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Eagle Lake, Ticonderoga, Property Owners Association,  
Office of Committee on Fisheries & Game,  
122 East 27th Street, New York, N.Y. 5/22/13

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION,  
Albany, N.Y.

Gentlemen:-

I am in receipt of your kind favor of May 7th 1913 written by Mr. Alex Rice Mc.Kim, Inspector of Docks & Dams in relation to the erection of a fish way over the wooden crib dam at the outlet of Eagle (formerly called Chilson) Lake in Town of Ticonderoga, Essex County N.Y. in so called <sup>Parson</sup> Schroon Tract. This dam is of wooden cribs and stone and sand and the highway from Stage road to Pyramid Club House on Pyramid Lake runs along the top of this dam there being a bridge about fifteen feet wide at the point where the overflow takes place, so that the fish way will have to run under the said bridge when completed. The fall from high water level to the pool under the dam is not more than five feet, so that the dam is quite low and the fish way will not have to be very long. The dam stands on the property of the late Isaac Harris Estate, and the Farmers Loan & Trust Company 22 William Street, N.Y. City, Manhattan, are Trustees in control of the tract of wild land where this dam is located and hold same under and by virtue of a certain deed of trust executed by the late Mrs. Isaac Harris, who owned a fine summer home on the lake which is still managed by the F.L.&T.Co aforesaid.

Now, I have after consultation with officers of our society, had a consultation with the Trust Company and its Asst Secy Mr. Gibbs, told me to day that he could see no reason why it would not be a good thing for the property to have this dam erected, he added that he supposed it would do no good to oppose the erection of this dam, if it were ordered erected by your Commission, and I told him that the people had a right to have the dam erected for the benefit of the fish supply in the lake and to have the expense of erection taxed to the Harris Estate, that is the way I read the law. So that the way is amicably opened for you to lay the matter before the Trust Company the same as before any owner of similar property owned by an individual. Our Association desires to have the fishway erected at once, and I hope that you will

*The fear is that Harris must build the fish way at their own expense  
I don't know how they will build + owners against Harris*

*And help Harris if we wanted to just pay*

*Estall. If Way were built we could chip in*

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take the matter up at once and thus save our fishing and preserve the fish introduced by your commission in Eagle Lake from being swept away, the dam and becoming destroyed in the swampy brook below the same.

I have corresponded with Edmond C. Juby Esq. Fox Elm Cincinnati Ohio, about the matter and he and the whole organization are a unit in demanding that the suggested attention to the conservation of our fish supply there be given as soon as possible.

Any possible assistance as to details of the proposed improvement in conditions will be promptly given and I hope that you will show this letter to my good friend Mr. Peen who has always taken such an interest in our lake. Tell him that I learn that the Tyam Farm, Ticonderoga, posting of the Harvey Brook has fallen through, there having been some pretty stiff talk put up against the man CLARK who had the notices printed. The Clark family have always tried to hold the state stocked waters of Harvey and Grant Brooks.

Tell him that James Annin's Pecks and those of A. William Cheney before him will show plantings by me in the waters long before 1890.

Hoping that you will write to The Trust Company with name of Mr. Gibbs Asset Secy on the side, as he knows the country there, I am

Faithfully Yours

*George Lewis Prentiss*  
 Chairman Fisheries & Game  
 Committee Eagle Lake Property Owners Association.

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