

R. F. EL Ingham, WRIGHT'S LAKE.

To: Mr. James Richard
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Subject: Rapid Growth of Grass--samples for study

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I pulled samples of two types of grass from the channel in Upper Wright's Lake. The grass that has the small leaves is growing in two patches varying in depth from three feet to seven feet. The patches have increased in size in one year from approximately one foot in diameter to perhaps eight or nine feet in diameter. To my knowledge this is the first time I have seen this type of grass.

The second sample appears to be of two types: one on the edge of the channel is similar to a vine that has runners projecting from the stem each few inches; and the other grass, I believe, is the same type, but it is in the middle of the channel and appears to end up with a single strand which comes to the surface of the water and then follows along the surface for a distance of a few inches to a foot. This sample does not appear to bunch--at least at the present time--but is popping up all over the channel in single or multiple strands.

The Wright's Lake Association has indicated that they have some funds available to aid in a project which might be considered to reduce or eliminate this grass. It is possible that the heavy storms of August, 1965, brought in this type of seed, and will not continue next year. However, if it continues at the rapid rate of growth of this summer, Wright's Lake would have no clear water in a short time.

I would be happy to discuss this with you at your convenience. My office phone number between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. is 484-2530; my home phone in Loomis is 652-7954, and the address is Route 3, Box 1842.

Incidentally, I am leaving a picture of two fish I caught in McConnell Lake in Desolation Valley. From the description in the fishing books, I would say these are golden trout. To my knowledge golden trout have never been planted in McConnell Lake or Leland Lake. Nevertheless, these fish, which were ten and twelve inches in length, appear to me to be more like golden trout than a hybrid of cutthroat.

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*Identified as Bladderwort, Waterthread pondweed
and Carex 10/18/66 PWO*