

Urges Letters Opposing Dam

California's Fish and Game Commissioner has urged California sportsmen to write their Congressmen opposing the construction of Rampart Dam, in the Rampart Canyon on the Yukon River.

"Write your Congressman," Commissioner Thomas H. Richards, Jr. told hunters and sportsmen, "unless you want the duck population wiped out."

The commission had condemned the dam on grounds that it would destroy much of the breeding area of waterfowl that migrate to the western United States.

Richards said he had an argument with spokesmen for the U.S. Army Engineers, which is studying the Rampart Dam plan, and was told: "You may stop us for a while, Richards, but we'll build the dam."