

EAGLE LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION,
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Mr. C. Willard Greene,
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Dear Mr. Greene:-

Many thanks for your letter of March 30th.

I note that you will communicate with Mr. Rupert Wickes of Ticonderoga, N.Y. before you start on your preliminary investigation at Eagle Lake.

While you are there you may be able, after you have received the information asked of Mr. Odell regarding his conclusion on the scarcity of minnows, to come across some of the minnows which Dr. Runge described he found in Bear Bay. It may be possible that they were a species of young fish that are not minnows or that they might be minnows of a species such as would not be desirable for that water.

In any event, until you are fully satisfied that the proper kind of minnows are rare in Eagle Lake-- as Mr. Odell seems to think--it might be well not to undertake the experimental plantings as you planned, otherwise your experiment could not be successfully verified.

Another one of our ardent and consistent fishermen-- Mr. George Hurl, of Chicago-- expressed the same views as Dr. Runge, namely that there are plenty of minnows in the lake.

It may be of some value to you, to the Conservation Commission and to us to exchange our views candidly in this matter by means of which a conclusion might be arrived at for protecting the fish and for restoring the pristine fishing conditions in Eagle Lake.

However, I am relying entirely upon your judgement as to whether to undertake your experiment after you have fully weighed the evidence and after you have heard from Mr. Odell. I am looking forward to hearing your conclusion and decision and if you then think it advisable to proceed with the experiment, please advise me.

Replying to the paragraph in your letter on winter fishing, I well realize that the problem to place restrictions on winter fishing is a complicated one. Nevertheless such restrictions have been ordered at some of the lakes not remote from Eagle Lake. I believe Paradox Lake, within a few miles of Eagle Lake is closed to winter fishing. The taking of fish in winter as food for the individual fisherman would not, in itself, be so harmful but I have been told that quantities of fish are taken out and sold. Thus many of the large fish taken in the winter deprive the lake of those fish which would spawn in the spring & replenish the supply. On that account I hope some progress can be made before long by your Department toward preventing winter fishing at Eagle Lake.

I shall await your conclusions as to whether you will undertake the experimental planting of minnows now or later.

sincerely yours,

Edmund O. Luthy