquatic Biologist

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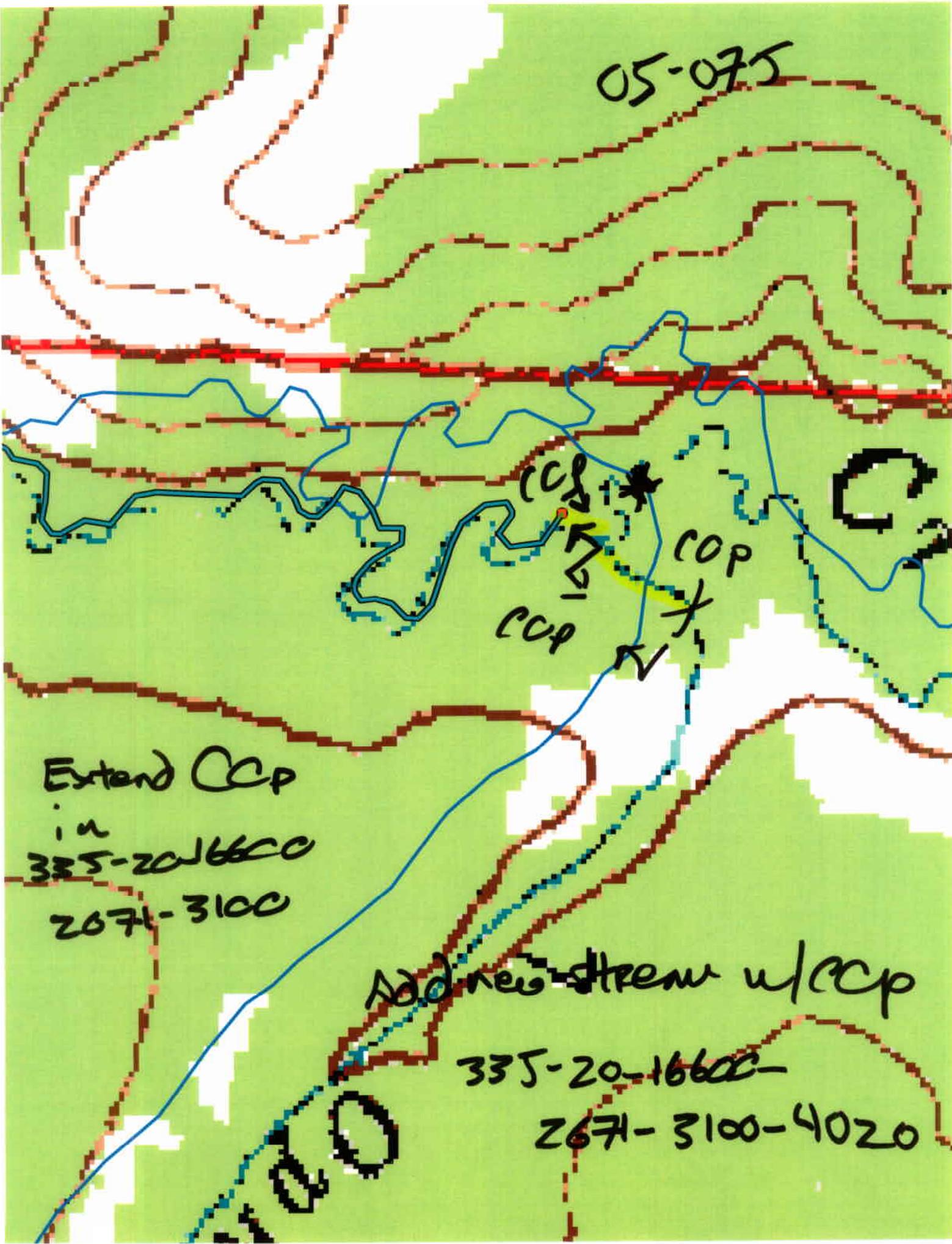
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Add new stream w/CCP

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