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F. M. Warren, Esq.,

Portland, Ore.

Dear Mr Warren:-

My visit to Seattle at the time of the annual meeting of the Association of Pacific Fisheries, was due to Mr. Wright's invitation to discuss with such Puget Sound canners as would be present there, my suggestion for installing hatcheries on the rearing pond system in the "upper" Fraser watersheds.

We had this meeting on Saturday afternoon, and I found all those present in favour of adopting my plans. I told them that in conversation with you in Portland in September last, I informed you of my ideas, and you had offered, in case it was decided to send a man to the "upper" Fraser, to secure us the services of Mr Clanton, Mr Winn, or Mr O'Mallery, to select sites and to furnish a report as to the approximate cost of installing and maintaining one or more stations, to be operated on the Oregon system.

I also informed them I had discussed the plan with Mr O'Malley at the banquet Friday night, and he was so enthusiastic that he assured me if such a work was undertaken as a private enterprise he would, if necessary, supply sockeye eggs from Afognak hatchery in the three "off" years, to allow us to operate to capacity. He had dissuaded the U. S. Government from furnishing Fraser river hatcheries with eggs in the past two years as the Dominion authorities were hatching them in a district where ample eggs were obtainable locally, whereas his object in furnishing the Alaskan eggs was to restore the depleted "upper" Fraser spawning areas. Since my plan practically embodied his own idea he would assist in every way possible, especially in the "off" seasons when a local supply of eggs would be unobtainable in the upper Fraser watershed.

My suggestion was that those interested in the Fraser sockeye fishery should furnish the necessary money to have a competent man, familiar with the Oregon system, immediately visit the Upper Fraser. He should take, or secure locally, such help as he required to make a thorough examination of suitable locations for rearing ponds; should estimate the cost of such building expenditure as he would think it advisable to start with; and should furnish the packers with a report showing approximately what total expenditure would be required from the time eggs were secured until the fingerling sockeyes were released from the retaining ponds. When all this information had been received those interested could decide to what extent they would adopt the

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report, and could provide such funds as would be needed for carrying on the work.

In the meantime all I figured was required would be travelling and incidental expenses incurred by the expert you would secure for us, and an honorarium to him for his services and advice. I estimated that at the outside the cost should not exceed \$1,000. to \$1,500.

The Pacific American Fisheries, Fidalgo Island Pkg. Co., Carlisle Pkg. Co., and the Astoria & Puget Sound Pkg. Co., immediately agreed to guarantee the necessary funds up to a total of \$1,500. and left it in my hands to get in touch with you at once so that if possible the preliminary survey might be made this winter before snow or climatic conditions prevent. All present were most anxious for you to let Mr. Clanton himself make this survey if possible as it is recognized he has a more intimate knowledge of the system than anyone else, and his advice would enable us to avoid initial mistakes which his past experience has taught him can be avoided.

If therefore you can lend Mr. Clanton to us for a short time we would appreciate it greatly. If you cannot let us have him please arrange for the next most suitable man you know of. Time is a very important consideration, not only on account of climatic conditions, but also because more can be accomplished with the canners while the idea is new than could be expected after familiarity with it dulls the edge of appreciation. On getting your reply I will immediately arrange to send you money for Mr. Clanton to start with, and later will furnish him from time to time with what additional funds he may require. Of course if snow is already on the ground, and Mr. Clanton thinks its presence would prevent his making a satisfactory examination, we will have to wait until spring for his report, but I am anxious not to put the matter off unless it is necessary to do so.

Thanking you for the offer of assistance and for the interest you have shown in this project, and hoping to be favoured with an early reply, I am

Yours sincerely

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