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Dear Carl:

I have your outline of the fish predation project, and I am impressed by the complexity of what you have already done.

I think all of my previous suggestions can be boiled down to one addition to the objectives: "to study the effects of control measures on predator populations."

Ultimately the public will not be able to eat and have all its cakes. It will sometimes have to choose which it wants, more fish and less predators, less fish and more predators. The basic objective is, I think, to adduce the evidence pertinent to this choice. I can't help but think that the shrinkage of predators under control is an essential part of this evidence.

Perhaps this is a more useful letter than the longer ones I have already laid on your laden shoulders.

Yours as ever,

Aldo Leopold

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