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October 10, 1955

C. Walter Cole, D.D.S.
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Dear Dr. Cole:

Considerable time has passed since we last met or corresponded, but I now have a problem which I would like to present to you and receive your comments at your convenience.

As you know, we started planting both Wrights Lake and Dark Lake with catchable size trout in 1954, and I now have on hand several written and verbal reports that this program has been almost a total failure in Wrights Lake. Several of the homeowners are now petitioning me to change our planting program from catchables to fingerlings, eastern brook, or brown trout. It may be possible for us to do this, but if we do, it will leave a question concerning our stocking policy on Dark Lake. I am not certain at this moment, but if we change to a fingerling stocking program for Wrights Lake, it may be necessary for me to do the same at Dark Lake, since it will be difficult to justify a single relatively small planting of catchable trout for one small isolated lake, located so far from the highway.

I want to assure you that I have made no decision in this regard, and will not do so until I have gathered a little more information and can give the matter further consideration. In connection with this, I would greatly appreciate receiving your comments on the fish stocking program, particularly notes on your observations on the success of the catchables in Dark and Wrights Lakes.

Very truly yours,

J. C. Fraser
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J. C. Fraser
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Dear Mr. Fraser,

I was most happy to receive your letter of last October 10, and my delay in answering has been caused by my making an attempt to contact all the home owners of Dark Lake relative to the matter of fish planting.

I, too, have heard a lot of complaints about the catchable planting of Wrights Lake. I find none that are actually against the catchable planting of Dark Lake, but they all seem to feel that we had better fishing when we were getting fingerling plants, and every one was definite that our best fishing was when we had the browns. Of course the continued planting of catchable fish produces a continuous supply for the fisherman and I cant but believe that we eventually will have some larger fish. I cant bring myself to accept the theory that these fish will not survive the winter. There certainly were lots of fish left in the lake when we closed October 31, but the large amount of feed in the lake and the warm water kept them all down in the cooler depths and very few were caught. We, using flies entirely, were very unsuccessful. Of course, the lake rainbow at his best, is not a good fly fish and hence our almost unanimous support of the brownie. In short, and to answer more definitely, we will go along with the Department in most anything they arrive at, so long as something is done. But if we are to have fingerling plants and it is at all possible, we would prefer browns.

It was nice to hear from you and do hope this may be of some assistance in your valuable work. If you get to the mountains, please call on us.

Very sincerely,

C. Walter Cole

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