



9 March 1999

Alabama Department of Environmental Management
Attn: Mr. Jim Warr
175 1/2 Congressman W.L. Dickinson Drive
Montgomery, AL 36109-2608

Dear Mr. Warr:

I was asked by Mr. Ed Donaldson and friends of Terrapin Creek to come up to Piedmont, AL and perform an ichthyological survey of selected portions of Terrapin Creek.

Several fish collections were made in the Fall of 1998 in Terrapin Creek. The following fish species were collected:

Centrarchidae

Lepomis macrochirus
Lepomis megalotis
Micropterus coosae
Micropterus punctulatus

Cyprinidae

Cyprinella venusta
Cyprinella trichroistia
Notropis xaenocephalus
Phenacobtus catostomus
Campostoma anomalum
Semotilus atromaculatus

Percidae

Percina nigrofasciata
Percina palmaris
Etheostoma stigmaeum
Etheostoma coosae
Etheostoma jordani

Moronidae

Morone saxatilis

Catostomidae

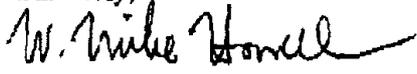
Hypentelium etowanum

While we did not encounter any endangered fish species, Terrapin Creek, in our opinion is one of the cleanest, most pristine creeks remaining in Alabama. While we only collected on two days, undoubtedly other collections would have yielded a species list three times as long as above.

We collected more minnows in Terrapin Creek per seine haul than I have ever collected in any stream in my thirty years of ichthyological sampling in this state. This creek is obviously an

environmental jewel in Alabama's crown and needs **to be** protected from any *kind of* **environmental** degradation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "W. Mike Howell". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

W. Mike Howell, Ph.D.
Professor of Biology