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U. S. COMMISSION OF FISH AND FISHERIES,

MARSHALL McDONALD,
COMMISSIONER.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 13th, 1893.

Mr. John Muir.

Martinez. Cal.

My dear Sir:

In the course of a conversation I had with you last September, in the cars between Portland and San Francisco, you called my attention to the entire absence of fishes from many of the higher lakes and streams of the Sierras, particularly I believe, in the region between Kings River and Owens River.

As the U. S. Fish Commission would give careful consideration to suggestions for stocking such waters, perhaps you would be sufficiently interested in the matter to give me a list of such lakes and streams as you

know to be without fishes?

It would not be an expensive matter to transfer live fish from streams of that region to lakes and higher streams that are barren on account of falls or other natural conditions.

Any information you may feel inclined to write me respecting barren lakes and streams in California would be very welcome. I have noted, of course, the brief account you give of the re-stocking of Owens River, in one of the Yosemite articles.

With kind regards

Yours, very truly

C. H. Townsend

(Asst. U.S. Fish Commr)