

obtained with the greatest difficulty to fertilize the eggs when the females are taken and stripped. This earlier destruction of the male fish would also waste the eggs deposited in the lake for fertilization by natural process. Unless the close season for salmon trout and whitefish is made to begin October 1st in all the lakes, regardless of climatic conditions, these fish are doomed. Truly our fishery department in the past had a plentiful supply of that "little knowledge" which has been described as a dangerous thing.

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