

Dewey U.K. I.

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Mr. Richard Brown
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Dear Dick:

I am really encouraged by your call yesterday. It looks like we'll be able to get the ball rolling and get something done for Skagway.

Right off, I'll start with a request. Do you know if the water company has a volumetric map of Dewey and possibly Upper Dewey? If they have either, would it be possible for me to obtain a copy? It would sure help us if they are available.

Now there are several aspects of this job I'd like to make sure you are acquainted with. First, when we remove the existing fish we will use rotenone which is harmless to all warm blooded animals. From past experience, I'd say we can expect the lake to remain toxic to fish for up to three months. Because of the upper lake remaining frozen for so long and cold water temperatures after that, I expect August would be the best time for rehabilitation. This would leave the lakes toxic until November. This will also insure that we would kill any of the current year fry which would have been in the gravel as eggs previous to this time. The only problem with this time schedule is that we have no rainbow available for stocking at that time. It would be the following summer before we could stock.

Once we have stocked, it will take the fish a minimum of two full years to reach catchable size. By totaling this up, you can see it will be approximately two and one-half years before the lake will be able to furnish good fishing. It's a slow process but I believe it will be a rewarding one for the people of Skagway.

There is another question I have, what would the people think of rainbow in Lower Dewey and Icy and grayling in Upper Dewey? Perhaps you people have all the grayling fishing you want off the railroad, I'm not sure. I'd appreciate your thoughts on this.

Since our last meeting, the Department has added another Sport Fish biologist to this area. His name is Larry Heckart and he'll be working the upper half or Southeast out of Sitka. Larry came down from Fairbanks where he was actively engaged in rehabilitation work and consequently is well qualified. He will be doing a lion share of the work on this project. He will go up this spring to look the area over. If I'm not

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along, I would appreciate any assistance you may be able to give him.
Thanks.

Well so much for business. I'll sign off now wishing you and yours
a very happy holiday season.

Sincerely yours,

ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

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cc: Larry Heckart