

P.O. Box 499
Sitka, Alaska

September 21, 1967

Mr. Robert Nelson
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Dear Bob:

Sorry to have missed you over that way again this year. It seems we are just a couple weeks too late getting over to Distin Lake.

We just completed the best Kokanee transplant conducted to date, both from the standpoint of fish numbers planted and condition of fish.

We captured and transplanted 1,813 kokanee. These fish, as those of the previous plants, were in excellent condition at the time of their release, and showed no significant mortality.

We were a few days earlier this year, and our timing coincided with the beginning of the spawning run. The fish as a result were the best we've taken to date.

With the completion of this year's transplant, 3,632 spawning, adult kokanee have been introduced into Thayer Lake. This number represents three separate age-classes, or one complete life cycle.

It is our thinking at this time that this number is adequate to establish a self-sustaining population, assuming, of course, that the plants have been successful, and that further efforts will be directed toward determination of our success.

Due to considerable trouble with our net gear this year, and bad weather, we did not attempt to use the fyke nets at Thayer Lake.

Prior to their use in Thayer Lake, we will have to alter them to preclude the "gilling" of fish.

Mr. Robert Nelson

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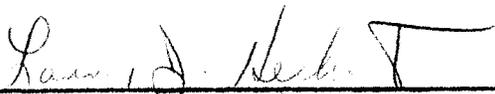
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It is my thinking that next fall is the logical time to attempt a second try at capturing the kokanee, as we should have mature spawning fish at this time. As you know the area is large, the number of fish small, and the kokanee are most susceptible during their spawning run.

I greatly appreciate your offer of equipment and a place to stay at Thayer Lake. I intend to accept next season.

I did take care of your thermos bottle and all looked "ship-shape" on the premises.

Sincerely,


Larry J. Heckart
Fishery Biologist

cc: Roger Wadman
Juneau