

February 3, 1988

Mr. John Santana
61 Park Avenue
Piedmont, CA 94611

Dear Mr. Santana:

This is in regard to your inquiry concerning the rock barrier on
Con Creek, Mendocino County.

On November 3, Fishery Biologist Weldon Jones and Warden Louis Morgan inspected the site and the stream. They found that an eight-foot diameter boulder was completely blocking anadromous fish from approximately three miles of spawning and nursery habitat. Steelhead trout and coho salmon are found below this natural barrier. Only resident trout are found above the barrier. Modification of the barrier is feasible and would permit an increase in the steelhead and coho salmon populations in this stream. However, landowner permission must be obtained prior to attempting such a modification, and the Department has no legal recourse to require the landowner grant us such permission.

I have enclosed copies of pictures of the barrier for you to see.
Thank you for your interest in improving our fisheries resources.

Sincerely,

Brian Hunter
Regional Manager
Region 3
JE/dcf

Enclosure

cc Jones & Morgan