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Mr. Matthew Bell
Bell's of Haines
Haines, Alaska 99827

Dear Mr. Bell:

Tom Richardson asked me to reply to your inquiry about the feasibility of stocking Chilkat Lake with Arctic grayling.

Our stocking of grayling in Southeastern Alaska has been limited to landlocked lakes void of other fish. Young grayling are unable to successfully compete with fish such as cutthroat and Dolly Varden and probably would not survive if introduced into Chilkat Lake. At present, we have no rearing facilities for grayling and would have to stock these fish as fry. At this size, they would no doubt be eaten by the cutthroat and Dolly Varden soon after their introduction. Also, Chilkat Lake appears to have one of the best cutthroat populations in Southeastern Alaska and the introduction of another species may upset this population balance. Hence, I would not recommend introducing Arctic grayling into Chilkat Lake.

Thank you for your interest and offer to help. If you want any further information on this subject or others, please feel free to write.

Sincerely yours,

Roger D. Wadman
Regional Supervisor
Division of Sport Fish

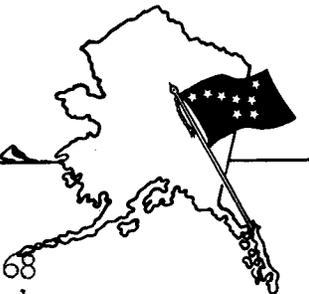
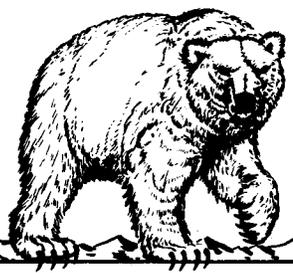
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Nov. 21, 1968
Haines, Alaska

Mr. Tom Rickardson
Commercial Fish Div.
Support Bldg.
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I recently talked to the fish & Game Officer here and he referred me to you.

I purchased one of the recreation lots sold ^{at} auction by the state here last month on Chilkat lake and intend to build there this coming spring, At present there is one hunting and fishing lodge with six units plus 19 private cabins (semi homes) on the lake, future development looks good as a recreation area.

At the present we have the cut-throat and Dolly-Varden trout for sport fishing, I hear via the vine that the state has had some success stocking Grayling in southeast, if this is true I would sure like to see you try stocking Chilkat with some of them. Not only would it give us a variety of fishing they are a very delicious fish.

If you find this feasible please contact me if you need any ~~ka~~ kind of assistance, I would be delighted to help any way i can.

Sincerely


Matt. Bell



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