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DECLARATION OF BRUCE H. MULLER

Bruce H. Muller declares as follows:

1. My name is Bruce H. Muller. I reside at 2002 Oak Bend Lane, Garland, TX 75040. I am 36 years old, and an avid bass fisherman. I fish on a "semi-pro" basis, meaning that I fish tournaments where the payouts are in goods and cash. I have fished Bass Champs, Inc. team tournaments and Media Bass individual tournaments.

2. The inventor Al Seidler and I belong to the same fishing club known as Rodcrafters Bass Club. I have fished with Mr. Seidler on numerous occasions in club tournaments.

3. I am familiar with the Vibrating Fishing Pole which is the subject of the above-referenced patent application. I have used an example of Mr. Seidler's Vibrating Fishing Pole three times, and fished in the same boat with Mr. Seidler on three or four different occasions

when he was using an example of his Vibrating Fishing Pole.

4. As an expert, experienced bass fisherman, I was leery and skeptical that the Vibrating Fishing Pole would catch fish any differently than a conventional non-vibrating fishing pole. I was proved wrong, however, as the Vibrating Fishing Pole proved to be devastatingly effective in catching bass in situations where ordinary fishing rods were ineffective. For example, one time Mr. Seidler and I were fishing for black bass on their spawning beds. In this situation, the fish are spawning in shallow water where they are visible to fishermen from their boat. Both Al and I were casting soft plastic lures at the fish, but the fish were ignoring them. Then Mr. Seidler activated his vibrating pole, while I continued to use the same bait for the same fish with my conventional pole. The fish continued to totally disregard my bait, but attacked Mr. Seidler's bait while using the vibrating pole. I believe that fish sense the vibrations, as it is known that fish use their lateral lines to sense the vibrations naturally caused by their prey.

5. Bass fishing is an incredibly popular and competitive pastime, hobby and sport. There has always been a consistent, long-felt need for better, more effective fishing tackle, which Mr. Seidler's Vibrating Fishing Pole satisfies. As I stated earlier, even though I am an experienced fisherman, I was skeptical, and the Vibrating Fishing Pole created unexpected results.

6. I hereby declare that all statements made herein are true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States