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Fish & Game Department
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Dear Phil Baker and Ron Kusina:

In the midst of these heavy winter rains I find myself thinking about next summer's stream clearance work. And again I urge you to direct your efforts to removing the logjams from Salmon Creek.

I read today Fish & Game statistics which ranked Salmon Creek as fourth highest in King Salmon habitat among 40 Mendocino County coastal streams. It also ranked high in Silver Salmon and Steelhead habitat. If the jams were removed and the backed-up sediment ponds flushed out, the carrying capacity could probably be doubled.

As noted in my letters to both of you last winter and the winter before, I have done extensive work in mapping the jams and in getting the support and permission from adjacent property owners for clearance work.

Phil, nine months ago you wrote me:

"In our list of priorities, the Albion River was to be cleared by a OEMR-CETA crew before moving on to another stream. When the remaining four jams on the Albion are removed, we plan to shift the CMR-CETA crew to Big Salmon Creek. Provided funds are available, this crew will continue to work on Big Salmon Creek in 1980."

I'm asking you both, Is Big Salmon still next on your list? and Are you planning to start on it this spring? If not, when? I would appreciate hearing from you soon about this. And again, I'm offering my services if they can be of any use to you in this project.

In great appreciation of your work to date,

Moonlight CE

P.S. I have a canoe trip planned for tomorrow on the Albion River, from just below Comptche all the way down to Albion harbor. Since the jams you two were responsible for getting removed had been there for decades, this may be the first river trip down this length of the Albion in a long, long time. Thanks, from salmon and boaters, for getting those obstacles removed!