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Mr. Edmund O. Luthy  
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Dear Mr. Luthy:

It was a pleasure to receive your appreciative letter. I agree with you that it would be well if fish were planted only in waters for which they have been recommended. But it is difficult to enforce this program in every case.

I should say that the whitefish can do no harm in Eagle Lake and that they add to the productivity of the waters. If they were fished for at a properly baited buoy, no doubt a fair number could be caught. And they are excellent food. I feel that there is no need to stock whitefish because they seem to have become established and will probably maintain themselves.

The question how to increase minnows or other food for the bass, pickerel and perch is a difficult one. At present, we are in a position to recommend experimental plantings only. The blunt-nosed minnow (Hyborhynchus notatus) has been recommended for such experimental planting in lakes similar to yours. They have to be seined in another lake. It is important that they be identified by some one who knows minnows well before they are planted, in order to avoid the introduction of undesirable forms by mistake. We can not forecast what the results of such planting will be. But I believe, it would be worth the effort to attempt such an experiment in Eagle Lake. I shall be glad to help you in any way that I can.

Yours very sincerely

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*Efforts to increase  
production of minnows  
in Eagle Lake  
the water becomes  
effluential & one  
believes this experiment  
can be tried out in  
Eagle Lake most probably  
now and may possibly  
have any other lake*

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