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SUBJECT: Naha River

Took an official trip between November 9 - November 11, 1974 to survey the Naha River and to familiarize myself with this system and check anglers. Was an interesting trip to see the amount of river area available to the angler. The Naha River has eight or nine fishing holes interspersed throughout with some rapid areas. Some of the rapid areas would provide good fly fishing areas for trout and steelhead in low water conditions. Water levels were high due to rainfall.

Without counting myself, there were seven fishermen noted fishing during the three days on the river. Three of these were also hunting deer.

I talked with two of the fishermen who fish the river between Heckman Lake and the Black Hole. They took 10 fish home and released one. They figured that they had hooked almost twice as many as were landed.

The Jordan Bar Hole is normally good late in the season or during Thanksgiving but it did not have many steelhead. There were 50-75 coho in this area spawning thus attracting Dolly Varden and cutthroat trout. There was no problem catching these species. Fishermen estimated that they landed in one days fishing time about 75 Dolly Varden and 5-10 cutthroat trout. They stated the cutthroat were more active in the early morning and late evening, while the Dolly's were active throughout the day. Four fishermen were fishing at this bar during the three days and only kept about 10 Dolly Varden and three or four steelhead from this hole. All fish sampled are noted on the attached river map.

The attached map also lists all the main fishing holes by common used name and location. I also tried to show the current patterns, pools, riffles and logs. The map is fairly self explanatory.

There were fishermen/hunters at the Fisheries cabin at the head of Heckman Lake where the Naha flows into the lake. They were observed fishing on the 9th at the outlet.

On November ~~12~~ 11, 1974, Dennis Blankenbeckler and I went by boat from Ketchikan (Brusich Marina) to the Naha River. This takes between 45-60 minutes. Upon arriving, we packed our motor to the lagoon and used a USFS boat to travel across Roosevelt Lagoon to the mouth of the Naha River.

Art Schmidt

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The river water was lower by 18" - 24" than during the earlier survey. It was interesting to see the two water levels and their impact upon the fishing areas in the river. Lower water levels allow for more fishing areas but may force the fish to seek the deeper pools or riffle areas.

We walked and fished all major holes up to the forks below Heckman Lake. Noted there were still coho in the river areas. The Jordan Bar Hole did not produce many Dolly Varden during about one hours fishing. Caught one Dolly Varden and no steelhead.

Finally managed to take one fresh steelhead from the Black Hole (750mm female). There was a skift of snow on the ground aiding in the reduced water flow.

I will attempt to survey the Naha River area where it flows in to Heckman Lake as time permits. This, then, can be included into this packet.

Ed Jones has the scale samples from the steelhead and will be sending the data along.

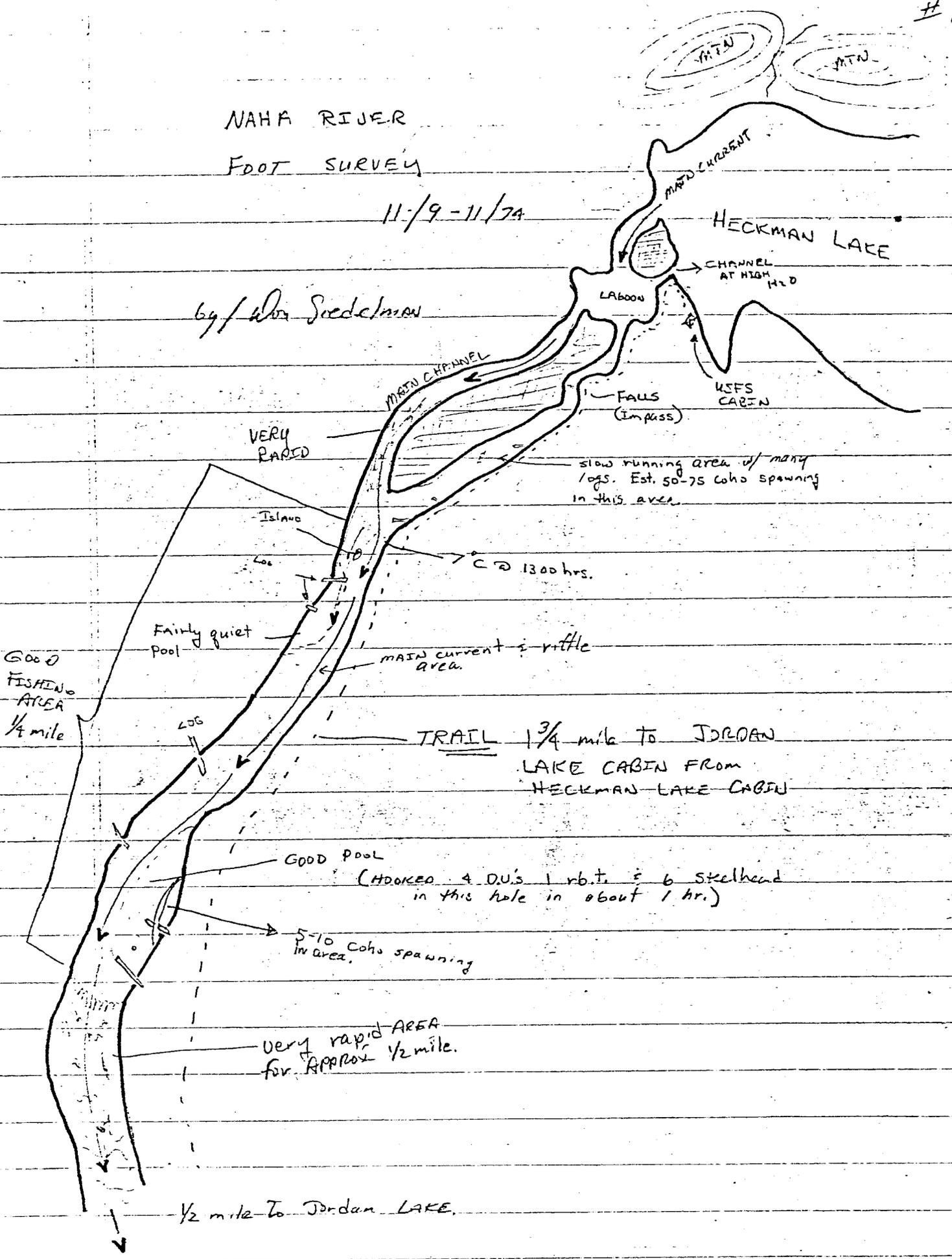
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# NAHA RIVER

## FOOT SURVEY

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by Alan Suedelman



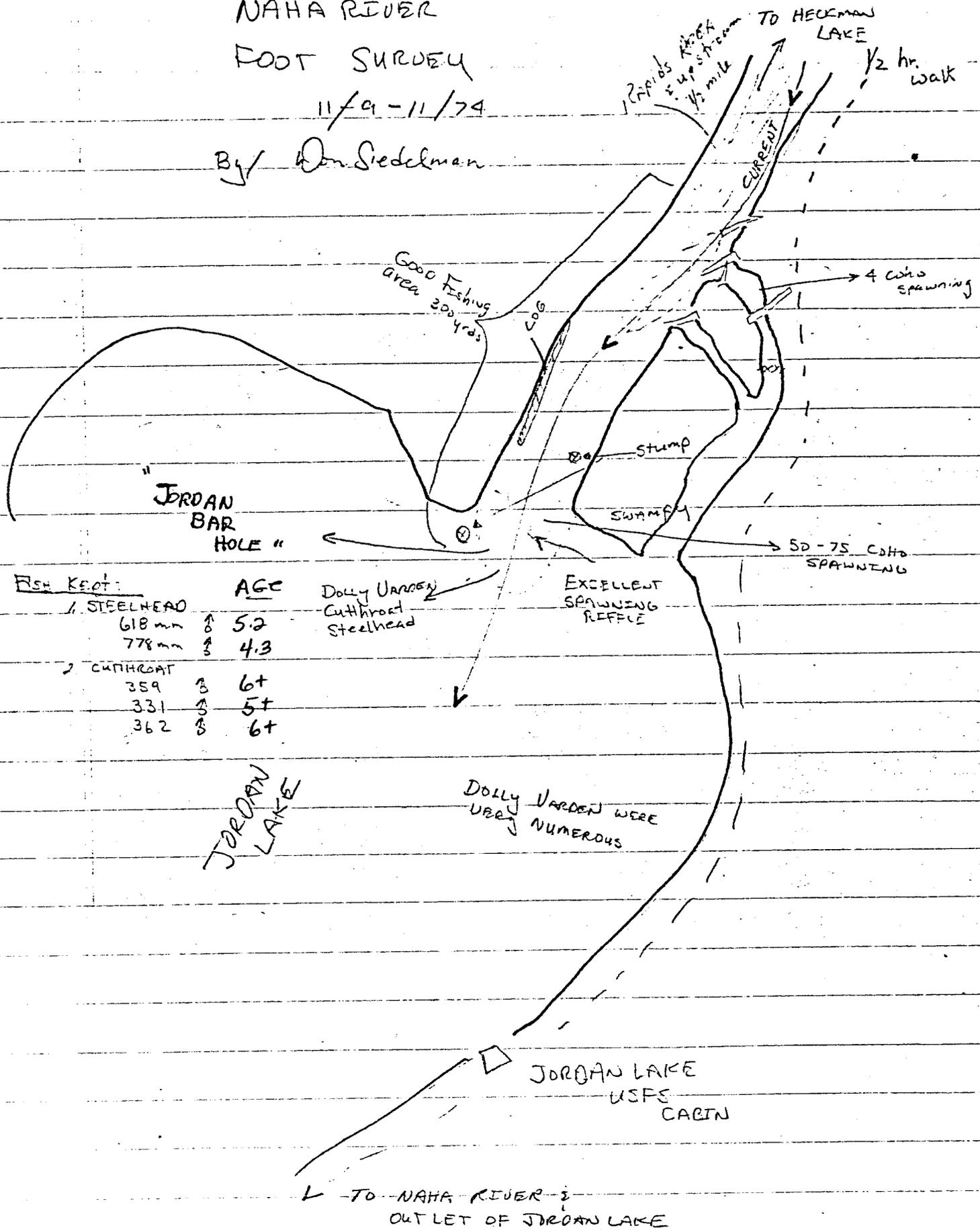
1/2 mile To Jordan LAKE.

NAHA RIVER

FOOT SURVEY

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By Don Siedelman



FISH KEPT:

		AGE
1. STEELHEAD		
618 mm	♂	5.2
778 mm	♀	4.3
2. CUTTHROAT		
359	♂	6+
331	♂	5+
362	♂	6+

Dolly Varden  
Cutthroat  
Steelhead

EXCELLENT  
SPAWNING  
RIFFLE

50-75 COHO  
SPAWNING

4 COHO  
SPAWNING

DOLLY VARDEN WERE  
VERY NUMEROUS

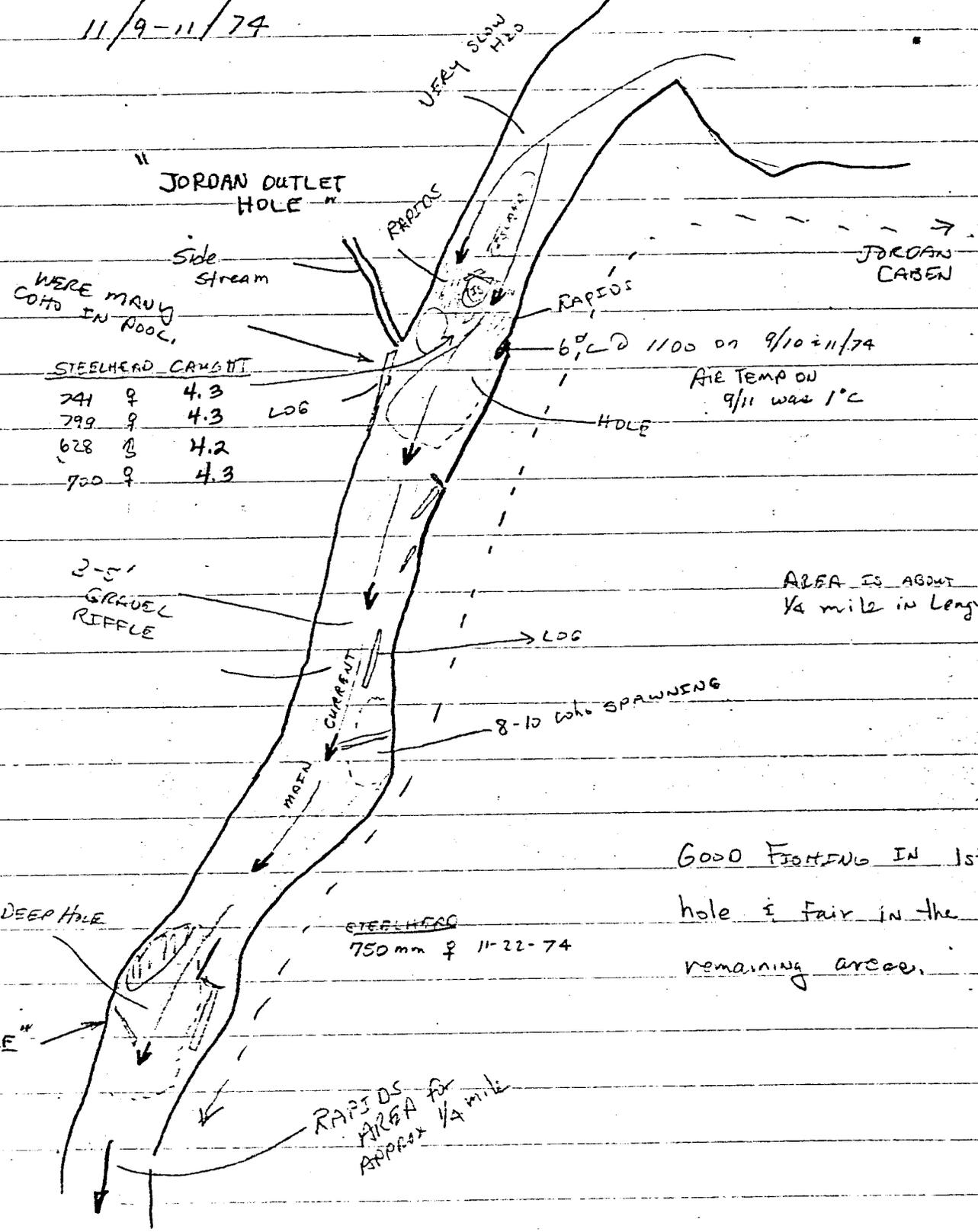
JORDAN LAKE  
USFS  
CABIN

TO NAHA RIVER  
OUTLET OF JORDAN LAKE

# WAHA RIVER FOOT SURVEY

## JORDAN LAKE

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WERE MANY COHO IN POOL,

### STEELHEAD CATCH

741	♀	4.3	LOG
799	♀	4.3	
628	♂	4.2	
720	♀	4.3	

6°C @ 1100 on 9/10 & 11/74

Air Temp on 9/11 was 1°C

2-5' GRAVEL RIFFLE

AREA IS ABOUT 1/4 mile in length.

LOG

8-10 COHO SPAWNING

GOOD FIGHTING IN 1st hole & fair in the remaining areas.

DEEP HOLE

STEELHEAD  
750 mm ♀ 11-22-74

"BLACK HOLE"

RAPIDS AREA for APPROX 1/4 mile

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ABOUT 1/2 MILE GOOD  
FISHING IN THIS  
AREA.

GOOD HOLE  
FOR FISHING

"CORNER  
HOLE"

RAPIDS  
AREA

MODERATE  
RAPIDS  
AREA  
W/ FAIR  
FISHING

SWINGING BRIDGE

"SWINGING BRIDGE HOLE"

EX. FISHING HOLE

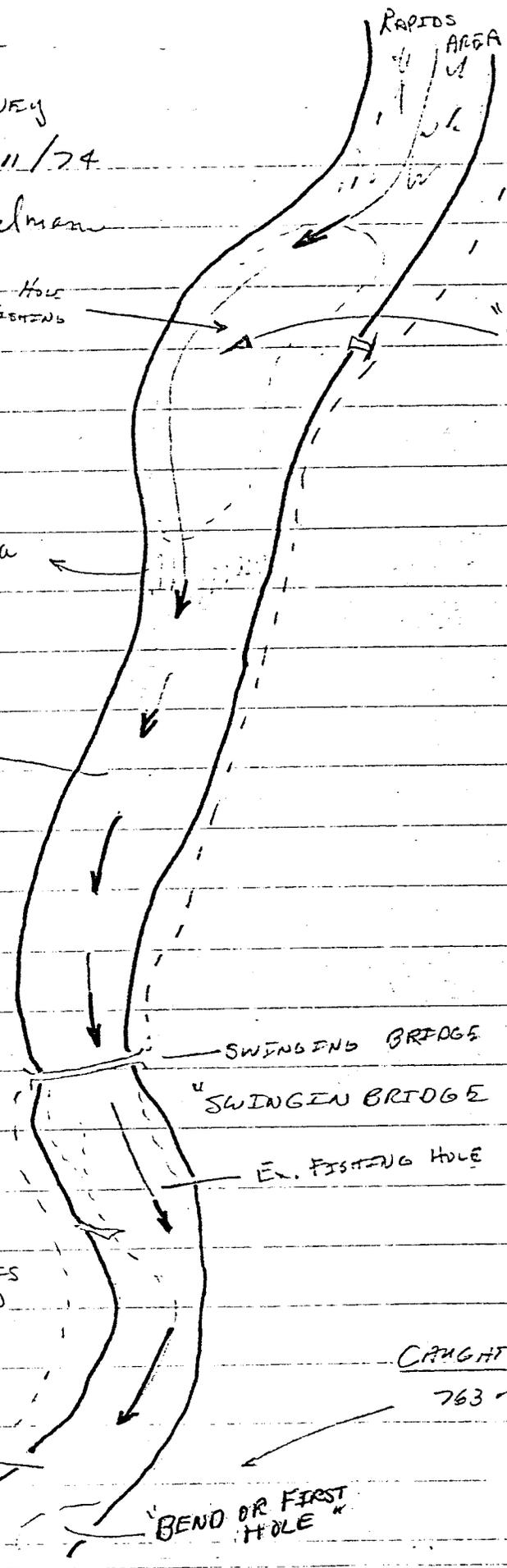
TO ROOSEVELT LAGOON  
1/4 MILE  
& NANA USES  
CABIN

GOOD GRAVEL  
AREA OF 2-4'  
DEPTH FROM  
HERE FOR ABOUT  
4-500 YARDS OR TO  
FALLS.

CAUGHT STEELHEAD  
763 mm ♀

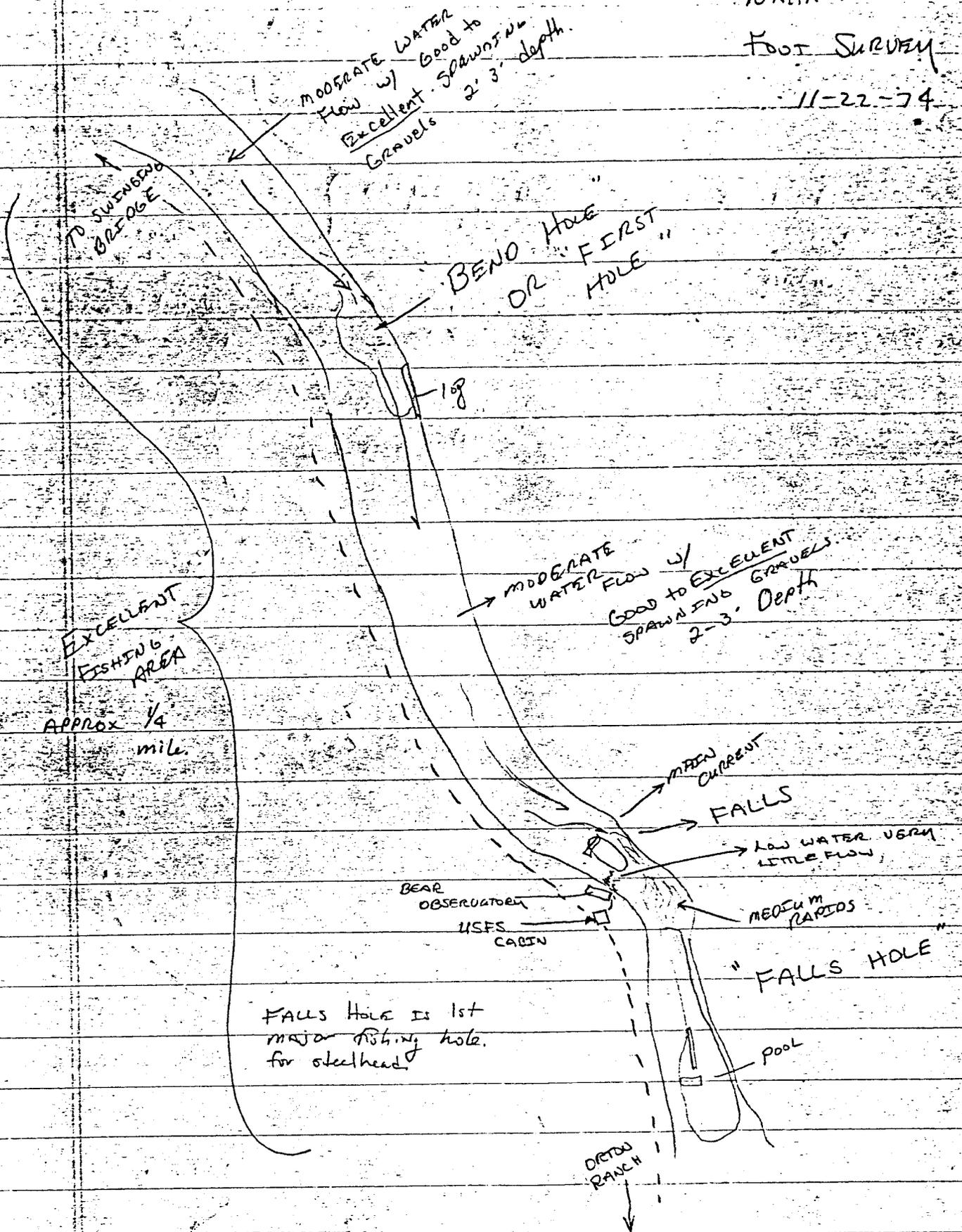
"BEND OR FIRST  
HOLE"

FALLS  
HOLE ABOUT  
400 YARDS  
DOWN RIVER



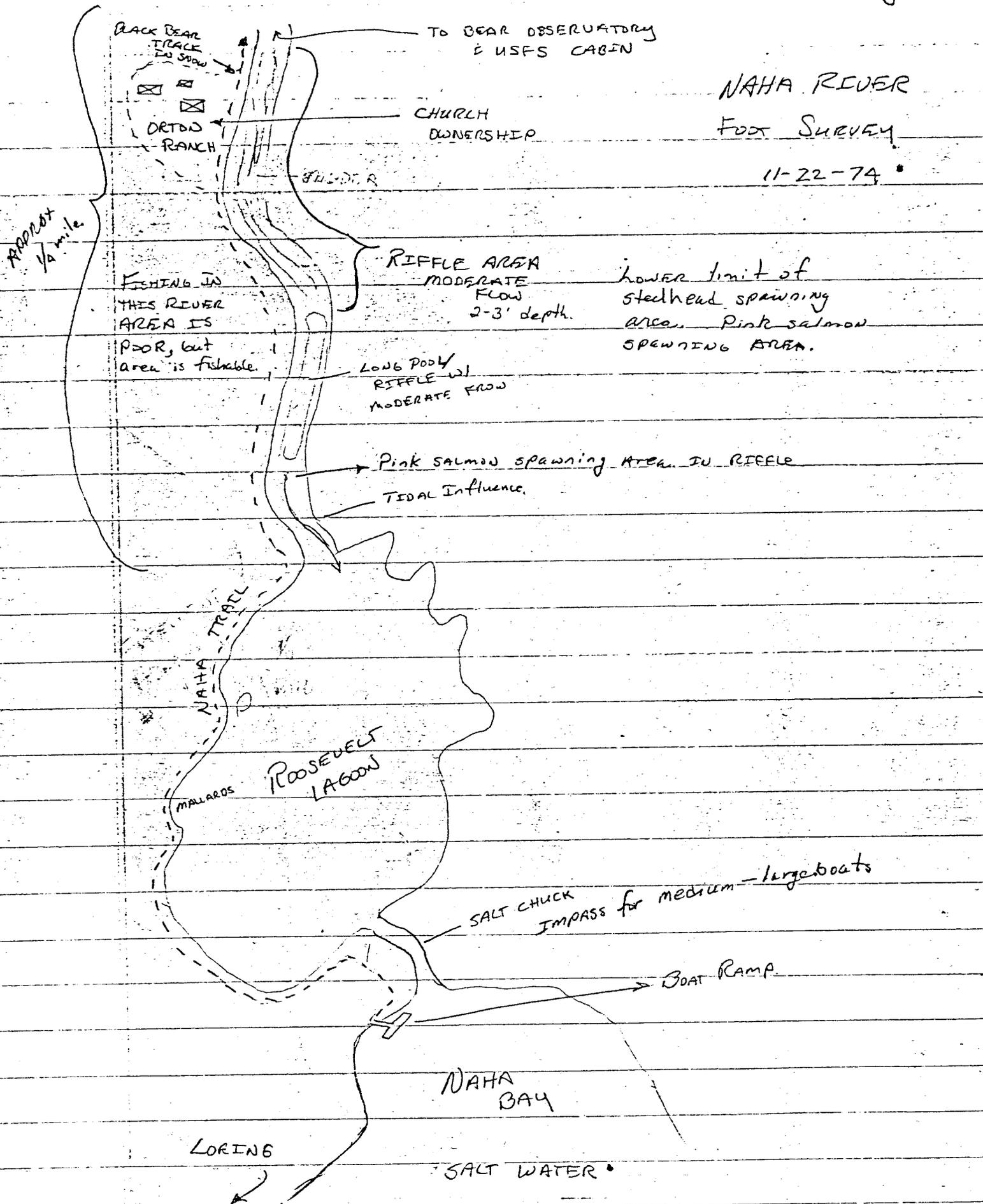
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APPROX 1/4 mile

FISHING IN THIS RIVER AREA IS POOR, BUT AREA IS FISHABLE.

RIFFLE AREA MODERATE FLOW 2-3' depth.

LOWER limit of steelhead spawning area. Pink salmon spawning area.

LONG POOL RIFFLE W/ MODERATE FLOW

Pink salmon spawning area IN RIFFLE TIDAL Influence.

ROOSEVELT LAGOON

SALT CHUCK IMPASS for medium-large boats

BOAT RAMP

NAHA BAY

SALT WATER

LORING