

MEMORANDUM

Virginia Lake
State of Alaska

TO: Frank Van Hulle
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SUBJECT: Virginia Lake
Enhancement

I thought you should be aware of this proposed program. I agree with Bob Zorich that the excess CLH steelhead that are designated to Lowes Creek should be stocked into Virginia Lake on first priority.

An alternative - a small amount of CLH steelhead annually stocked into Virginia Lake until an adult return has been established (4 years).

As for coho salmon - since this is a new stock, perhaps we should consider stocking a summer run as from Reflection Lake. This stock would provide a greater sportfish potential than would a late run such as Earl Wess Cove/Chickamin River, or CLH stocks. An indirect benefit from summer run coho would be provided to the gillnet fleet in District 6 plus some trollers, but a greater % would be entering Virginia Lake from this stock than of the fall stock.

Virginia Lake has a very important recreational cutthroat trout fishery and this population should not be altered or even considered for modification.

cc: B. Zorich

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DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

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SUBJECT: Virginia Lake
Enhancement

Bob, Don Siedelman sent me a copy of a memo that he wrote on Virginia Lake enhancement.

At this point Sport Fish Division would not support any introductions of coho or steelhead into this system. We would want to review all research data collected on Virginia Lake, including population estimates for resident fish.

The thrust of all Virginia Lake enhancement plans have been sockeye salmon development. Given that the lake already has a good cutthroat trout population, the addition of two sockeye predators does not seem compatible with the original goal.