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IDENTIFICATION OF TULLIBEE FROM CONSERVATION OFFICER HORNER

On December 27, 1933, the Institute for Fisheries Research received the following request for identification:

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Mr. Carl Hubbs
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Sir:

I am sending you by express one jar containing one fish in formalin solution.

This fish was taken from the A. & P. Store in Saint Joseph, Mich: It was billed to them as B. white fish.

What I want to know is, what is the real name of the fish and is it of the white fish family.

Very truly yours,

Clive Horner (Signed)
Conservation Officer.

This fish is a tullibee. This is a species of the whitefish family, which also includes the lake herring and cisco. In fact the tullibee is only a sub-species (variety) of the lake herring. It is chiefly an inhabitant of Canadian waters, from which source most of the market supply comes. Some lakes of the northern states also contain tullibeas, but there is no tullibee fishery of consequence on our side of the border.

The tullibee is generally regarded as distinctly inferior to the whitefish. It appeals to us that the label "B Whitefish" is distinctly misleading.

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cc: Mr. Horner

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