

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME  
STREAM SURVEY**

FILE FORM No \_\_\_\_\_  
Date October 25, 1968

NAME Moody Creek COUNTY Mendocino

STREAM SECTION \_\_\_\_\_ FROM Mouth TO Upper limits LENGTH \_\_\_\_\_

TRIBUTARY TO Indian Creek TWP 24N R 18W SEC 5

OTHER NAMES \_\_\_\_\_ RIVER SYSTEM Navarro River

SOURCES OF DATA Survey by Dennis Peters and Doug Ayers on June 18, 1968.

- EXTENT OF OBSERVATION
- Include Name of Surveyor, Date, Etc.
- LOCATION
- RELATION TO OTHER WATERS
- GENERAL DESCRIPTION
- Watershed
- Immediate Drainage Basin
- Altitude (Range)
- Gradient
- Width
- Depth
- Flow (Range)
- Velocity
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GENERAL DESCRIPTION - "U" shaped canyon with 40° slopes covered with predominantly Douglas Fir, Redwoods and various shrubs. This vegetation offers excellent shade the entire length of creek. The soil is packed clay. Altitude - 750 feet at mouth, 1250 feet at the headwater. Gradient - Approximately 150 feet/mile. Width - 3 feet. Depth - 6 inches. Flow - 2 cfs at the mouth decreasing to ½ - ¼ cfs in the upper areas. Velocity - Rapid along lower 1/3, slow along upper 2/3. Bottom - Pea gravel to a maximum of basketball rubble is present, Spawning Area - Good - excellent the entire length with the only problem being the abundance of logging debris. Pools - Numerous 5x5x1½ - few 10x10x3. Shelter - Good cover due to the dense growth along the creek bed and the logs and litter in the bed. Barriers - Creek littered the entire length. There is a total of 20 jams in first 2 miles many of which are very intensive. There has been logging operations in the areas in the last couple of years.

Temperature - At 1400 at the mouth the water temperature was 74°F with the air temperature 76°F (in shade).

Aquatic Plants - Algae common entire length.

Winter Conditions - 15'x3'

Fish Present - There was no evidence of fish above the first crossing (approx. 1 mile from mouth). Below this point Steelhead were in good supply and spawning conditions were good. The size was from 2-4 inches.

Fishing Intensity - Not known.

ACCESSIBILITY - Road parallels Moody Creek entire length.

OWNERSHIP - Anderson.

POSTED - Posted by T. M. Dimmick.

IMPROVEMENTS - Removal of the litter and the log jams are a must to make this creek usable to its full capacity.

GENERAL ESTIMATES - Moody Creek is a creek with much potential but will require a great deal of work, A good flow is maintained and the creek should be improved for the migratory fish.

MAPS - U. S. Geological Survey - 15' series - Piercy Quad.

# MOODY CREEK

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