

EAGLE LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION,

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*copy sent to
Mr. Odell*

Dear Mrs. Moore:-

I want to thank you and Mr. Odell for the courtesy of your replies to my letter of Sept. 30th, and my great appreciation for the information given.

In my career of nearly 35 years as secretary of the Eagle Lake Property-owners' Association, during which time I have endeavored to restore the pristine fishing conditions in Eagle Lake, your reply is the first constructive information our Association has had with respect to this beautiful Adirondack water.

For the above number of years, the duty of making requisitions for fish-stock for replantings devolved upon me and I have regularly and consistently applied for small-mouth black bass-fry, of which species, on account of the difficulty of getting them in quantities, the supply was very moderate.

Inasmuch as the original fish inhabiting this lake have been the small-mouth black bass, pickerel and yellow perch and as the pickerel have always been the most prolific we confined our replantings almost entirely to black bass and an occasional replanting of yellow perch only at such times when the latter species were depleted which was mainly due to the practice of fishing through the ice.

About the year 1936 a great number of white-fish were introduced into this lake by some outside party, concerning whom I had been advised by the Conservation Commission that his application for white-fish for this lake was rejected for the reason that, at that time, Eagle Lake possessed an abundance of food-fish for the predatory fish inhabiting this lake.

Nevertheless, this party got a supply of white-fish under pretence--most probably-- of planting them elsewhere and then contraitly planted them in Eagle Lake.

I feel that such practices ought to be stopped, especially in lakes where an Association is assuming the duty of proper plantings; in other words the applicants for fish should be restrained from planting such stock elsewhere than in the waters for which requisition was made. Such supervision might be delegated to the game wardens.

From your letter it is evident that minnows, the food-fish for bass, are rare in Eagle Lake. In this connection I would be glad to receive your advise and suggestions on restoring this species of food-fish. Your report also states that there is an abundance of white-fish but we have no record of any sizeable catches of this species by angling. Do you really believe white-fish should be stocked in this water as there never was a white-fish in this water before 1936?

We would thank you for advice and suggestions that would enable us to formulate a plan of plantings for Eagle Lake which would eventually lead to a restoration of pristine fishing conditions pertaining to black-bass.

very respectfully yours,

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