

this dumping has either partly or fully blocked off the way out of the flood-plain lakes, where the fish fingerlings feed and grow. How could the local residents have known that all this damage to their river was evaluated at 13.2 million roubles back before any of the work started and that this sum was already paid? Also that they were not to "worry" about their future for a system of compensation had already been worked out and would be put into effect. And where might you think this system would be introduced? For the Sob'? No way. This system of compensation was for the towns of Tyumen', Salkehard and for the Khanty-Mansiisk Okrug.

Until this year, the rivermen were proud to credit themselves with the development of the Katrovozh field. It was also to their credit that there had been no time for exploration, but, in spite of that ... That approach is known as "carrying out work on the basis of a temporary plan"., that is to say, without the proper authorities, including the environmental organizations, having a chance to confirm or agree on the work plans. In particularly urgent cases, the Council of Ministers gives permission for work to begin and the scheme is then officially registered retroactively.

This approach was also in operation when the fate of the Sob' was being decided. It's true that the length of time this temporary plan was to operate was limited to the year 1986, by which time the plans for the development of the Katrovozh field should have been confirmed. However, it proved impossible in principle to come to an agreement about these plans with the Central Administration for Fisheries Inspections and for the Protection and Reproduction of Fish Resources. The Administration pointed out that infringements of the law would not be acceptable.