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PRELIMINARY STATEMENT OF BASS TAGGING EXPERIMENT IN  
WINTERGREEN LAKE, CALHOUN COUNTY, MICHIGAN

On August 11, Mr. Westerman wrote to call attention to the favorable lay-out, for carrying on certain fish cultural operations and experiments, at Wintergreen Lake, on the Kellogg Bird Sanctuary, near Gull Lake. Owing to the illness of the Director of the Institute, no action was taken on the matter. About 500 bass were held at the Hastings Hatchery for this experiment. By the time it became possible to carry on the field work, which it was thought desirable should be done by a member of the Institute staff, only about 150 of these bass remained. However, probably due to cannibalism, some of the fingerlings had then grown to a very large size, which is an advantage.

Dr. Greeley undertook the tagging of the bass on October 27 and 28. All the bass were tagged with fingerling tags. After being measured and tagged the bass were released in two approximately equal lots, in separate portions of the lake. A rough sketch hereto attached shows the location of these planting stations, which are designated A and B. Some scale samples were saved.

Points of interest which we hope may develop from recaptures are:

1. How fast do the bass grow?
2. Are the marks interpreted as winter lines on the scales true indications of growth?

3. How widely do fingerlings disperse over a small lake?

The last point is one of especial interest which we hope to investigate further in Wintergreen Lake and in other lakes, large and small, using fish of several species.

One wild-caught fish was also measured, tagged and released.

In connection with this and other prospected experiments, we hope to work in a regular survey of Wintergreen Lake, this fall or next spring. Several lines of investigation, to which the lake appears well adapted are:

- (1) Study of growth rate and migration of planted large-mouthed bass.
- (2) A similar study of wild large-mouthed bass, bluegills, perch, and bullheads.
- (3) Study of the effect of large numbers of waterfowl on fish life. The large quantity of droppings from the birds have a possibility of increasing fish life through fertilization of the waters and there are also possibilities of detrimental effects.

We append hereto a list of the fish tagged in Wintergreen Lake:

LARGE-MOUTHED BASS TAGGED AT WINTERGREEN LAKE, OCTOBER 27-28, 1931  
 AGE OF FISH ABOUT 5 MONTHS. TAG ATTACHED TO LEFT OPERCLE EXCEPT AS  
 OTHERWISE NOTED.

A. FISH FROM HASTINGS HATCHERY. POINT OF RELEASE A (see lake sketch with Report 102).

<u>Tag No.</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Remarks</u>	<u>Tag No.</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
18601	3 1/4		18647	6 7/8	
18602	3 1/2		18648	6 3/8	
18603	4		18649	7 5/8	
18604	3 5/8		18650	3 3/4	
18605	3 3/4		18651	3 3/8	
18606	5 3/8	Tag on left sub-opercle	18652	4 1/8	
18607	7 3/4	" " " "	18653	6 1/2	
18608	7 3/4	" " " "	18654	3 3/4	
18609	6 3/4	" " " "	18655	7 3/4	
18610	7 3/4	" " " "	18656	6 1/8	
18611	7 1/2	" " " "	18657	3 3/8	
18612	7 1/2	" " " "	18658	6 1/2	
18613	8 1/8	" " " "	18659	8	
18614	No tag		18660	7	
18615	No tag		18661	8 1/2	
18616	8 1/8	Tag on left sub-opercle	18662	8 1/2	
18617	8	Clinched poorly	18663	7 3/4	Clinched poorly
18618		On same fish as 18617	18664		On same fish as 18663
18619	8		18665	8 1/2	
18620	5 5/8		18666	7 1/2	
18621	No tag		18667	7 1/4	Clinched poorly
18622	6 1/2		18668		On same fish as 18667
18623	4 5/8				
18624	6 3/8				
18625	4				
18626	6				
18627	6 1/2				
18628	3 5/8				
18629	3 3/4				
18630	3 1/2				
18631	3 3/4				
18632	3 1/2				
18633	3 3/8				
18634	5 5/8				
18635	6 3/8				
18636	3 5/8				
18637	3 1/2				
18638	7 3/8	Clinched poorly			
18639		On same fish as 18638			
18640	8 1/4				
18641	6				
18642	7 1/4				
18643	8 1/2				
18644	7 7/8				
18645	8				
18646	7				

B. FISH FROM HASTINGS HATCHERY. POINT OF RELEASE B.  
 (see lake sketch with Report 102)

<u>Tag No.</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
18669	6 1/8	Clinched poorly
18670		On same fish as 18669
18671	5 3/8	
18672	4	
18673	3 7/8	
18674	3 5/8	
18675	4 1/8	
18676	3 1/2	
18677	3 3/4	
18678	5 5/8	
18679	3 7/8	
18680	3 7/8	
18681	7	
18682	7 1/2	
18683	7 3/8	Clinched poorly
18684		On same fish as 18683
18685	7 3/4	
18686	6 3/4	
18687	7 3/4	

LARGE-MOUTHED BASS TAGGED AT WINTERGREEN LAKE, OCTOBER 27-28, 1931  
(Con.)

B. FISH FROM HASTINGS HATCHERY. POINT OF RELEASE B. (Con.).

<u>Tag No.</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
18688	6 3/4	
18689	6 3/4	
18690	5 3/4	
18691	6 1/2	
18692	6	
18693	6	
18694	6 7/8	
18695	5 5/8	
18696	4	
18697	3 5/8	
18698	4 1/2	
18699	3 7/8	
18700	3 1/4	
18701	3 1/2	
18702	3 3/8	
18703	3 1/2	
18704	3 3/4	
18705	3 1/2	
18706	3 3/8	
18707	3 1/4	
18708	3 1/4	
18709	4	
18710	3 3/4	
18711	4	
18712	3 1/4	
18713	3 1/2	
18714	3 1/2	
18715	3 5/8	
18716	3 1/8	
18717	No tag	
18718	3 3/4	
18719	3 3/8	
18720	3 3/8	
18721	3 3/4	
18722	3 1/2	
18723	3 1/2	
18724	3 1/2	
18725	3 3/8	
18726	3 1/4	
18727	3 1/2	
18728	3 1/2	
18729	3 3/8	
18730	2 5/8	
18731	3 1/4	
18732	3 1/2	
18733	2 5/8	

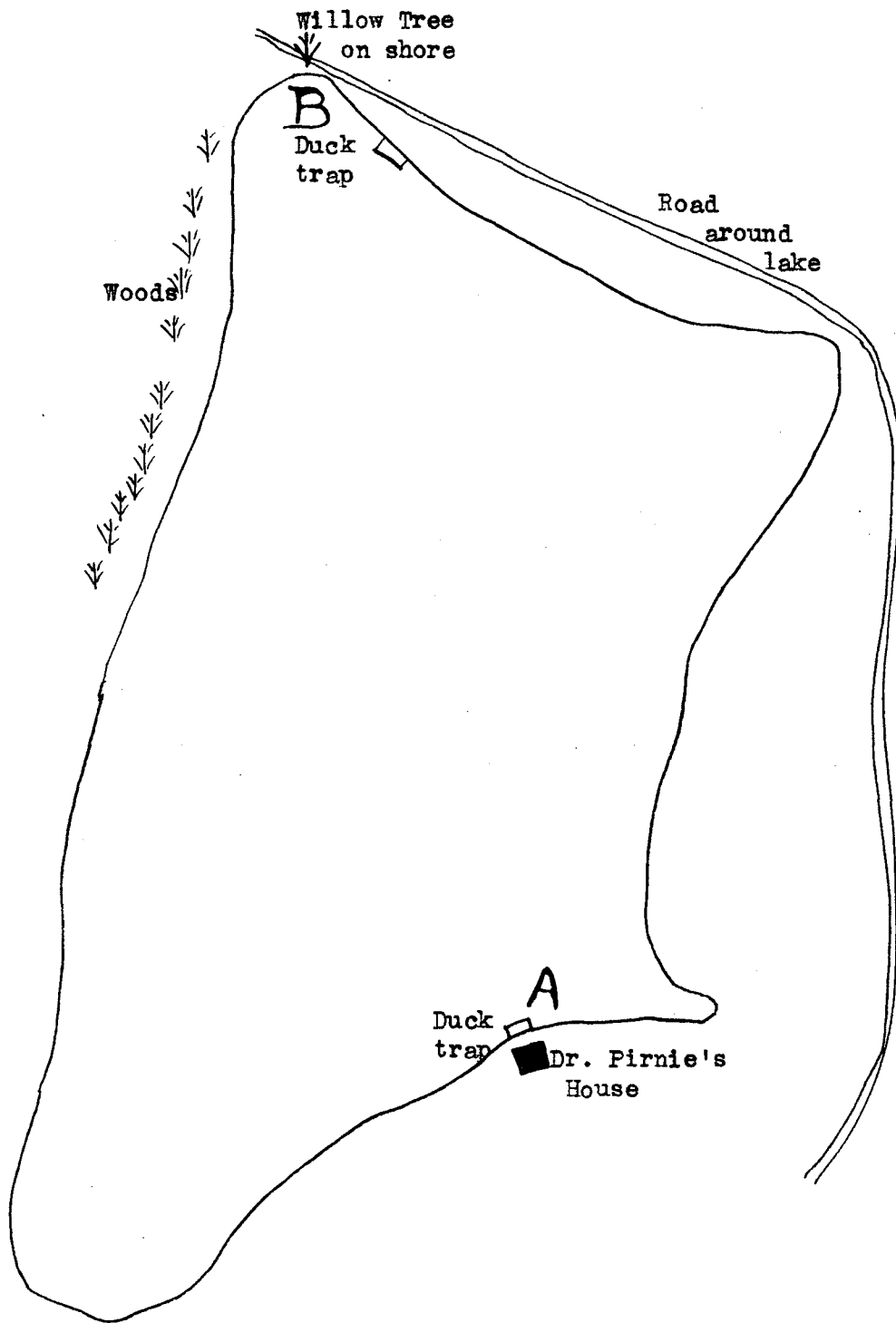
<u>Tag No.</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
18734	3 1/4	
18735	2 7/8	
18736	3 1/4	
18737	3 1/8	

C. WILD FISH CAUGHT IN LAKE. POINT OF RELEASE A.  
(see lake sketch with Report 102).

<u>Tag No.</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
18738	8 3/8	Clinched poorly
18739		On same fish as 18738.

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Sketch map of lake attached



SKETCH MAP OF WINTERGREEN LAKE  
SHOWING LOCATION OF RELEASES OF BASS  
(A and B).