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CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT  
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Whereas, it appeared to the  
Supervisors that the said taxes  
improperly levied and assessed  
upon real estate situated  
Essex County, New York.  
Therefore, be it resolved,

Mr Arthur D. Spring,  
Secty, Ticonderoga Fish & Game Club  
Ticonderoga, N.Y.

Dear Mr & Spring:-

Your letter concerning Eagle Lake & Put's Pond,  
addressed to Mr. Cowden (Sumner M.) has been turned over to me.

In the case of Eagle Lake, we find that this particular  
body of water has an abundance of white fish present. In fact,  
the pond has nearly a pure culture of whitefish as its population.  
We have taken spawn there for the past three years and find that  
most of the fish that we handle are in the 8 & 9 years of life.  
This indicates that there is not much fishing for whitefish in  
this particular lake.

It would be beneficial for the lake if more people would  
fish for whitefish, using buoys. This type of fishing would not  
necessitate expensive tackle and the fish obtained by fishing in  
this manner would be far more suitable for edible purposes than  
yellow perch.

We do not wish to introduce any yellow perch in this par-  
ticular water, fearing they would have a detrimental effect on  
the existing whitefish population. We have studied the fish pop-  
ulation in Eagle Lake the last two falls, when we were taking the  
whitefish spawn, very carefully, and from all reports gathered  
there were very few people who fish in Eagle Lake. Perhaps this  
is due to the fact that they do not fish in the proper manner for  
whitefish & therefore become discouraged. I can assure you that  
anyone who went to Eagle Lake & used the proper technique in fish-  
ing for whitefish would be pleased with his catch.

In the case of Putnam Pond, we stock this body of water  
each year with large mouth bass. Calico bass are present in this  
pond & we hoped that the largemouth bass would forage somewhat on  
the calico bass population in order to keep it in control. The lake  
only has an area of 75 acres, which is rather small if two compet-  
ing species are present. If yellow perch & bullheads were introduced  
in any quantity with the present calico bass population the competi-  
tion that would be created among the three species would result in an  
inadequate food supply and the population would become stunted to  
such an extent that the fish would not be desirable for fishermen.  
Therefore the condition would only be aggravated by further stock-  
ing of these species of fish. We have hoped that the largemouth bas  
bass would create the proper balance, as they would forage somewhat  
on these other species of fish & keep them under control.

I quite agree with you that we have a problem in furnishing  
pan fish fishing to the sportsmen. However, in the case of Essex  
County it is possible that the fishermen find many places to fish  
where an abundance of various types of panfish exists & Lake Cham-  
plain furnishes excellent fishing for various types of pan fish & many  
of the smaller ponds located in Essex County afford large num-  
bers of bullheads, calico bass & yellow perch. I believe that the  
problem of panfish fishing can best be solved by informing the  
sportsmen where to fish. It is extremely detrimental to many ponds  
to introduce more of this type of fish.

Very truly yours,  
D. P. Kingsbury  
Supervisor of Distribution.