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Dear Mr. O'Malley:-

When you were appointed Commissioner of Fisheries I had the pleasure of writing you a congratulatory letter, in the course of which I expressed the hope that under your administration the Bureau would return to its original policy of issuing reports and bulletins intelligible to, and instructive to, the ordinary lay reader.

Your annual report for 1926 recently came to hand and I have just finished reading it. Permit me to congratulate you on the work accomplished and being accomplished, especially in what you have termed "fishery science". I read with great interest the various publications of the Bureau and not only find their subject matter instructive, but written in simple language which any commercially interested reader can easily understand.

In studies relating to salmon life I consider the work done by Mr. J. P. Babcock, or at his instigation, is superior to the accomplishments of any other investigator in that branch of fishery science. And I am particularly pleased that in your study of the numerous problems that come under your supervision you have adopted a similar line of policy. There can be no question but that research work as outlined in your 1926 report will add materially to our knowledge of fish life and will show how it can be controlled and adapted to the use and benefit of mankind.

There is one point however that I see no reference to in your outline of the work contemplated. This is in regard to studying the competitors and natural enemies of the more valuable species of fishes, with the view of decimating or extirminating them so as to permit of a greater production of the desirable species. I am of course aware of the valuable work in this line you are actually doing in Behring Sea in protecting salmon life, so know the omission is simply an oversight. To my mind, however, this phase of fishery investigation is so important, and its need so persistently ignored, (especially by our Canadian authorities), that I would like to see it emphasized by some one of your authority, the weight of whose recommendation would go a long way to compel its adoption by shorter sighted administrators.

Again congratulating you on the good work you are doing and hoping the Bureau will long enjoy the benefit of your accomplishments, I am

Yours very sincerely