30th June 1922.

Carl D. Shoemaker, Esq.,

Portland, Ore.

Dear Mr. Shoemaker;-

Our local morning paper had a despatch to-day stating there was the largest run of Blueback salmon on the Columbia that has ever been known in the history of that river. While we may allow something for the exaggerations of ye festive reporter, still this is the year when the hatchery work of 1918 should tell its tale, and I have been confidently expecting it would exhibit very gratifying results.

I would appreciate it greatly if you would let me known the exact situation, and also if you would send ~~me~~ clippings from your local papers when they refer to the matter. I would also like to have reports - weekly if possible - covering the continuance of the run. I know this is asking a great deal, but our Federal government is sending out a special commission to investigate the salmon fishery, which commission is due here about the end of July. The main object of the investigation is to consider the complaints of those commercially engaged in the industry that the present method of governmental hatchery propagation is obsolete and should be discarded at once in favour of the Oregon system. You can appreciate that if to-day's news item is true, and if future results only emphasize it still more, it will be the most effective evidence we can produce to strengthen our demands.

In this connection it will be particularily valuable to know the following;-

(a.) What percentage of marked fish of 1918 hatch is being taken ?
(b,) Are they distinctively of Yes Bay origin ?
(c.) What is the average weight per fish, and what maximum weight have the larger individuals attained ?
(d.) How are they distinguishable from the local run of bluebacks?

If you can supplement this by any good news of the Chinook salmon run I would like to have it, although personally I do not anticipate any satisfactory results with this species until 1925 or until the benefits of stopping outside fishing has had time

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to produce results. As this outside fishing however was most intensive off the mouth of the Columbia possibly some other river, like the Rogue, where such fishing did not prevail, may show satisfactory returns.

The last biennial report I have received covers the years 1919-1920. I presume this is the latest publication you have issued but if anything later is ready for distribution I would appreciate getting it.

With kindest regards to yourself and Mr. Clanton, and thanking you in advance for the information asked for, I am

Yours sincerely

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