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Chris Hunter Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks 1420 E. 6th Ave. Helena, MT 59620

Dear Mr. Hunter:

I am writing to you today to report my activities in 1995 associated with my Scientific Collector's Permit #1405.

We made two collections in 1995. The first was a collection made on the Coalstrip ponds on July 29th. This collection was made by hook and line. The following fishes were collected.

<u>Species</u>		Quantity	<u>Size</u>
Micropterus salmoides	Largemouth Bass	2	8"-9"
Lepomis macrochirus	Bluegill	4	3-8", 1-4"
Esox lucius	Northern Pike	1	15"

The fishes were transferred live to Livingston and placed on display at the Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF) Conservation and Education Center (CEC). The E. lucius died unexpectedly on about September 30. The carcass was disposed of through incineration. One M. salmoides was eaten by the E. lucius on September 15th. The remaining fishes are still on display at the CEC.

The second collection was made on Len's Lake in Park County on September 18th. This collection was made by minnow trap set on the 16th. The only species collected was Eucalia inconstans, the Brook Stickleback. We collected about 10 of these and transported them to the CEC where they were put on display. Most of these fishes were eaten by larger tankmates. There were two deaths due to unknown causes (probably starvation). The carcasses of these fishes were incinerated.

I hope this will satisfy the reporting requirements for my permit. Please contact me if you require any additional information.

Sincerely,

Bob Wiltshire

Director Conservation and Education Center

