

# Navarro River



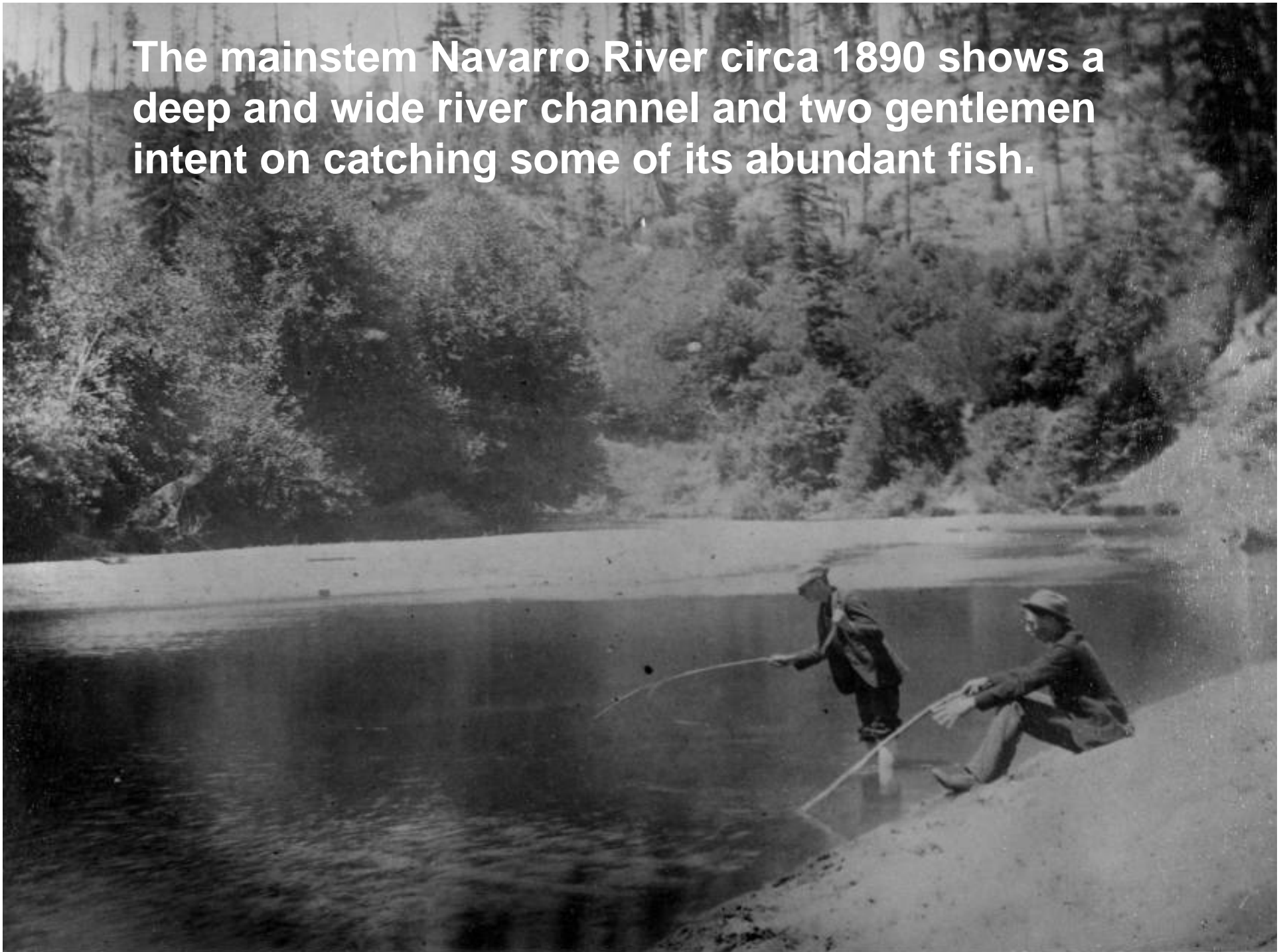


**Navarro River at Hendy Woods State Redwood Park is so flow depleted that only a stagnant pool not suitable for human contact remains. The mainstem Navarro was formerly rearing habitat for juvenile steelhead and a major recreational draw during the hot days of summer and fall.**

**CA Water Code § 1243 is clearly not being upheld in this basin.**

**Photo from KRIS Navarro. September 21, 2001.**

**The mainstem Navarro River circa 1890 shows a deep and wide river channel and two gentlemen intent on catching some of its abundant fish.**





The lower mainstem Navarro River near Flume Gulch is shown at left during low flow conditions on September 21, 2001. The USGS flow gauge indicated that the average flow on this day was 1.1 cubic feet per second. The algae on the margins of the stream indicate stagnation and no fish were present at the time of observation. The California Department of Fish and Game sampled this exact location in August 12, 1952 and found steelhead trout of varying sizes and a flow of 15 cfs during what was an average water year. Photo from KRIS Navarro by Pat Higgins.



**Aerial photo of agricultural development in the Navarro River basin circa 1998 shows ten irrigation ponds of different types and expanding vineyards that have caused almost complete loss of public trust river resources.**

Navarro River map area highlighted by red circle shows the number of agricultural impoundments and dams on tributaries. Many of these structures were built without permits yet the State Water Resources Control Board has not required any to be removed.

