

MEMORANDUM

State of Alaska

TO: Frank Van Hulle
Regional Supervisor
Sport Fish Division
Juneau

DATE: June 12, 1985

FILE NO:

TELEPHONE NO: 225-2859

FROM: Donald Siedelman 
Area Management Biologist
Sport Fish Division
Ketchikan

SUBJECT: Ward Creek Steelhead Stocking

On Monday, June 3, FRED Klawock personnel brought over 1/2 of the approximate 30,000 steelhead smolt for stocking into Ward Lake. During the trip, one tanks' oxygen regulators froze-up. They stated a mortality of approximately 5,000 fish occurred from this problem.

On Friday, June 7, they brought the second and last batch of steelhead smolt over for stocking into Ward Lake. This group of fish was stressed during the trip. Fish were dumped into Ward Lake at the campground creek culvert.

A considerable number of mortalities were noted but they felt that they would leave all fish (dead and alive) until evening and check on them again at that time. The evening check indicated that many did die and they supposedly picked up a bucket of dead fish and left the rest.

Monday morning (June 10) our phone was ringing off the hook concerning the "1000's of fish that were dead at Ward Lake.

By afternoon Mike Ward and I went to Ward Lake to pick up the dead fish. We picked up 1,559 in the immediate area. Mike stated that some fish had floated out into the lake also, shortly after they were stocked. There could have been 2000-2500 dead fish from this stocking.

I assume FRED will write up a report on the happening with the final results and counts.

Some notes that may have been done or should have been done:

1. Use cooler waters from local creek instead of Klawock Lake waters.
2. Use blocks of ice in tanks to cool waters.
3. Use salt in tank.
4. Pack O₂ bottles in ice.

This was an unfortunate loss of hard earned fish. Let us hope that this was a learning experience.

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TO: Frank Van Hulle
Regional Supervisor
Sport Fish Division

DATE: June 30, 1982

FILE NO:

TELEPHONE NO: 907-225-5195

FROM: Donald L. Siedel *DS*
Area Management Biologist
Sport Fish Division

SUBJECT: Ward Creek Lamprey Survey

Several reports from local Ketchikan anglers concerning lampreys in the Ward Creek system prompted a stream survey on June 10, 1982. Species in the Ward Creek system were identified as a Pacific lamprey, Entosphenus tridentatus (Gairdner).

The specimen examined was 460 millimeters in length, and weighed .75 pounds. Forty lampreys were observed spawning from the inlet of the lake to approximately 100 yards upstream to the Ward Lake road bridge.

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TO: Don Siedelman
Sport Fish
Ketchikan

DATE: September 24, 1976

FILE NO:

TELEPHONE NO:

FROM: Dan Romey, Manager
Crystal Lake Hatchery
Petersburg

Dan Romey

SUBJECT: Coho Creel Census/Spawning
Redd Count - Ward Lake

As we talked about last month, I would be real interested in getting any information on any adipose only marked adult Coho you may observe in the Ward Lake area this fall. You mentioned you might run some checks there.

Since very few (if any) Coho returned last year, I thought that since these Green River Coho were released at 50 fish per pound in December 1973, they might have held over in the fresh water area another year. This would have made the return time this fall.

If you don't see any this fall, the original premise will be applicable. They went somewhere else.

DR:cm

cc: Rupe Andrews
Ed Jones