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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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COMMISSIONERS ON FISHERIES AND GAME,  
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON, Jan. 20, 1909.

HON. JOSEPH WALKER, *Speaker of the House of Representatives, State  
House, Boston, Mass.*

DEAR SIR:— I have the honor to transmit herewith report  
of the Commission on Fisheries and Game, in compliance  
with chapter 35, Resolves of 1908.

Respectfully yours,

G. W. FIELD,  
*Chairman.*

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*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives.*

The Commissioners on Fisheries and Game have the honor to present herewith this report, in compliance with chapter 35, Resolves of 1908:—

*Resolved*, That the commissioners on fisheries and game are hereby directed to investigate and determine whether it would be practicable and advisable to connect Niles pond, so-called, otherwise known as Ocean pond, near Brace's cove, in that part of Gloucester known as Eastern Point, with Gloucester harbor or the sea by means of a fishway so that fish, and especially alewives, might pass between the ocean and the said pond. The commissioners shall make their report to the next general court not later than January fifth, nineteen hundred and nine, and if they advise the construction of such a fishway they shall state the probable expense of constructing the same.

The commissioners have visited Niles Pond in that part of Gloucester known as Eastern Point, and find that the area of the pond is about 35 acres; that the pond has a very restricted watershed. The water over a large part is shallow. The pond has no outlet except during a small part of the year, when the overflow runs into the harbor. If a fishway carrying water sufficient to allow fish to pass between the ocean and the said pond were to be established connecting the pond with the sea or harbor, the water of the pond would be drawn so low that in our opinion a public nuisance might be created, thereby resulting in a condition prejudicial to the large number of summer cottagers in the immediate vicinity of the pond. The commissioners, after a thorough

investigation, conclude that it is neither practicable nor advisable to establish a fishway connecting Niles Pond with the ocean or with Gloucester harbor.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. FIELD,  
*Chairman.*

