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Dr. Geist,

Enclosed is a modified version of our manuscript (ID UJFM-2017-0008) entitled “Age, year-class strength variability, and partial age validation of *Coregonus kiyi* from Lake Superior.” The manuscript was modified based on suggestions by your Associate Editor. We also included short responses to the Associate Editor’s comments as we did not follow his/her exact comments in one place and responding to two other comments required minor edits to the manuscript. While you did not ask for detailed responses to the comments, we wanted to highlight those changes for you to expedite your review of the modified manuscript.

**Thank you for your continued consideration of our manuscript. We look forward to your response regarding the suitability of the revised manuscript for publication as a management brief in the *North American Journal of Fisheries Management*. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns related to the manuscript or our responses to the reviewer’s suggestions.**

**Respectfully,**

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