

Speed Letter

To Dan Hinrichs

From Paul Diedrich

RR Sommers Lake

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Maple Lake, MN 55358

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Subject Somers Lake Barrier

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MESSAGE

I just found out that the culvert replacement project on the outlet of Somers Lake was not approved. Apparently, on a statewide basis it was not considered high priority enough with the limited funds that were available. I will re-submit the project next year and try to push it along the best I can. The only other thing I can suggest is that you send a letter of intent directly to Ed Feiler, Regional Fisheries Supervisor, 1601 Minnesota Drive, Brainerd MN 56401. Date 7/19/89 Signed Paul Diedrich

REPLY Just reiterate how important this project is from the point of view of the Mink-Somers Lake Association.

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Date Signed



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August 22, 1989

Mr. Dan Hinrichs
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Dear Mr. Hinrichs:

The Association of Mink-Somers has submitted a CORE Project application for the installation and operation of a portable water cascade aeration system on Mink and Somers Lakes. An aeration project on this lake appears to be a valid and realistic one which will help reach fish management goals.

The Section of Fisheries has purchased and cooperatively operated a number of portable systems since the inception of the CORE Program several years ago. Experiences over the past two winters or so have brought to light some problems. Certain specifics of design, sizing, and installation methods will require us to re-evaluate what we have been doing. In addition to this, for the past year or so we have not been able to certify any vendor (seller) whose equipment can meet the current standards we require. The solution to the two problems will require some time, hopefully not long. Thus, for Fiscal Year 90 (July 1, 1989-June 30, 1990), we are funding no portable aeration equipment. I would hope, but have no way of guaranteeing, that we can have resolution of the situation so we may fund some projects for FY 91 (July 1, 1990-June 30, 1991).

I know this information must be disappointing to you. It is no less so to us. I can assure you that we will be doing all we can to shorten this time. Aeration systems have proven to be a very successful tool in fish management, and we wish to maintain as strong a program as you, I am sure, do. While we are resolving the situation, I intend to keep your application in an "active" status so it will be ready when we can proceed again.

Thank you for your interest and desire to work cooperatively with the Section of Fisheries in the management of Minnesota's fisheries resources.

Sincerely,

Edward L. Feiler
Regional Fisheries Manager

cc: Paul Diedrich

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