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Dear Ed.

Your letter of the 15<sup>th</sup> reached me a few days ago in London where I have temporarily settled the family. I am over on a mission in which a considerable amount of corporate law is involved and if this can be settled we will probably be somewhere in Europe for several years. If it can't be satisfactorily consummated we shall

return shortly.

Your efforts, in view of the fact that you do not fish-  
ing yourself, for the benefit of others, are particularly commendable, and I want you to know, that I for one appreciate all you have done and are doing.

I hope you will not feel offended if I disagree with the recommendation of the Conservation Com. Far from agreeing that the lake needs more mounds

I am of the opinion that it already contains too much live bait and what it requires is the planting of game fish. I presume that the commission did not examine the lower end of the lake, that is from Bear Bay to the lily pads. Bear Bay for the past two years has been literally alive with what I call for the want of a better name, "Blue Bellies", a form of a minnow <sup>Johnny Darters</sup> with a sucker mouth. I have ~~seen~~ <sup>caught</sup> hundreds of them (in a net & by hook) and they run about 1" - 2 1/2" long. At another spot - a favorite of mine - I have caught a type of minnow with a flat head and another with a stub nose & whiskers on the lower jaw. When I say I have seen them by the hundred in one small area I am not exaggerating and last summer a half hour



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was sufficient to  
hook 40-50 of them.  
All of these species  
that I mention are splendid  
bass and perch bait. As  
you probably know the bass,  
both varieties feed on  
little perch and Sunken  
sland as well as other  
spots were, last summer,  
the rendezvous for millions,  
as least so it seemed, for  
at times they were all  
around the boat. So

I am convinced that we  
don't need more minnows  
but more bass, and I vote  
"no" on the minnow proposition.

Edmond Ruyge spent a  
day or two at the lake  
during the Ymas holidays  
and reported large catches of  
perch and pike. An effort,  
continuous if necessary, to  
prevent winter fishing  
would be of great benefit  
to the summer fishing that  
has almost petered out, and  
I feel that as a tax payer  
I am entitled to this.

protection by the Conservation  
Commission. If other lakes have  
it why can't we. There's an  
injustice to the whole situation.

Rightly so

We, as taxpayers, come to the lake  
for, among other things, some fishing.  
But we don't get it and if we want  
a good mess of fish go elsewhere.  
Those who do the winter fishing  
may or may not be residents, but  
I'd warrant they don't pay taxes

That's that, and you pardon  
me if I expressed my views but  
it makes me hot when I think  
of it

I trust the folks are all in  
good health and please give them  
my regards.

You can always reach  
me to Lep Transport Co, 37 Upper  
Thames St, London.

Sincerely yours

Walter Runge