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FISH HATCHERY APPROVED AS PART OF TRINITY RIVER DEVELOPMENT IN CALIFORNIA

A fish hatchery will be included as a facility of the Trinity River division of the Central Valley Project in order to assure conservation of existing fish runs in the Trinity River, the Department of the Interior reported today.

Costing approximately \$1,350,000, the hatchery was recommended by the Fish and Wildlife Service and the California Department of Fish and Game for maintenance of the fishery resources in the river.

One of the principal features of the Trinity River development will be the Lewiston Dam, now under construction on the Trinity River. This structure will block migration of fish at the dam site. There are runs of king and silver salmon and steelhead trout which pass upstream beyond Lewiston dam site in their spawning migrations.

At the present time, according to Commissioner of Reclamation W. A. Dexheimer, the Bureau of Reclamation is proceeding with arrangements for fish preservation during construction of Lewiston Dam by the construction of a barrier trap and the transporting of the fish in special trucks around the dam site to permit them to continue their upstream spawning migration. Fingerlings coming downstream can go through the diversion tunnels at the dam site without harm.

Authorizing legislation for the Trinity River division of the Central Valley Project directs the Secretary of the Interior to adopt appropriate measures to insure the preservation and propagation of fish and wildlife resources. Costs of such measures are nonreimbursable.

The hatchery will include facilities capable of attracting and trapping all fish ascending the Trinity River to the vicinity of Lewiston Dam, holding ponds for adult salmon and a hatchery and rearing establishment with a capacity of 41,000,000 eggs annually.

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