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The first four months of this period, from December 1, 1902 to March 31, 1903, were during the administration of Mr. Charles W. Harris, former Commissioner, but I have included in my report as much of the business transacted during that time as could obtain from the records.



GOLDEN EAGLE
Caught in Rio Blanco County December, 1903

roduced from Nature by Three Color Process

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL.

Department of Game and Fish,

Denver, Colorado, December 1, 1904.

To His Excellency,

JAMES H. PEABODY,
Governor of Colorado.

Dear Sir—As provided by law, I herewith submit my biennial report for the years 1903 and 1904, together with recommendations for future work.

It has been my aim, during my administration, to build up a game and fish department of Colorado, to maintain the dignity of the same, and at all times to attach the importance to the office that belongs to it, knowing, as I do, that our game and fish is among the most important great resources of Colorado. I have been able to do this only by the very kind and business-like treatment that I have received at all times from your Excellency, and it gives me great pleasure to know that I have been a part of your splendid business administration.

It has never been my intention to misuse, or impose a hardship on any one, but I have endeavored to prosecute all alike, without regard to their standing in life, and your known wishes at all times have been my law.

I sincerely thank you for the great patience you have exhibited toward me in allowing me to be State Game and Fish Commissioner in every sense of the word, and I sincerely hope that my successor will be as anxious to maintain the department at a high standard as I have been.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN M. WOODARD,
Commissioner.

STATE OF COLORADO.

DEPARTMENT OF GAME AND FISH.

J. M. Woodard, Denver.....Commissioner
U. G. Purinton, Denver.....Special Chief Game Warden
R. L. Spargur, Denver.....Chief Clerk
W. S. Kincaid, Denver....Superintendent State Fish Hatcheries
W. D. Wilson, Creede.....Chief Game Warden, First District
Thomas G. Higgins, Grand Junction.....
.....Chief Game Warden, Second District
Fred A. Gordon, Glenwood Springs.....
.....Chief Game Warden, Third District
C. A. Purinton, Pinnacle....Chief Game Warden, Fourth District
J. L. Nightingale, Fort Collins. Chief Game Warden, Fifth District
Chas. Dowdell, Denver....Superintendent Denver Fish Hatchery
S. E. Land, Gunnison....Superintendent Gunnison Fish Hatchery
W. E. Patrick, Durango. Superintendent Durango Fish Hatchery
C. M. Swinehart, Steamboat Springs.....
.....Superintendent Routt County Fish Hatchery

Biennial Report

OF THE

State Game and Fish Commissioner

MONEY APPROPRIATED BY THE LAST ASSEMBLY FOR THE USE OF MR.
HARRIS, AS FOLLOWS:

Forest, Game and Fish Commissioner's salary.....	\$ 600.00
Commissioner's traveling expense.....	200.00
Clerk's salary	333.33
Forest and Game Wardens, salary.....	1,500.00
Special Game Warden's salary.....	300.00
Game Wardens' traveling expenses.....	600.00
Superintendent of Fish Hatcheries, salary.....	400.00
Superintendent's traveling expense.....	133.33
Assistant Superintendents at fish hatcheries.....	1,616.66
Denver hatchery, one assistant.....	200.00
Denver hatchery, maintenance.....	300.00
Gunnison hatchery, maintenance.....	300.00
La Plata hatchery, maintenance.....	300.00
Routt county hatchery, maintenance.....	300.00
Emerald lakes hatchery, maintenance.....	300.00
Distribution of fry.....	83.33
Gathering of spawn.....	266.66
Gunnison hatchery, one assistant.....	200.00
Durango hatchery, one assistant.....	200.00
Routt county hatchery, one assistant.....	200.00
Emerald lakes, one assistant.....	200.00

MONIES PAID OUT BY THE FORMER COMMISSIONER, MR. CHAS. W. HARRIS:

Commissioner's salary	\$ 600.00
Commissioner's traveling expense.....	164.20
Superintendent of State Fish Hatcheries, salary.....	400.00
Superintendent's traveling expenses.....	131.85
Clerk's salary	316.66
Money paid to five Chief Game Wardens.....	1,500.00
One Special Game Warden.....	300.00
Traveling expense of five Chief Game Wardens.....	430.49
Superintendent of Denver fish hatchery, salary.....	400.00
Superintendent of Gunnison fish hatchery, salary.....	300.00
Superintendent of La Plata fish hatchery, salary.....	300.00
Superintendent Routt county fish hatchery, salary.....	300.00
Superintendent Emerald lakes hatchery, salary.....	300.00
Maintenance Denver fish hatchery.....	299.86
Maintenance Gunnison fish hatchery.....	292.00
Maintenance La Plata fish hatchery.....	298.67
Maintenance Routt county fish hatchery.....	101.35
Assistant Routt county hatchery.....	130.00
Maintenance Emerald lakes fish hatchery.....	304.61
Received by the Department during the period from December 1st, 1902, to March 31st, 1903.....	1,145.24
Used for salaries, traveling expense, etc.....	1,105.34
Balance on hand and deposited in the State Treasury as Game Fund, March 31st, 1903.....	39.90
YOUNG TROUT FRY ON HAND MARCH 31, 1903:	
Brook trout in Gunnison hatchery.....	110,000
Rainbow trout in Denver hatchery.....	80,000

CONDITION OF THE DEPARTMENT.

On taking charge of this Department as State Game and Fish Commissioner, on April 1, 1903, I was confronted with various obstacles of more or less serious nature.

First, the courts were not especially friendly to the Department, and it seemed that it was next to impossible to convict through any court any violators of the game and fish law, but the amended law in effect July 12, 1903, assisted very materially in bringing about a change for the better, enabling this Department to convict violators in almost every case that has been tried; and I want to say that the courts, during my administration, with the exception of about three cases, have done their whole duty, and have convicted and fined every case of violation brought before them, and I feel exceedingly grateful to the courts for the prompt and efficient manner in which they have handled all cases of violations for this Department, and I most highly appreciate their earnest support in this direction. Heretofore, I find that the Department had been handled strictly in the interest of politics, and the Game Commissioner and his Wardens were powerless, even though they might have had a disposition to enforce the law, it seemed almost out of the question to do so, and it is a fact that I am the first Game and Fish Commissioner that was ever recognized by the Governor as the head of the Department, and was treated as such by being held strictly responsible for the operations of the Department.

GOOD GAME WARDENS.

Another obstacle was the fact that it has been a very difficult matter to secure the services of first-class game wardens. There has been too much disposition on the part of a few of my wardens to overlook violations on account of influence of some friend, in fact, there has been a little too much "Hello, Bill," and exhibition of friendship. While I can not say that this has been the rule, yet it is my observation that it applies in some cases. After some difficulty, I was able to get a provision in the new law requiring game wardens to give a bond in the sum of \$1,000 each for the faithful performance of their duty, and the proper accounting for all moneys that came into their hands by reason of their office. I find this is very beneficial to the Department, and should never be overlooked.

However, I believe that we now have the best lot of game wardens that has ever been connected with the Game and Fish Department. While they are not all alike by any means, yet, taken as a whole, they are composed of honorable gentlemen, and are willing at all times to do their duty.

Mr. Fred A. Gordon, of Glenwood Springs, and Mr. U. G. Purinton, of Denver, have made more arrests and convictions

than any other two wardens with the Department. This is largely due, however, to their more favorable location.

In addition to the Chief Wardens, we have had some special wardens, serving most of their time without pay, that have rendered great service to this Department by arresting and prosecuting violators wherever it was possible to do so. I wish to make special mention of Mr. W. F. Givens, a special warden, at Florence, Colorado. Mr. Givens is a natural game warden, and has made as many arrests and convictions of violators of the game and fish laws as any one of my Chief Wardens.

Number of arrests made by this department, 121; number of convictions, 115, with two cases pending.

Amount of money paid into courts by violators of the game and fish laws, including costs, \$3,118.45.

Amount of money paid into county treasuries by reason of the Game and Fish Department, as follows:

Received from fines.....	\$ 858.70
From resident hunting licenses.....	5,518.40
Total.....	<u>\$6,477.10</u>

One of the greatest difficulties to overcome is the fact that our small number of paid Game Wardens is not sufficient to enforce the law in more than three counties, at the same time they are required to look after the entire State, which makes an average of territory for each warden a space of ten counties. I would recommend a change in the law, instead of providing for five Chief Game Wardens, to read twenty-five Chief Game Wardens.

Notwithstanding all of these obstacles, we have been able to build up a Game and Fish Department superior to any heretofore known of in Colorado. We have been able to do this largely on account of the kind and generous treatment we have received from most of our Colorado railroads, and we most heartily appreciate the great kindness extended to us by them in furnishing the department with the necessary transportation without which we would have been utterly helpless. I wish to make special mention of the Denver & Rio Grande and Colorado & Southern, Colorado Midland and Burlington & Missouri River railroads; in fact, most all Colorado roads in this direction. It is the duty of the Game and Fish Commissioner to invite the management of the different railroads to dictate or suggest to this department the distribution of fish along their lines, and we have made it our business to do so, knowing, as we did, that it was a matter of right and justice to all concerned. By doing this, the fish have been planted in the best known fish streams in the State and the most accessible to the different railroads.

INDIANS.

Another serious matter that this department has to contend with is the Indians from Utah and New Mexico coming into Colorado to slaughter game. There is no possible chance to arrest and convict and fine an Indian for violating the law. You might just as well take a coyote into court as a Ute Indian, and I have endeavored, and have been reasonably successful, in handling the Indians through their respective agents, including the Commissioner of Indian Affairs at Washington, and the only possible way in which the Indians can be handled is through their agents, and these agents have rendered this department great service during my term of office, as the following correspondence will show:

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

United States Indian Service,

Uinta and Ouray Agency,

Whiterocks, Utah, October 17, 1903.

Mr. J. M. Woodard, Commissioner, Dept. Game and Fish, Denver, Colo.:

Sir—I am in receipt of your communication of the 14th inst., relative to Indians from Utah violating the game laws of your State.

In reply, I will say that I will do all in my power to impress upon the Indians of this reservation the necessity of observing the game laws, and, further, will endeavor to restrain them from leaving the reservation to go into Colorado.

Very respectfully,

W. A. MERCER,

Capt. 7th Cavalry, Acting U. S. Indian Agent.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

Office of Indian Affairs.

Washington, October 24, 1903.

J. M. Woodard, Esq., State Game and Fish Commissioner, Denver, Colo.:

Sir—This office is in receipt of your letter of the 14th inst., in which you state that it has been the custom for the Indians of Utah and New Mexico to invade Colorado in the fall and hunt and destroy a large amount of game; that while your game laws permit each individual hunter to kill one deer with horns, yet the Indians pay but little attention to it, and kill any and all deer they can; that while you do not wish to be unjust with them, you are anxious that they should be controlled in this

matter without any serious trouble on the part of the State; and you ask that such instructions be issued by this office as may be necessary to prevent their depredations and thereby help in preventing the big game from becoming extinct.

You add that it is your intention and your sworn duty to enforce the State game laws as nearly as possible, but you do not wish to be unreasonable in the matter nor to do anyone a serious injustice; and that if the Indians could be kept on their reservation it would avoid a great deal of unnecessary trouble.

With your letter you enclose a copy of the game and fish laws of the State of Colorado.

In reply, you are advised that this office appreciates your courteous letter; and, as in the past, will endeavor, so far as possible, to have its superintendents in charge of the Indians who invade Colorado for hunting purposes, co-operate fully with you and your officials in preventing their charges from violating your game laws and causing trouble. To this end the respective officials in charge of the Navajo, Southern Ute and Jicarilla agencies have been fully advised of the charges made by you, and requested again to take up the matter with their Indians, so that the evils complained of may be restricted to a minimum, if not entirely corrected.

The superintendents have been further requested to advise the Indians that they must comply with all the requirements of your State game laws while off their reserves and hunting, and that if they do not they will surely get into trouble and be punished, and must not look to this office for any help whatever; that the office wishes them to give up this practice of hunting, and, so far as possible, remain on their reserves, as they are likely to get into trouble when they go outside and hunt. Further, they have been instructed that they must not grant passes to their Indians to leave the reserves where they have reason to believe that the ulterior object is hunting within the State of Colorado, in violation of its laws.

In conclusion, it is suggested that you have your officials promptly report to the proper superintendent the presence of any Indians who may be found hunting within your State in violation of law, or otherwise causing trouble, to the end that they may at once cause their return to the reservation; and that you furnish each of the superintendents with a few copies of your game laws, so that they may fully inform the Indians of their provisions.

Very respectfully,

W. A. JONES, Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

Indian School Service,

San Juan School.

Farmington, N. M., December 12, 1903.

Mr. J. M. Woodard, Commissioner, Denver, Colo.:

Dear Sir—I am in receipt of your letter of the 3d inst., concerning the Navajo Indians, from this reservation, hunting in Colorado, in violation of the State game laws. I beg to assure you that I will do everything in my power to prevent the Indians under my supervision from committing such depredations. If you will please inform me in which localities these Indians are hunting I will have my police return them to the reservation and mete out such punishment as the case deserves. I am putting on some extra police and hope to be able to prevent cause for such complaints in the future. I thank you for calling my attention to this matter.

Very respectfully,

W. F. SHELTON, Superintendent.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

United States Indian Service,

Uintah and Ouray Agency,

Whiterocks, Utah, November 26, 1904.

J. M. Woodard, Commissioner, Room 35, Capitol Building, Denver, Colo.:

Sir—I am in receipt of your two letters of the 21st inst., and in reply thereto will say that I believe that all of the Indians are now back on the reservation. Upon receipt of your recent telegram, stating that Indians had been seen on Blue mountain, I immediately sent a detachment of police out, and they were brought back at once.

It is extremely difficult to prevent Indians from going into Colorado, as some of them start from points remote from the agency, and the first knowledge we have of their presence there is the report from Colorado.

Next year I will take timely precaution and see if more satisfactory results can not be obtained.

Yours very truly,

C. G. HALL,

Captain 5th Cavalry, Acting Indian Agent.

ASSISTANCE FROM OTHERS.

While it is a fact that this Department has been rendered a great deal of assistance from other officers, and the courts

have also been almost invariably with this Department in their rulings, as our further record will show, yet there are too many officers of the law that do not care to assist in the enforcement of the game and fish laws, or in fact, any other laws, and are too much inclined to pass it by, and wink the other eye.

Our State laws in regard to the bonding of officers are weak and insufficient. All officers should be bonded in an absolutely reliable bonding company, and every citizen of the State should be required to furnish such evidence as might come to his knowledge that would convict any officer for neglecting his sworn duty. Of course, the failure on the part of the officer referred to to do his duty is on account of said officer's future in politics. But with a law that would compel all officers to their duty, the excuse referred to would be done away with.

While the conditions in this direction have very materially improved within the past two years, yet, I am sorry to say, there are some counties in this State where, notwithstanding the evidence or proof of guilt, juries will render a verdict of "not guilty." This is largely due to the fact that it is almost impossible to obtain a jury in these particular localities that is not composed more or less of game and fish law violators, and these conditions exist only in the more isolated, lawless, back-woods parts of the State. It is unfortunate that you can not send a juror to State's prison for perjury.

It is a duty of every citizen of Colorado to immediately report any violations of the game and fish law that come to his notice, and to assist in every way possible in enforcing the laws. When any person or persons know of any such violations, and tolerate or overlook them, they are equally guilty with the other violator, and should be treated as such. A great many people do not seem to understand that when our big game is gone that it is gone forever, and can never be returned. Honest citizens should help see to it that this game is not destroyed by unscrupulous, dishonest people, or killed in violation of the law. I look upon any person that would wilfully and knowingly violate the game and fish law as no better than a person who would steal his neighbor's horse.

IN THE HIGHER COURTS.

The only case the Game and Fish Department ever tried in the higher courts was argued before the Court of Appeals on March 31, 1904, by the Hon. D. C. Beaman, assisted by District Attorney Samuel G. McMullin, and a splendid decision was rendered in favor of the State, placing the burden of the proof on the violator to show that he had lawful possession of game or fish in his possession, and there should be many more cases taken to the higher courts.

UNITED STATES FOREST SUPERVISORS AND RANGERS.

By an act of Congress it is the duty of all members of the United States Forest Department in this State to assist in the enforcement of the game and fish laws, working with the State officers, and, in order to obtain the best results, I have, in many cases, appointed United States Forest Rangers as Special Game Wardens to serve without pay in order, that they might have full authority to arrest and convict any violators of the law that might come to their notice. I am sorry to say, however, that I have not received as much support in some localities as I had expected, and, in fact, not as much as I was entitled to. I will say, however, that in some localities this Department has been greatly assisted by the United States Forest Department, and I wish to make special mention of Mr. A. R. Craig, Supervisor of the Battlement Mesa Mountain Forest Reserve. Both he and his Rangers have rendered us splendid service. But in other parts of the State, located as they are in the best part of our big game country, it has been impossible to secure any assistance whatever, and, in fact, there have been rumors to the effect that the Forest Department was willing to tolerate violations of the game and fish laws without any interference whatever; in fact, it is impossible for me to believe, with from five to eight rangers riding the country almost daily, as they are supposed to do, in the midst of the game country where violators were being arrested from time to time by this Department, that they could disclaim any knowledge of any violations whatever. While I know it is the intention of the Department at Washington that these men should assist in enforcing the law, at the same time they are absolutely failing to do so.

GAME INCREASING.

The game in some respects has increased very materially within the past twenty months. The deer have increased very rapidly; the antelope and mountain sheep have increased to a marked degree; as also have the grouse and sage chickens. And, to say that quail are increasing would be putting it very mildly. I know that the above mentioned game has increased to the extent I mention, from my own personal observation, as well as from the observation of a great many absolutely reliable people, residents, etc.

I wish to make special mention of elk, as these animals are not increasing in this State. In fact, they are rapidly disappearing, and never can increase, so long as an order known as the "Elks' lodge" is paying a premium for the destruction of these animals, by offering a price for their teeth. It is a fact that there have been hundreds of elk killed in Colorado and Wyoming

for no other purpose than to secure their teeth to sell for the use of members of said lodge.

Some of our newspapers have assumed that the Elk lodge is protecting the elk. This assumption is erroneous, and should not be recognized by thinking people. When any order demands the destruction of Colorado's most noble animal for no other purpose than to secure its teeth to wear as badges, it is folly to presume that this self-same order is protecting the elk. When they make this demand they are guilty of a criminal oversight, as they encourage violations of our State laws; and it should be remedied by the most stringent regulations of the Legislature to prevent the evil.

THE NEW GAME AND FISH LAW AS COMPARED WITH THE OLD LAW.

That the new law has proven a great protection to the deer of the State is shown by the following comparative statement of the number of deer shipped from the different railroad stations located in the game district during the years 1902, 1903 and 1904:

	1902	1903	1904
Deer shipped from DeBeque	12	1	..
Deer shipped from Rifle	428	37	45
Deer shipped from New Castle	157	34	44
Deer shipped from Glenwood	24	8	5
Totals	621	80	94

The Department has had considerable trouble with people capturing young game animals, deer, antelope and elk for the purpose of making pets of them, pretending that they were taken to save their lives after having been abandoned by their mother and left to starve to death. They invariably make no report of this fact to the Commissioner's office, but after they are caught with the animals in their possession they are always ready to say, "I was going to get a permit." I have never issued any permits to any person to hold young game animals in captivity, without a park license, as according to the law there is only one condition by which this permit could be issued, and that condition is, that the mother has abandoned it and left it to die; a condition that absolutely never did exist, therefore the Commissioner has no right to issue any such permits. People that are known to capture young game animals for the purpose of holding them in captivity, which can only be done for about one year, as after the animal has horns it can not be handled by women and children any more, and they either kill them to eat or sell them to somebody else, and this means a destruction of just that many game animals that really belong to the State. All such people should be prosecuted and fined for such gross violation.

LICENSES.

The new law provides for license fee for importers of game and fish of \$50 per year; taxidermist, \$25 per year; non-resident general hunting license, \$25 per year; resident hunting license, \$1.00 per year. By reason of these licenses the Department has been able to secure a sufficient revenue to put on extra game wardens from time to time to protect the game, and has secured a much better enforcement of the law than would have been possible to have obtained without this revenue. The amount collected from such source will be shown later on in this report, and, to say the least, it is surprising at the amount of money that has been paid into this Department.

It is impossible to get the Legislature to make sufficient appropriation to carry on this Department as it should be. The session of 1903 appropriated \$2,000 to build a fish hatchery at Durango, and, after the county and city had purchased a site, with a spring of first-class water for trout-hatching purposes, we were then informed by the State Auditor that the appropriation could not be paid on account of no funds, but, by the strictest economy in handling the business of the Department, cutting off expenses where it was possible to do so, and not paying any unnecessary salaries, we have been able to erect at Durango, during 1903, a very fine fish hatchery, with a capacity of 2,000,000 eggs, at a cost of \$1,445, including \$125 to build a wagon road to said hatchery, and \$60 for moving the barn from the old La Plata hatchery to the new hatchery in Durango. I consider this by far the best hatchery in the State, and it cost considerable less money.

MONEY ON HAND APRIL 1, 1903, IN STATE TREASURY AND KNOWN AS
GAME FUND, \$39.90—INDEBTEDNESS AGAINST THE DEPARTMENT.

Attorneys' fees	\$256.00
Court costs	63.24
Telephone bills	60.00
	\$379.24

TOTAL RECEIPTS OF THE OFFICE FROM APRIL 1, 1903, TO DECEMBER
1, 1904.

Importation certificates	\$ 110.00
Transportation permits	325.00
Seining permits	51.00
Scientific permits to capture birds, their nests or eggs.....	11.50
Storage permits	19.00
Permits to capture or exchange.....	29.00
Guide licenses	260.00
Park licenses	855.00
Lake licenses	485.00
Renewal of lake licenses.....	116.00
License preserves	275.00
Renewal of license preserves.....	16.00
Importers' licenses	1,559.58
Taxidermist licenses	467.75
Seizures and sales of game and fish.....	938.90
From sale of horses belonging to the State at La Plata hatchery	40.00
From sale of horses belonging to the State at Routt county hatchery	75.00
From sale of old buildings at La Plata hatchery.....	150.00
From sale of old fish troughs at La Plata hatchery.....	10.00
Received for fines.....	858.70
Received for fish tags.....	22.10
For resident hunting licenses issued by Commissioner's Office..	6,529.00
Received from County Clerks for resident hunting licenses issued	11,036.85
Non-resident general hunting licenses.....	1,124.85
Non-resident bird hunting licenses.....	47.00
Specimen certificates	26.00
Importation specimen certificates.....	47.00
Permits to capture for scientific purposes.....	4.00
Total receipts	\$25,489.23
Total amount deposited with State Treasurer.....	25,489.23

DISBURSEMENTS.

Receipts from April 1st, 1903 to December 1st, 1904.....	\$25,489.23
Paid Special Game Wardens.....	\$8,931.34
Office expense, express charges on game animals, telegrams and telephones	297.96
Extra clerk hire, account new game law.....	333.37
Paid for extra men to drive Indians out of State.....	475.60
Court expenses and legal services in case Dora Placer Mining Co. to stop pollution of Taylor river.....	118.69
Paid for legal services White-Hornbeck hide case, contracted by Former Commissioner C. W. Harris.....	181.00
Cost paid in case of Louis Seehausen vs. Former Commissioner C. W. Harris.....	8.24
Paid expenses in taking care of live deer and other animals..	57.26
Expenses incurred in making deer corral.....	16.67
Expenses for feeding and taking care of game animals.....	75.92
Colorado Telephone Co., telephone.....	30.00
Legal services and expenses incurred in Sam Himes elk case..	98.20
Special attorney's fees.....	740.90
Expenses paid extra men and for supplies furnished in pro- tecting game during open season.....	262.10
	<hr/> \$11,627.25
Balance	13,861.98
On hand April 1st, 1903.....	39.90
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Total amount in State Treasury on December 1st, 1904, and now in General Fund.....	\$13,901.88

STATE GAME AND FISH COMMISSIONER—SALARY FUND.

By appropriation for the fiscal years 1903 and 1904.....	\$ 3,600.00
Paid by Commissioner C. W. Harris, December 1st, 1902, to April 1st, 1903.....	\$ 600.00
April 1st, 1903, to December 1st, 1904.....	3,000.00
	<hr/> \$3,600.00

STATE GAME AND FISH COMMISSIONER—TRAVELING EXPENSE
FUND.

By appropriation for the fiscal years 1903 and 1904.....	\$1,200.00
Paid by Commissioner C. W. Harris, December 1st, 1902, to April 1st, 1903.....	\$ 164.20
April 1st, 1903, to December 1st, 1904.....	1,027.15
	<hr/> 1,191.35
Balance	\$ 8.65

CHIEF CLERK—SALARY FUND.

By appropriation for the fiscal years 1903 and 1904.....	\$ 2,000.00
Paid by Commissioner C. W. Harris, December 1st, 1902, to April 1st, 1903.....	\$ 316.66
April 1st, 1903, to December 1st, 1904.....	1,683.27
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	1,999.93
Balance	\$.07

STATE SUPERINTENDENT FISH HATCHERIES—SALARY FUND.

By appropriation for the fiscal years 1903 and 1904.....	\$ 2,400.00
Paid by Commissioner C. W. Harris, December 1st, 1902, to April 10th, 1903.....	\$ 433.33
April 11th, 1903, to December 1st, 1904.....	1,966.65
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	2,399.98
Balance	\$.02

STATE SUPERINTENDENT FISH HATCHERIES—TRAVELING EXPENSE
FUND.

By appropriation for the fiscal years 1903 and 1904.....	\$ 800.00
Paid by Commissioner C. W. Harris, December 1st, 1902, to April 10th, 1903.....	\$ 131.85
April 11th, 1903, to December 1st, 1904.....	659.16
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	791.01
Balance	\$ 8.99

SUPERINTENDENT DENVER HATCHERY—SALARY FUND.

By appropriation for the fiscal years 1903 and 1904.....	\$ 1,800.00
Paid by Commissioner C. W. Harris, December 1st, 1902, to April 1st, 1903.....	\$ 400.00
April 1st, 1903, to December 1st, 1904.....	2,000.00
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	\$ 2,400.00

The law provides that Superintendent Denver Hatchery shall have \$1,200.00 per annum, but Legislature only appropriated \$900.00.

MAINTENANCE DENVER HATCHERY FUND.

By appropriation for the fiscal years 1903 and 1904.....	\$ 1,800.00
Paid by Commissioner C. W. Harris, December 1st, 1902, to April 1st, 1903.....	\$ 299.86
April 1st, 1903, to December 1st, 1904.....	1,494.42
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	1,794.28
Balance	\$ 5.72



BALD EAGLE
Caught in Rio Blanco County, December, 1903

Produced from Nature by Three Color Process
The Smith-Brooks Co.

SUPERINTENDENT GUNNISON HATCHERY—SALARY FUND.

By appropriation for fiscal years 1903 and 1904.....	\$ 1,800.00
Paid by Commissioner C. W. Harris, December 1st, 1902, to April 1st, 1903.....	\$ 300.00
April 1st, 1903, to December 1st, 1904.....	1,500.00
	<hr/> \$1,800.00

MAINTENANCE GUNNISON HATCHERY FUND.

By appropriation for the fiscal years 1903 and 1904.....	\$ 1,800.00
Paid by Commissioner C. W. Harris, December 1st, 1902, to April 1st, 1903.....	\$ 292.00
April 1st, 1903, to December 1st, 1904.....	1,507.95
	<hr/> 1,799.95
Balance	\$.05

SUPERINTENDENT DURANGO HATCHERY (OLD LA PLATA)—SALARY FUND.

By appropriation for the fiscal years 1903 and 1904.....	\$ 1,800.00
Paid by Commissioner C. W. Harris, December 1st, 1902, to April 1st, 1903.....	\$ 300.00
April 1st, 1903, to December 1st, 1904.....	1,500.00
	<hr/> \$ 1,800.00

MAINTENANCE DURANGO HATCHERY FUND.

By appropriation for the fiscal years 1903 and 1904.....	\$ 1,800.00
Paid by Commissioner C. W. Harris, December 1st, 1902, to April 1st, 1903.....	\$ 298.67
April 1st, 1903, to December 1st, 1904.....	1,501.33
	<hr/> \$ 1,800.00

SUPERINTENDENT ROUTT COUNTY HATCHERY—SALARY FUND.

By appropriation for the fiscal years 1903 and 1904.....	\$ 1,800.00
Paid by Commissioner C. W. Harris, December 1st, 1902, to April 1st, 1903.....	\$ 300.00
April 1st, 1903, to December 1st, 1904.....	1,500.00
	<hr/> \$ 1,800.00

MAINTENANCE ROUTT COUNTY HATCHERY FUND.

By appropriation for the fiscal years 1903 and 1904.....	\$ 1,800.00
Paid by Commissioner C. W. Harris, December 1st, 1902, to April 1st, 1903.....	\$ 101.35
April 1st, 1903, to December 1st, 1904.....	1,697.62
	<hr/> 1,798.97
Balance	\$ 1.03

SUPERINTENDENT EMERALD LAKES—SALARY FUND.

By appropriation for the fiscal years 1903 and 1904.....	\$ 1,800.00
Paid by Commissioner C. W. Harris, December 1st, 1902, to April 1st, 1903.....	\$ 300.00
April 1st, 1903, to December 1st, 1904.....	1,466.26
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	1,766.26
Balance	\$ 33.74

MAINTENANCE EMERALD LAKES FUND.

By appropriation for the fiscal years 1903 and 1904.....	\$ 1,800.00
Paid by Commissioner C. W. Harris, December 1st, 1902, to April 1st, 1903.....	\$ 304.61
April 1st, 1903, to December 1st, 1904.....	1,500.39
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	1,805.00
Total appropriation for maintenance five hatcheries....	\$ 9,000.00
Total amount used for maintenance five hatcheries.....	8,998.20
Balance	\$ 1.80

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT ROUTT COUNTY HATCHERY—SALARY FUND.

By appropriation.....	\$ 200.00
April 1st, 1903, to December 1st, 1904.....	120.00
Balance	\$ 80.00

DISTRIBUTION OF OVA AND YOUNG FRY FUND.

By appropriation for the fiscal years 1903 and 1904.....	\$ 500.00
Paid by Commissioner C. W. Harris, December 1st, 1902, to April 1st, 1903.....	\$ 83.33
April 1st, 1903, to December 1st, 1904.....	395.00
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	478.33
Balance	\$ 21.67

GATHERING SPAWN FOR ALL HATCHERIES FUND.

By appropriation for the fiscal years 1903 and 1904.....	\$ 1,600.00
Paid by Commissioner C. W. Harris, December 1st, 1902, to April 1st, 1903.....	\$ 12.00
April 1st, 1903, to December 1st, 1904.....	1,609.60
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	\$ 1,621.60
Total appropriation for gathering spawn and distribut- ing young fry.....	\$ 2,100.00
Total amount used.....	2,099.93
Balance	\$.07

FOREST AND GAME WARDENS' SALARIES.

By appropriation for the fiscal years 1903 and 1904.....	\$ 9,000.00
Paid by C. W. Harris, December 1st, 1902, to April 1st, 1903....	\$1,500.00
April 1st, 1903, to December 1st, 1904.....	7,500.00
Total	\$ 9,000.00

TRAVELING EXPENSES GAME WARDENS' FUND.

By appropriation for the fiscal years 1903 and 1904.....	\$ 3,600.00
Paid by Commissioner C. W. Harris, December 1st, 1902, to April 1st, 1903.....	\$ 430.49
April 1st, 1903, to December 1st, 1904.....	3,161.80
	3,592.29
Balance	\$ 7.71

PROPAGATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF YOUNG TROUT.

By securing the services of the best experienced fish culturist, I have been able to hatch and distribute a large number of fish; in fact, I consider that the State's fish business for the past two years has been very successful. On entering this office I appointed Mr. W. S. Kincaid as General Superintendent of State Fish Hatcheries. Mr. Kincaid is a man thoroughly honest and reliable, with twenty years' experience in the propagation of fish, and well qualified to handle eggs and fish in all stages, and I consider the State was very fortunate in securing the services of a man so well fitted for the business.

In addition to this, I imported, from Wyoming, Mr. Scott E. Land, who has no superior as a fish culturist. I placed Mr. Land in charge of the Gunnison hatchery, as superintendent, this hatchery being the most difficult to handle of any in the State, on account of the temperature and quality of the water. I also placed Mr. Land there for the purpose of establishing and operating spawning stations along the Gunnison river, and he has been very successful with this work.

With two such men as Mr. Kincaid and Mr. Land there is no reason why the fish business in this State should not be a complete success. Our success is also largely due to the efficiency of Mr. W. E. Patrick, superintendent Durango hatchery; Mr. Charles Dowdell, superintendent Denver hatchery, and Mr. C. M. Swinehart, superintendent Routt county hatchery, at Steamboat Springs. It has always been our aim, and I believe that we have carried it out, to charge up no more fish to the different localities than have actually been delivered.

SPAWNING STATION AT TRAPPERS LAKE.

Notwithstanding that we have been discouraged by others that have tried it, we succeeded in opening up a spawning station at Trappers lake, situated in the northeast corner of Garfield county, and, in the month of July, 1903, we secured 916,000 native trout eggs, transported them over the range, a distance of fifteen miles, by pack horse, and thence forty-five miles farther to the fish hatchery at Steamboat Springs, planted them in the hatchery, and made a very successful hatch and distribution of trout from that hatchery.

During July, 1904, we made a second very successful attempt, securing 1,600,000 eggs, planting them in Steamboat Springs hatchery with very satisfactory results.

This is the first time that it has ever been possible for any one to be successful in taking eggs from Trappers lake, but we can recommend it as the most convenient place in that part of the country to secure spawn.

EMERALD LAKES.

Owned by Mr. W. T. Kirkpatrick, of Durango, is another good spawning station, and, as there is a small fish hatchery there, we have been able to hatch altogether 343,000 fish and distribute them from that point, but, on account of it being so isolated and in such rough mountain country, forty miles from the nearest railroad station, all fish have to be distributed from there on pack horses, which makes it entirely too expensive to be a success, but, through the kindness of Mr. Kirkpatrick, in allowing the State to gather eggs from Emerald Lakes, it is a success as a spawning station.

DISTRIBUTION OF YOUNG TROUT DURING THE YEAR 1903.

Date	Number	Station Delivered	Name of Stream
April 4	15,000	Pine Grove	Elk creek
April 4	10,000	Antonito	Conejos river
April 24	5,000	Boulder	Boulder creek
April 29	10,000	Ft. Collins	Poudre river
May 6	5,000	Loveland	Big Thompson
May 8	20,000	Bailey	Platte river
May 9	15,000	Ouray	Coal creek
May 18	10,000	Lyons	St. Vrain river
May 23	10,000	Pine Grove	Deer creek
May 25	15,000	Cebolla	Elk creek
May 25	10,000	Sapinero	Curecanti creek
May 25	10,000	Gunnison	Beaver creek
May 29	15,000	Monarch	South Arkansas
May 29	10,000	Sargeant	Tomichi creek
June 5	10,000	Sargeant	Tomichi creek
June 7	10,000	Doyleville	Tomichi creek
June 10	15,000	Cebolla	Elk creek
July 13	25,000	Morrison	Indian creek
July 15	12,000	Pine Grove	Platte river
July 15	25,000	Morrison	Bear creek
July 17	25,000	Ft. Collins	Poudre river
July 21	100,000	Dome Rock and Cassells	Platte river
July 22	20,000	Cotopaxi	Cottonwood creek
July 28	40,000	Red Cliff	Eagle river
July 30	20,000	Empire	Ranch creek
Aug. 5	20,000	Loveland	Big Thompson
Aug. 10	20,000	Laramie	Laramie river
Aug. 20	30,000	Trinidad	Picket Wire creek
Aug. 20	30,000	Trinidad	Las Animas
Aug. 22	25,000	Mancos	West Mancos
Aug. 24	30,000	Silverton	Upper Rio Grande
Aug. 25	75,000	Rifle	White river
Aug. 25	50,000	Durango	Vallecito
Aug. 26	28,000	Osier	Los Pinos
Aug. 26	26,000	Antonito	Conejos
Aug. 26	100,000	Rifle	White river
Aug. 26	15,000	Paonia	Minnesota creek
Aug. 29	20,000	Silverton	Upper Rio Grande
Aug. 29	10,000	Silverton	Elk creek

DISTRIBUTION OF YOUNG TROUT DURING THE YEAR 1903—Continued.

Date	Number	Station Delivered	Name of Stream
Aug. 30.....	15,000.....	Gunnison.....	Gunnison river
Aug. 31.....	100,000.....	Gunnison.....	Gunnison river
Sept. 1.....	25,000.....	Durango.....	Lake Fork creek
Sept. 1.....	15,000.....	Boulder.....	Middle and North Boulder creeks
Sept. 1.....	40,000.....	Pagosa Springs.....	San Juan river
Sept. 1.....	24,000.....	Pagosa Springs.....	Turkey creek
Sept. 1.....	10,000.....	Gunnison.....	Gunnison river
Sept. 1.....	10,000.....	Gunnison.....	Gunnison river
Sept. 1.....	10,000.....	Gunnison.....	Gunnison river
Sept. 1.....	10,000.....	Gunnison.....	Gunnison river
Sept. 1.....	10,000.....	Gunnison.....	Gunnison river
Sept. 1.....	50,000.....	Gunnison.....	Gunnison river
Sept. 2.....	25,000.....	Pitkin.....	Taylor river
Sept. 4.....	10,000.....	Crested Butte.....	Slate river
Sept. 4.....	25,000.....	Crested Butte.....	Taylor river
Sept. 5.....	10,000.....	Pittsburg.....	Slate river
Sept. 5.....	22,000.....	Mancos.....	East Mancos river
Sept. 5.....	15,000.....	Lyons.....	Rock creek
Sept. 7.....	32,000.....	Edith.....	Navajo river
Sept. 7.....	16,000.....	Webster.....	Platte river
Sept. 9.....	32,000.....	Pagosa Springs.....	Piedra river
Sept. 9.....	22,000.....	Pagosa Springs.....	Rio Blanco
Sept. 9.....	10,000.....	Pagosa Springs.....	Rio Blanco
Sept. 10.....	20,000.....	Cimarron.....	Blue river
Sept. 11.....	20,000.....	Lyons.....	St. Vrain river
Sept. 11.....	30,000.....	Moffat.....	Saguache creek
Sept. 13.....	10,000.....	Rico.....	Bear creek
Sept. 13.....	26,000.....	Dolores.....	Dolores river
Sept. 13.....	30,000.....	Ophir.....	Trout lake
Sept. 14.....	50,000.....	Thomasville.....	Frying Pan river
Sept. 17.....	30,000.....	Delta.....	Surface creek
Sept. 17.....	34,000.....	Wagon Wheel Gap.....	Goose creek
Sept. 17.....	10,000.....	Wolcott.....	Eagle river
Sept. 19.....	10,000.....	Steamboat Springs.....	Fish creek
Sept. 19.....	8,000.....	Green Mountain Falls.....	Crystal creek
Sept. 20.....	2,500.....	Steamboat Springs.....	Deep creek
Sept. 20.....	5,000.....	Steamboat Springs.....	Day creek
Sept. 20.....	2,500.....	Steamboat Springs.....	North fork Deep creek

DISTRIBUTION OF YOUNG TROUT DURING THE YEAR 1903—Continued.

Station	Delivered	Name of Stream	Date	Number
Sept. 22	20,000	Del Norte		La Garita creek
Sept. 24	10,000	Manitou		Ruxton creek
Sept. 26	5,000	Steamboat Springs		Morrison creek
Sept. 26	24,000	Chama		Chama river
Sept. 26	26,000	Osier		Los Pinos
Sept. 26	26,000	La Veta		Cuchara creek
Sept. 27	24,000	Del Norte		Rio Grande river
Sept. 28	10,000	Steamboat Springs		Elk river
Sept. 28	10,000	Steamboat Springs		Mad creek
Sept. 28	12,000	Glenwood		Canon creek
Sept. 28	25,000	Glenwood		Grizzley creek
Sept. 28	10,000	Midland Station		Four-mile creek
Sept. 30	26,000	Walsenburg		Huerfano creek
Oct. 1	6,000	Steamboat Springs		Spring creek
Oct. 3	10,000	Buena Vista		Cottonwood creek
Oct. 5	10,000	Steamboat Springs		Oak creek
Oct. 5	10,000	Steamboat Springs		Bear river
Oct. 5	28,000	Durango		Vallecito river
Oct. 5	10,000	Steamboat Springs		Oak creek
Oct. 6	40,000	Rockwood		Columbine lake
Oct. 7	28,000	Hermosa		Hermosa creek
Oct. 7	20,000	Ft. Collins		North fork Poudre
Oct. 9	10,000	Steamboat Springs		Trout creek
Oct. 11	42,000	Ouray		Cow creek
Oct. 12	10,000	Steamboat Springs		Walton creek
Oct. 12	10,000	Steamboat Springs		Soda creek
Oct. 12	8,000	Boulder		Jim creek
Oct. 13	10,000	Yampa		Hunt creek
Oct. 14	10,000	Toponas		Toponas creek
Oct. 14	10,000	Yampa		Beaver creek
Oct. 15	10,000	Yampa		Finger creek
Oct. 15	58,000	New Castle		Elk creek
Oct. 16	6,000	Steamboat Springs		Hot Springs creek
Oct. 16	10,000	Hahn's Peak		Beaver creek
Oct. 16	10,000	Hahn's Peak		Mill creek
Oct. 19	8,000	Graneros		Greenhorn creek
Oct. 20	24,000	Durango		Florida river
Oct. 21	32,000	Creede		Rio Grande river
Oct. 21	25,000	Wagon Wheel Gap		South fork Rio Grande
Oct. 22	10,000	Steamboat Springs		Snake river

DISTRIBUTION OF YOUNG TROUT DURING THE YEAR 1903—Concluded.

Date	Number	Station Delivered	Name of Stream
Oct. 22.....	6,000.....	Columbine.....	Summit creek
Oct. 22.....	10,000.....	Columbine.....	Independence creek
Oct. 22.....	15,000.....	Columbine.....	Box creek
Oct. 24.....	10,000.....	Craig.....	Fortification creek
Oct. 24.....	10,000.....	Steamboat Springs.....	Elk Head creek
Oct. 26.....	2,500.....	Steamboat Springs.....	Hot Springs creek
Oct. 26.....	10,000.....	Steamboat Springs.....	Butcher Knife creek
Oct. 26.....	20,000.....	Conejos.....	Conejos river
Oct. 26.....	10,000.....	Steamboat Springs.....	Gun creek
Oct. 31.....	25,000.....	Morrison.....	Bear creek
Nov. 3.....	20,000.....	Empire.....	Clear creek
Nov. 6.....	15,000.....	Boulder.....	Middle Boulder
	2,622,500		

DISTRIBUTION OF YOUNG TROUT DURING YEAR 1904.

Date	Number	Station Delivered	Name of Stream
Feb. 7.....	40,000.....	Lyons.....	Big Thompson river
March 9.....	2,000.....	Wagon Wheel Gap.....	Goose creek
March 12.....	30,000.....	Durango.....	Florida river
March 16.....	45,000.....	Pagosa Springs.....	San Juan river
March 21.....	20,000.....	Mancos.....	Mancos river
March 23.....	20,000.....	Empire.....	Frazer river
March 24.....	40,000.....	Lyons.....	St. Vrain river
March 28.....	20,000.....	Loveland.....	Little South Poudre
March 28.....	20,000.....	Loveland.....	Big Thompson river
April 1.....	40,000.....	Thomasville.....	Frying Pan river
April 4.....	10,000.....	Debeque.....	Clear creek
April 4.....	25,000.....	Gunnison.....	Taylor river
April 4.....	30,000.....	Del Norte.....	Rio Grande river
April 4.....	85,000.....	Durango.....	30-Acre lake
April 5.....	20,000.....	Lyons.....	South St. Vrain river
April 5.....	50,000.....	Monte Vista.....	Rock creek
April 5.....	20,000.....	Cebolla.....	Gunnison river
April 6.....	20,000.....	Cebolla.....	East Elk creek
April 7.....	15,000.....	Montrose.....	Spring creek
April 7.....	40,000.....	Gunnison.....	Gunnison river
April 8.....	15,000.....	Cimarron.....	Cimarron river
April 9.....	10,000.....	Georgetown.....	Clear creek
April 9.....	10,000.....	Silver Plume.....	Clear creek
April 9.....	10,000.....	Gunnison.....	Gunnison river

DISTRIBUTION OF YOUNG TROUT DURING YEAR 1904—Continued.

d.	April	9	20,000	Iola	Gunnison river
eam	April	9	10,000	Gunnison	Gunnison river
reek	April	11	20,000	Morrison	Bear creek
reek	April	11	40,000	Dolores	Dolores river
reek	April	12	25,000	Antonito	Conejos river
reek	April	13	12,000	Green Mountain Falls	Fountain creek
reek	April	13	12,000	Manitou	Ruxton and Lyons creeks
reek	April	14	12,000	Colorado Springs	Little Fountain creek
ver	April	15	20,000	Lake City	Blue creek
reek	April	15	20,000	Rockwood	Cascade creek
reek	April	16	10,000	Gunnison	Gunnison river
er	April	17	25,000	Durango	Vallecito river
er	April	18	15,000	Ft. Collins	Poudre river
er	April	18	15,000	Ft. Collins	Buck Horn creek
er	April	18	50,000	Ft. Collins	Poudre river
m	April	19	15,000	Durango	Pine river
er	April	21	10,000	Wray	Republican river
ek	April	21	25,000	Mancos	Mancos river
er	April	23	2,100	Mammoth	Boulder Park lake
er	April	23	28,000	Edith	Coyote creek
er	April	26	25,000	Aspen	Capitol creek
er	April	27	30,000	Pagosa Springs	Spruce creek
er	April	27	30,000	Pagosa Springs	San Juan river
e	April	27	15,000	Durango	Cascade creek
r	April	30	10,000	Gunnison	Stuben creek
r	April	30	10,000	Gunnison	Gunnison river
c	May	3	10,000	Ouray	Coal creek
.	May	3	10,000	Gunnison	North Beaver
.	May	3	15,000	Pittsburg	Poverty creek
.	May	4	16,000	Creede	Willow creek
.	May	4	18,000	Creede	Miners creek
.	May	4	18,000	Creede	Bellows creek
.	May	4	10,000	Gunnison	North Beaver creek
.	May	4	10,000	Gunnison	North Beaver creek
.	May	8	20,000	Chama	Chama river
.	May	8	30,000	Antonito	Conejos river
.	May	10	10,000	Boulder	North Boulder creek
.	May	10	20,000	Rollinsville	South Boulder creek
.	May	12	12,000	Dillon	Deep creek

DISTRIBUTION OF YOUNG TROUT DURING YEAR 1904—Continued.

Date	Number	Station Delivered	Name of Stream
May 12.....	12,000.....	Dillon.....	Snake river
May 12.....	10,000.....	Parlins.....	Quartz creek
May 16.....	16,000.....	Aspen.....	Roaring Fork
May 16.....	16,000.....	Aspen.....	Castle creek
May 16.....	20,000.....	Pagosa Springs.....	San Juan river
May 18.....	16,000.....	Silverton.....	Animas river
May 18.....	12,000.....	Silverton.....	Elk creek
May 18.....	16,000.....	Silverton.....	Mineral creek
May 19.....	10,000.....	Minturn.....	Eagle river
May 19.....	10,000.....	Minturn.....	Gore creek
May 19.....	20,000.....	Red Cliff.....	Brush creek
May 23.....	12,000.....	Boulder.....	Boulder creek
May 25.....	20,000.....	Lake City.....	Lake San Christobal
May 25.....	15,000.....	Red Stone.....	Crystal river
May 25.....	10,000.....	Silverton.....	Lightner creek
May 25.....	10,000.....	Doyleville.....	Razor creek
May 25.....	15,000.....	Dubois.....	Cebolla creek
May 28.....	12,000.....	La Veta.....	Wahatoya creek
May 30.....	20,000.....	Durango.....	City Reservoir
June 1.....	12,000.....	Graneros.....	St. Charles
June 1.....	15,000.....	Ouray.....	Cow creek
June 6.....	10,000.....	Paonia.....	Gunnison river
June 7.....	10,000.....	Ft. Collins.....	Poudre river
June 7.....	5,000.....	Ft. Collins.....	Poudre river
June 7.....	5,000.....	Ft. Collins.....	Poudre river
June 7.....	15,000.....	Ft. Collins.....	Poudre river
June 7.....	15,000.....	Paonia.....	Gunnison river
June 8.....	15,000.....	Ridgway.....	Beaver creek
June 8.....	20,000.....	Marble.....	Crystal river
June 9.....	20,000.....	Coaldale.....	Hayden river
June 9.....	10,000.....	Howard.....	Howard river
June 9.....	20,000.....	Ridgway.....	Dallas river
June 10.....	20,000.....	Parlins.....	Tomichi river
June 11.....	20,000.....	Ohio City.....	Ohio river
June 15.....	10,000.....	Chama.....	Chama river
June 15.....	10,000.....	Osier.....	Los Pinos creek
July 18.....	100,000.....	Cliff to Cassells.....	Platte river
July 22.....	25,000.....	Lyons.....	St. Vrain river

DISTRIBUTION OF YOUNG TROUT DURING YEAR 1904—Continued.

Date	Number	Station Delivered	Name of Stream
July 23.....	10,000.....	Loveland.....	Big Thompson river
July 23.....	10,000.....	Loveland.....	Big Thompson river
July 23.....	30,000.....	Loveland.....	Big Thompson river
July 26.....	20,000.....	Hartzel.....	Platte river
July 26.....	80,000.....	Sloan.....	Frying Pan river
July 28.....	20,000.....	Granite.....	Twin lakes
July 28.....	60,000.....	Durango.....	Pine river
July 31.....	10,000.....	Trinidad.....	Las Animas river
Aug. 1.....	20,000.....	Lake City.....	Lake San Christobal
Aug. 1.....	20,000.....	Lake City.....	Lake Fork creek
Aug. 2.....	80,000.....	Pagosa Springs.....	San Juan river
Aug. 6.....	45,000.....	Durango.....	Pine river
Aug. 7.....	36,000.....	Durango.....	Pine river
Aug. 8.....	105,000.....	Osier.....	Los Pinos creek
Aug. 8.....	40,000.....	Durango.....	Half Moon lake
Aug. 10.....	30,000.....	Durango.....	Mount Oro lake
Aug. 10.....	50,000.....	Steamboat Springs.....	Butcher Knife creek
Aug. 11.....	5,000.....	Steamboat Springs.....	Fish creek
Aug. 11.....	25,000.....	South Platte.....	South Platte river
Aug. 12.....	80,000.....	Chama.....	Chama river
Aug. 12.....	20,000.....	Lake City.....	Brush creek
Aug. 12.....	26,000.....	Durango.....	Vallecito creek
Aug. 13.....	50,000.....	Steamboat Springs.....	Soda creek
Aug. 14.....	50,000.....	Steamboat Springs.....	Spring creek
Aug. 14.....	50,000.....	Steamboat Springs.....	Willow creek
Aug. 14.....	50,000.....	Steamboat Springs.....	Willow creek
Aug. 14.....	50,000.....	Durango.....	Grimes creek
Aug. 15.....	50,000.....	Steamboat Springs.....	Fish creek
Aug. 15.....	100,000.....	Steamboat Springs.....	Bear river
Aug. 15.....	10,000.....	Steamboat Springs.....	Mad creek
Aug. 15.....	10,000.....	Ohio City.....	Lamphier lake
Aug. 15.....	15,000.....	Central City.....	Lake Loman
Aug. 15.....	10,000.....	Central City.....	James Peak lake
Aug. 16.....	12,500.....	Hayden.....	Bear river
Aug. 16.....	25,000.....	Hayden.....	Elk Head creek
Aug. 16.....	80,000.....	Pagosa Springs.....	Blanco river
Aug. 17.....	15,000.....	Empire.....	Willow creek
Aug. 17.....	20,000.....	Lake City.....	Big Blue

DISTRIBUTION OF YOUNG TROUT DURING YEAR 1904—Continued.

Date	Number	Station Delivered	Name of Stream
Aug. 17.....	20,000.....	Lake City.....	Big Blue
Aug. 19.....	20,000.....	Colorado Springs.....	Monument reservoir
Aug. 19.....	10,000.....	Steamboat Springs.....	Summit lake
Aug. 19.....	50,000.....	Steamboat Springs.....	Big creek
Aug. 19.....	2,500.....	Steamboat Springs.....	Summit lake
Aug. 20.....	50,000.....	Steamboat Springs.....	Mad creek
Aug. 20.....	20,000.....	Ohio City.....	Ohio creek
Aug. 20.....	10,000.....	Lake City.....	Whinery lake
Aug. 22.....	12,500.....	McCoys.....	Rock creek
Aug. 22.....	65,000.....	Dolores.....	Bear creek
Aug. 22.....	25,000.....	Eagle.....	Eagle river
Aug. 24.....	5,000.....	Steamboat Springs.....	Bear river
Aug. 24.....	30,000.....	Glenwood.....	Grizzly creek
Aug. 25.....	30,000.....	Antonito.....	Conejos river
Aug. 27.....	8,000.....	Pine Grove.....	Elk creek
Aug. 27.....	2,500.....	Steamboat Springs.....	Spring creek
Aug. 27.....	8,000.....	Estabrook.....	Craig creek
Aug. 30.....	50,000.....	Wagon Wheel Gap.....	South fork Rio Grande
Aug. 30.....	50,000.....	Wagon Wheel Gap.....	Rio Grande river
Aug. 30.....	50,000.....	Creede.....	Rio Grande river
Sept. 1.....	20,000.....	Steamboat Springs.....	Oak creek
Sept. 1.....	35,000.....	Durango.....	Hermosa creek
Sept. 4.....	40,000.....	Steamboat Springs.....	Walker creek
Sept. 4.....	20,000.....	Gunnison.....	Gunnison river
Sept. 4.....	10,000.....	Cebolla.....	Gunnison river
Sept. 5.....	20,000.....	Silverton.....	Lime creek
Sept. 5.....	20,000.....	Silverton.....	Mineral creek
Sept. 6.....	20,000.....	Morrison.....	Bear creek
Sept. 7.....	55,000.....	Durango.....	Florida creek
Sept. 7.....	40,000.....	Steamboat Springs.....	Deep creek
Sept. 8.....	10,000.....	Crested Butte.....	Spring creek
Sept. 8.....	10,000.....	Crested Butte.....	Lake Brennan
Sept. 9.....	10,000.....	Boulder.....	Boulder creek
Sept. 9.....	50,000.....	Yampa.....	Bear river
Sept. 9.....	80,000.....	Lumberton.....	Navajo creek
Sept. 10.....	9,000.....	Buena Vista.....	Cottonwood creek
Sept. 10.....	130,000.....	Durango.....	Lake Fork creek
Sept. 10.....	10,000.....	Steamboat Springs.....	Hunt creek

DISTRIBUTION OF YOUNG TROUT DURING YEAR 1904—Continued.

Date	Number	Station Delivered	Name of Stream
Sept. 12.....	10,000.....	Wray.....	Chief creek
Sept. 12.....	20,000.....	Silverton.....	Molis lake
Sept. 12.....	90,000.....	Iola.....	Gunnison river
Sept. 13.....	50,000.....	Ridgway.....	Bear creek
Sept. 13.....	25,000.....	Dolores.....	Stones creek
Sept. 13.....	15,000.....	Almont.....	East river
Sept. 15.....	26,000.....	Silverton.....	Ten Mile creek
Sept. 16.....	40,000.....	Pagosa Springs.....	Turkey creek
Sept. 16.....	40,000.....	Pagosa Springs.....	Turkey creek
Sept. 16.....	10,000.....	Steamboat Springs.....	Chedsy creek
Sept. 17.....	7,000.....	Placerville.....	Bill creek
Sept. 20.....	25,000.....	Carbondale.....	Crystal river
Sept. 20.....	5,000.....	Carbondale.....	Thompson creek
Sept. 21.....	10,000.....	Cripple Creek.....	Four Mile creek
Sept. 21.....	25,000.....	Osier.....	Los Pinos creek
Sept. 21.....	34,000.....	Ouray.....	Cow creek
Sept. 22.....	25,000.....	Creede.....	Rio Grande river
Sept. 22.....	20,000.....	Crestone.....	Lake Crestone
Sept. 22.....	20,000.....	Moffat.....	Saguache creek
Sept. 23.....	30,000.....	Leadville.....	Rock creek
Sept. 23.....	25,000.....	Cebolla.....	Cebolla creek
Sept. 24.....	10,000.....	Steamboat Springs.....	Elk river
Sept. 26.....	18,000.....	Ridgway.....	San Miguel river
Sept. 26.....	5,000.....	Ridgway.....	Spring creek
Sept. 26.....	10,000.....	Ridgway.....	Beaver creek
Sept. 27.....	10,000.....	Gunnison.....	Gunnison river
Sept. 27.....	5,000.....	Lytle.....	Little Fountain creek
Sept. 28.....	15,000.....	Somerset.....	North Gunnison river
Sept. 28.....	40,000.....	Steamboat Springs.....	Trout creek
Sept. 29.....	6,000.....	Green Mountain Falls.....	Fountain creek
Sept. 29.....	5,000.....	Idaho Springs.....	Vance creek
Sept. 29.....	7,000.....	Lyons.....	Rock creek
Sept. 29.....	40,000.....	Steamboat Springs.....	Trout creek
Oct. 1.....	8,000.....	Hartzel.....	South Platte river
Oct. 1.....	6,000.....	Manitou.....	Ruxton creek
Oct. 1.....	50,000.....	Hayden.....	Williams fork
Oct. 3.....	42,000.....	Durango.....	Florida river
Oct. 4.....	75,000.....	Pagosa Springs.....	Piedra river

DISTRIBUTION OF YOUNG TROUT DURING YEAR 1904—Concluded.

Oct.	8	100,000	Steamboat Springs	Elk riv	D
Oct.	8	45,000	Dolores	Dolores riv	L
Oct.	10	50,000	Steamboat Springs	Gun cre	D
Oct.	10	15,000	Cebolla	Cebolla cre	
Oct.	10	15,000	Powder Horn	Powder Horn riv	G
Oct.	10	8,000	Hermosa	Hermosa cre	G
Oct.	13	24,000	Antonito	Conejos riv	G
Oct.	13	15,000	Antonito	Conejos riv	
Oct.	14	15,000	Weston	Whiskey cre	I
Oct.	17	30,000	Needleton	Needleton cre	I
Oct.	18	30,000	Canon City	Beaver cre	I
Oct.	19	60,000	Chama	Chama riv	
Oct.	21	50,000	Pagosa Springs	San Juan riv	F
Oct.	23	4,000	Carbondale	Thompson cre	H
Oct.	23	2,000	Carbondale	Cattle cre	
Oct.	25	2,000	Carbondale	Spring cre	
Oct.	25	40,000	Veta Pass	Huerfano riv	
Oct.	26	5,000	Garfield	South Arkansas riv	
Nov.	1	50,000	Mancos	Mancos riv	
Nov.	3	45,000	Durango	Florida riv	
Nov.	5	40,000	Hermosa	Hermosa cre	
Nov.	11	2,000	Coal Creek	Spruce cre	
		<u>6,019,100</u>			

NUMBER OF YOUNG TROUT DISTRIBUTED DURING YEAR 1903.

Denver hatchery, rainbow trout	730,000	
Denver hatchery, brook trout	58,000	
Denver hatchery, native trout	81,000	
	<hr/>	869,000
Gunnison hatchery, rainbow trout	452,000	
Gunnison hatchery, brook trout	110,000	
Gunnison hatchery, native trout	65,000	
	<hr/>	627,000
Durango hatchery, native trout		786,000
Routt county hatchery, native trout		265,500
Emerald lakes hatchery, native trout		75,000
Total		<hr/> 2,622,500

NUMBER OF YOUNG TROUT DISTRIBUTED DURING YEAR 1904.

Denver hatchery, rainbow trout.....	422,500	
Denver hatchery, brook trout.....	730,100	
Denver hatchery, native trout.....	249,500	
	<hr/>	1,402,100
Gunnison hatchery, rainbow trout.....	55,000	
Gunnison hatchery, brook trout.....	455,000	
Gunnison hatchery, native trout.....	230,000	
	<hr/>	740,000
Durango hatchery, rainbow trout.....	185,000	
Durango hatchery, brook trout.....	629,000	
Durango hatchery, native trout.....	1,756,000	
	<hr/>	2,569,000
Routt county hatchery, native trout.....		1,040,000
Emerald Lakes hatchery, native trout.....		268,000
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Total		6,019,100
Grand total.....		8,641,600

RECOMMENDATIONS.

I earnestly recommend the following changes in the game and fish law:

Section 4 of Division "A," providing for five Chief Game Wardens, should be amended to read twenty-five Chief Game Wardens.

Section 17 of Division "A." "Except white salmon, sucker carp and squaw fish," should be amended to include and protect all fish that swim in the waters of Colorado. For this reason unscrupulous people will go out and seine these fish, taking at the same time trout or any other fish that is protected, and it is impossible to watch them close enough to detect them. Another very serious objection, they take these fish in the street and sell them in public highways to the detriment of fish inspectors, which is a gross injustice to people who pay a license for the privilege of selling fish.

Sub-section 20 of Division "A." providing for the retention of young game animals to be held as pets by any resident of the State, is erroneous, and should be repealed.

Section 8 of Division "B." providing for the taking, killing or having in possession of one deer with horns in any one open season, should be amended to read as follows: One deer with horns, one elk with horns, one antelope with horns, or one mountain sheep with horns, should be taken, killed or held in possession by any one person during the open season, and at no other time.

Section 10 of Division "B." providing for the fishing with snag hooks or seining in certain streams in the State, is erroneous and should be repealed, as the law already provides that the Commissioner may issue a permit to any responsible person to seine in any of the streams in Colorado where there are no trout, and this section only allows people to violate the law under the pretense that they thought there was no trout in the stream, and allowing this privilege only shuts off an important part of the Commissioner's record.

Section 1 of Division "G." "No person shall engage in hunting any game protected by law without first having secured a license therefor, as hereinafter provided," should be amended to read "No person shall shoot or engage in hunting in this State without first having procured a license therefor, as hereinafter provided," as almost all persons that hunt unprotected game will hunt protected game and take advantage of this clause to do so without a license.

Sub-section 1 of Division "G" provides for persons to hunt or shoot on their own land without a license. This should be amended to read with a license, as all persons hunting on their own land will hunt off of their land as well, and should be required to have a license.



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Section 1 of Division "H," Guide Licenses, the words "engaged in hunting protected game" should be stricken out, as we have had considerable trouble from guides with parties who claimed that they were not hunting protected game and did not require a licensed guide.

Section 5, Division "L," provides for imprisonment one day for each five dollars of fine. This should be amended to read "for each two dollars of fine and cost."

Section 4, Division "D," should be amended to read as follows: "No person shall import into this State from any other state, or territory, or country, or have in possession, or sell any game or fish of the kind mentioned in this act until he shall have procured from the Commissioner a license as a game and fish importer, but no such license shall authorize the importation or sale of game and fish, the killing of which is not permitted by the laws of this State.

Section 2, Division "M," should be amended to read "for each non-resident general hunting license, \$15.00," instead of \$25.00, as it now reads.

FOREST, GAME AND FISH COMMISSIONER.

Amount of money necessary to appropriate to carry on the different branches of the department for the fiscal years 1905-1906.

Forest, Game and Fish Commissioner, salary.....	\$3,600.00
Commissioner's traveling expense.....	1,200.00
Clerk and stenographer.....	2,400.00
Forest and Game Wardens, salaries.....	10,800.00
Traveling expenses, six Forest and Game Wardens.....	3,600.00
Superintendent State Fish Hatcheries, salary.....	2,400.00
Superintendent's traveling expense.....	800.00
Four Superintendents at Durango, Emerald lakes, Gunnison and Steamboat Springs, at \$1,800 each.....	7,200.00
One Superintendent Denver hatchery	2,400.00
Maintenance Denver hatchery.....	1,800.00
Maintenance La Plata hatchery.....	1,800.00
Maintenance Routt county hatchery.....	1,800.00
Maintenance Gunnison hatchery.....	1,800.00
Maintenance Emerald lakes hatchery.....	1,800.00
One helper Denver hatchery.....	1,200.00
One helper Gunnison hatchery.....	1,200.00
One helper La Plata hatchery.....	1,200.00
For distributing ova and young fry.....	800.00
Gathering spawn for all hatcheries.....	1,600.00

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. WOODARD,
State Game and Fish Commissioner.