15th September 1920.

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Dear Mr Babcock;-

Knowing how much at heart you have the interests of artificial propagation accomplishments I know you will be sure to appreciate the situation outlined in the enclosed copy of a letter just received from the Oregon Fish Commission. Probably you have more news than I of what has been done in Oregon this year, but I thought best to sent this to you in the event of it not yet having reached you from other sources.

The Oregon Fish Commission very kindly extended an invitation to those in B. C. interested in this propagation question to visit the hatchery at Bonneville, and I am taking advantage of same. I expect that next Tuesday Mr Burke of the Wallace Fisheries Ltd., will meet me in Portland, and will proceed to Bonneville from there with Mr F. M. Warren, myself, and perhaps some of the Puget Sound canners.

Of course, as you know, I am a firm believer in artificial propagation carried out on lines that permit retaining the young fish until they are old enough to take care of themselves, and also that I consider our present B. C. methods as worse than useless. I hope that as a result of this trip we can get an improvement in our hatchery accomplishments, and one of my aims is to create enough interest in the question amongst Fraser/Puget

Sound fishing interests to have them take action - irrespective of all governments if necessary - to restore the Fraser sockeye fishery from the 1921 run, i.e., to get the benefit for hatchery and retaining pond operations of the run of 1921 that we know reaches the spawning areas of the "upper" Fraser watershed.

It would be very nice indeed if you could also arrange to meet me in Portland on Tuesday next. I am sure you will greatly enjoy it, and that seeing the 3 million young sockeyes which they have on hand, and which they have carried since last fall, may give one of your knowledge and experience ideas that might result in still greater benefits being obtained from an enlarged use of the retaining pond system.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely

HD/P.