19 April 1985

Mr. Datus C. Proper \#5 Farmington Place Newtown, PA 18940

Dear Mr. Proper:
We are pleased to issue Complimentary Fishing License C-91 for your use during 1985.

In addition to the license we are also enclosing a copy of the 1985 Summary of Fishing Regulations and Laws.

We look forward to having you as our guest and hope you'll have many opportunities to use the license.


To Whow it May Concern
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Datus C. Proper 1914 N. Johnson St. Arlington, Virginia 22207 U.S.A.

July 30, 1986
Editor
The Field
Carmelite House
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London EC44 OJA
Dear Sir:
I have just seen an article by Mr. Andrew Allen in The Field of 2 March, 1985. I'd be grateful if you could pass this letter to Mr. Allen.

The article reports on (but does not identify) some British research which provides remarkable corroboration of ideas in a book of mine (What The Trout Said, Knopf, 1982). Mr. Allen's last paragraph, for example, reports that "except in bright light, colour is less important than shape, and shape less important than the pattern's movement." In my book, I had opined that trout respond to the following four features of flies, in this order: behavior, size, shape, and color. This is very different from the traditional view, which classifies artificial flies by color above all. I did not imagine that it would be possible to get the trout's opinion by planting microelectrodes in his brain, as Mr. Allen reports.

Mr. Allen also reports that trout have in the retinas of their eyes four types of brain cells -- which is perhaps even more startling. I have checked with an American specialist who has been unable to locate the research Mr. Allen mentions. Perhaps it has not yet been published. I'd like very much to get it -- especially since it agrees with me on at least one important point. I always have a high regard for scientists who agree with me.

Perhaps Mr. Allen could give me a citation and let me know how I can get a copy of the research paper?

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,


