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March 26, 1920.

Reverend Sir:

Sam Cecil, an Indian of your Agency wrote the Department some time ago as follows:

"I am asking you if I could get a permit to fish Trout with little gill net on any fish streams or lakes along the Skeena River District, and to sell it to market or to private people in any towns. As we Indians have very little chance for cannery fishing after the Great War, to many returned men on the job, if there is any chance for my request please notify me before spring. One thing I want to tell you, on every spawning bed here millions of eggs are eaten up by trout, especially where the Dominion Hatchery is on Lakelle Lake. Thousands of young salmon is destroyed by trout. They're ten times worse than gulls. Please don't fail to see about my request to the fishery Department."

I communicated with the Naval Department and they have informed me that the Fishery Regulations do not permit of the use of a net of the character desired by Cecil. Kindly advise him accordingly.

Your obedient servant,



Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

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