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Mr. George Selcke
Hugh C. Becker Foundation
6311 Stellar Circle
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Dear Mr. Selcke,

The New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, Fisheries Management Division, would like to thank you and the Hugh C. Becker Foundation for supporting our tiger muskie program by providing funding to purchase live feed in 2010. In cooperation with Chapter #59 of New Mexico Muskies Incorporated, fathead minnows were purchased and utilized to rear tiger muskie from fry to fingerling size at our Rock Lake State Fish Hatchery in Santa Rosa, New Mexico. The 2010 year class of tiger muskie reared on the live minnows experienced improved growth and survival thus enhancing a unique sport fishery while contributing to biological control of rough fish populations in two New Mexico reservoirs.

We look forward to continuing our partnership with New Mexico Muskies Incorporated and the Hugh C. Becker Foundation when future opportunities arise for supporting the tiger muskie program in New Mexico.

Sincerely,

Michael B. Sloane
Chief, Fisheries Management Division

Cc Matt Pelletier, President, New Mexico Muskies Incorporated