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Bull Trout in Andy Creek (Rimrock Lake)

2 messages

Paul James <JamesP@cwu.edu>
To: Aimee Taylor <btff@midcolumbiafisheries.org>

Hi Aimee,

I received this email from a WSDOT biologist that was overseeing a culvert replacement project on HWY 12 along Rimrock Lake (Andy Creek). It looks like they found some database. Have you heard of it?

Paul

From: Eitemiller, Doug <doug.eitemiller@wsdot.wa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, September 3, 2024 12:59 PM
To: Paul James <JamesP@cwu.edu>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Re: Fish ID

Thanks Paul. Unfortunately, these were salvaged/rescued prior to the start of work last Friday the 30th (08-30-24) from a 2 ft. culvert on US 12 at Andy Cr., a trib. to Rimrock streambed material.

The anal fins of the two fish in question match your description, and B.T. do occur in Rimrock, along with rainbow, brook, kokanee, and white fish. It's interesting that no project. I'm wondering if this is the result of few pools, shade, or cover. So, the culvert could have been their preferred habitat given existing conditions ... All live fish (1!

Andy Cr. usually goes completely dry by this time of year and is currently going subsurface before reaching the Rimrock Lk.. It's more likely than not that they may not have

As always, thanks.

Douglas Eitemiller

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From: Paul James <JamesP@cwu.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, September 3, 2024 11:36 AM
To: Eitemiller, Doug <doug.eitemiller@wsdot.wa.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Fish ID

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Doug,

The fish circled looks a lot like a bull trout. If the anal fin has a white edge without orange/red and looks different from the other fish, then it's likely a bull trout. Any chance you could scan it for

Paul

From: Eitemiller, Doug <doug.eitemiller@wsdot.wa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, September 3, 2024 10:26:19 AM
To: Paul James <jamesp@cwu.edu>
Subject: Fish ID

12/10/24, 11:33 AM

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Morning Paul,

Please look when you get a chance. My fish I.D. is lame but am pretty sure these are mostly Brook trout. I'm wondering about the couple without worm patterns on their I







They're all from a small trib. to Rimrock Lk.

Thanks much,

Douglas Eitemiller

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2 attachments



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Aimee Taylor <bttf@midcolumbiafisheries.org>
To: Paul James <JamesP@cwu.edu>

Tue, Oct 8, 2024 at 2:28 PM

Hi Paul,

I had a couple other people email me about this same discovery. As far as I know, Andy creek isn't known as bull trout spawning, rearing or FMO habitat. It was described as very small and seasonal (dewatering) by a different WSDOT biologist in another email chain. I do know that it is directly adjacent to Indian Creek (less than 0.25 miles as the crow flies) so I'm willing to bet some of those fish would be assigned to the Indian Creek population. I was thinking next summer I'll go up and check it out before it drops out in August and see if we can get some fin clips and rescue any stranded Bull Trout.

-Aimee

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