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Dear Editor,

I am pleased to submit the original manuscript “An Algorithm for the von Bertalanffy Seasonal Cessation in Growth Function of Pauly et al. (1992)” as a Technical Note to *Fisheries Research*. This manuscript provides an algorithm that makes the growth function of Pauly et al. (1992) available to all fisheries scientists with software that performs simple nonlinear modelling. Pauly et al. (1992) originally provided closed-source software to perform these analyses, but that software (and its source code) is no longer available. Scientists that have tested my algorithm have found it useful to understanding their study species. My hope is that now that the growth function of Pauly et al. (1992) is available to more scientists that it will be considered in more situations, that the growth function will be rigorously tested against other seasonal growth functions, and that this increased use will increase our understanding of the seasonal growth of fishes.

I do not have any conflicts of interest or financial or material benefit interests related to the publication of this manuscript. I have followed the Guide to Authors and Submission Checklist found on your website.

**Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to your response about the suitability of this note for publication in *Fisheries Research*. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns related to this manuscript.**

**Respectfully,**

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