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Mr. Erwin Bosworth, Supervisor
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Dear Mr. Bosworth:

At our March 4 meeting I promised you a letter outlining our thoughts on the need for a egg taking facility on Taylor Creek, tributary to Lake Tahoe.

At this time we have not identified the need for the planting of hatchery-reared kokanee in Lake Tahoe although our continuing field observations may indicate this would be a proper course of action in the future.

We do have a need for kokanee salmon eggs for other management programs, but are unwilling now to use the Taylor Creek run as an egg source due to the possibility, perhaps remote, of spreading whirling disease from the Truckee River drainage to other areas of the State.

Whirling disease, a disease of trout and salmon, is caused by the protozoan Myxosoma cerebralis. It is one of the four very serious fish diseases listed by the Fish Disease Committee of the American Fisheries Society as requiring all the effort possible to contain, control and eradicate.

Whirling disease is not found in California nor have we recorded it in Lake Tahoe. It has, however, been recorded in the Truckee and Carson Rivers and fish from the Truckee River have entered Lake Tahoe.

To facilitate our investigation of the distribution of this disease, we would like to hold fingerling-sized trout in or near the Taylor Creek viewing chamber facility. Mr. Hal Wolf, of our pathology section, will contact District Ranger Rice as to the type of temporary facility required.

In view of the unknowns involved we can not justify the construction of a permanent egg taking station on Taylor Creek. Until these situations clear, I believe we will be obliged to use temporary facilities if any eggs are taken from this source.

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I appreciate the opportunity of meeting with you and your staff and look forward to future annual meetings of this nature.

Sincerely,

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