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ITS WORTH A TRIAL

By Charles V. Stanton

Will closure of coastal rivers to net fishing, as proposed in an initiated measure coming before Oregon voters at the November election, injure or benefit the commercial fishing industry?

The commercial fishery interests have long been claiming ruin should nets be banned.

Those of us who have contended in past years that closure was an essential conservation measure have lacked proof that the industry would not be damaged. We have had to content ourselves with "think so" arguments.

No longer, however, is that type of argument necessary. We believe we have adequate proof that the commercial fishery, long in a state of decline, can be successfully rebuilt and made a more potent part of our economy through closure of the coastal streams.

Naturally, closure is an experiment. However it is an experiment well worth trying, when we take a look at how our fishery resource has gone downhill in the last few years.

But any experiment should have a "control"—a basis for comparison. We now have such a "control" factor in the Rogue and Umpqua Rivers from which to determine what contribution closed rivers can make to the commercial fishery.

Statistics Show Gains

It must be kept in mind, of course, that closure will make some changes. A comparatively few gillnetters—167 on last year's count—will no longer be able to avail themselves of profits from part-time fishing. On the other hand, offshore trollers, most of whom depend upon fishing for a livelihood, will be materially benefitted, if we are to believe the evidence at hand.

Statistics now available from scientific studies prove that large gains can be made for the offshore commercial fishery, while simultaneously rehabilitating the resource.

Let's take a look at the 64th annual report of the Washington Department of Fisheries.

In that recent report it was stated that "Umpqua-reared hatchery fish contributed 203 of the 236 marked chinooks" recovered in samples taken from March 15 through October 15, 1954 offshore from Westport, La Push, Neah Bay and Seattle. Keep in mind that these were hatchery marked fish.

We know from Game Commission counts made at Winchester Dam that hatchery fish constitute approximately one-fourth of the total migration in the Umpqua. Thus wild fish produced in the Umpqua have a ratio of three to one over hatchery fish. It may be safely assumed, I believe, that if 203 hatchery fish from the Umpqua were taken by the fishery off the Washington coast, then there must have been around 600 wild fish, or a total of approximately 800.

As Umpqua fish also are taken off the coast of Oregon and California in greater numbers than off the Washington coast, and we even had a record recently of one caught off the coast of Alaska, the Umpqua River, which is showing a remarkable gain in migrations to spawning beds, also is supplying a good many spring chinooks to the commercial fishery.

Rogue Figures Imposing

Catch records show that the offshore troll takes approximately 50 per cent of the fish production of our coastal streams.

In the last four years before closure, the average commercial catch of fall chinook salmon in the Rogue River was 4,419 fish. Assuming that half the catch was taken by the offshore troll, the population of fall chinooks produced by the Rogue was around 10,000. In 1952 the count of fall chinook salmon in the Rogue River was 26,831. If the ocean troll took half the fish, as would be indicated by catch records, the commercial fishery got as many fish as entered the river, or 26,831, instead of the 5,000 taken annually prior to river closure.

The Umpqua River, at time of closure, had a count of 2,500 spring chinooks, which, if half were taken in the ocean, gave a population of 5,000. This year's migration of spring chinooks is approaching 8,000 over the counting board, which means a population of 16,000, of which the offshore troll is getting half, or 8,000, instead of 2,500.

If all the coastal streams of Oregon could be made to provide like contribution to the industry, at the same time improving counts in the rivers, as has proven true on the Rogue and Umpqua, do we have any reason to fear the effect of closure on our economy?

Poll Shows Washington Democrats Favor Stevenson

By LEROY HTLE

OLYMPIA, W.—A new poll completed Tuesday showed most of the Washington delegates to the Democratic National Convention still favor Adlai Stevenson as the party's candidate for president.

Gov. Averell Harriman of New York has made inroads into Stevenson's lead during the past month, but the former governor of Illinois was still out in front as the 32 delegates prepared to take off for Chicago.

The Associated Press poll showed 25 delegates for Stevenson, 8 for Harriman, 1 for Stuart Symington (D-Mo.) and 8 undecided.

Each delegate was half a vote at the national convention. An earlier poll taken at the Democratic State Convention in Tacoma June 30 showed 41 delegates for Stevenson, 4 for Harriman, 3 for Estes Kefauver, 1 for Symington and 3 undecided.

STUDENT WORKSHOP

CORVALLIS, W.—The second annual student council workshop, for high school student body officers, will be held on the Oregon State College campus Aug. 12-17. About 150 high school student body leaders are expected.

Hal Boyle

NEW YORK (AP)—Keep yourself mentally healthy. You owe it to your parakeet.

"If you become neurotic, the pets in your home may become neurotic, too," said Rene Gaspard.

Gaspard, owner of the Midtown Pet Center, is a specialist in the emotional woes of our little feathered friends.

Although he deals in animals ranging from \$3 turtles to \$1,200 cheetahs ("just the thing to show off your new sports car"), the dapper, middle-aged Frenchman likes to call himself a "bird psychologist."

This is a title you earn, he said, not by going to college, but by lifelong study of the habits and yearnings of birds.

He has provided pets—or boarded the pets—of such well known clients as Skitch Henderson, Faye Emerson, Ernie Kovacs and Arthur Godfrey, who has two mynah birds.

"People in the entertainment world usually are extraordinarily kind to their pets," he remarked. "They feel nothing is too good for them."

However, he recalled the case of one comedian who liked to tour the bars at night with his pet monkey. The monkey soon began to share his taste for whisky.

"The combination of liquor and late hours killed the monkey," said Gaspard. "But the comedian is still making the rounds—alone."

Birds, he insisted, can have a form of nervous breakdown, just like people. Too many crowded cocktail parties, for example, will upset a canary and cause him to come down with sinus trouble, a psychosomatic escape.

One of his current patients, a talking crow named "Ole," had been used as a photographic model for a beverage concern. He also had appeared on TV, where he spoke a cheery "Hello."

After a photographer held him too tightly while posing him for a picture, "Ole" became so fright-

ened his head feathers fell out, he became bald, and clammed up completely.

Now, following several sessions on the psychiatric perch with Gaspard, "Ole" has begun talking again, but instead of saying "Hello" he mutters "What For?" and "Oh, Yeah."

"Kindness is essential in dealing with birds," said Gaspard. "A small canary needs affection as much as a Great Dane. You can't force birds to talk or sing. They will do it only when they are happy and carefree."

"A bird is as temperamental as a child. It will perform only what it wants to do."

Here are a few more things Gaspard has learned:

"Women can teach a parakeet to talk much better than men can. It is because their voices are higher, more like those of birds."

"Birds learn words easier than have the letter 'R' in them. It is probably easier for them to learn German, French or Hungarian than it is English."

"The best time to teach a bird is just before he goes to bed. Then he will study in his sleep."

"Don't just teach your bird nonsense phrases. Make him learn his name and address. I know of one parakeet that became lost and was returned home safely because he was able to give his telephone number to the person who found him."

"How much can a mynah bird learn? A smart one can learn 110 words fairly easily."

How does he do it. Simple. It's a triumph of mynah over matter.

Reader Opinions

In The Day's News

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ed amiably, with everybody feeling happy about it.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could conduct our international dealings on the same basis?

That reminds me of an incident related recently by a friend.

He was getting into his car to go back to work after lunch when another car drove up alongside and the driver said: "Could you direct me to California street? I'm lost."

The friend who was telling the story grinned and said to the stranger: "That is clear on the other side of town and I'm afraid you'd get worse lost if I tried to direct you. Just follow me and I'll show you there."

When they got to the desired street, the visitor thanked him warmly. "I travel around quite a lot," he said, "and this is just about the nicest thing that ever happened to me. This must be a splendid town to live in."

That prompts a question: What makes towns good towns to live in?

The answer is easy. Just plain, simple COURTESY. ANY town where everybody is courteous and helpful to others is a WONDERFUL town to live in.

Board Of Contol Announces Plans For Reformatory

SALEM, W.—The state Board of Control approved preliminary plans Tuesday for construction of the first half of the five million dollar state reformatory to be built on state hospital property east of Salem.

The board has 2 1/2 million dollars available for construction, and will ask the Legislature for a similar amount to complete it.

In the meantime, construction will start on the first half, which will house 200 inmates. Eventually, it will contain 600 inmates, 1/2 of whom will be youthful offenders.

J. D. Annand, architect who prepared the preliminary plans, said the first inmates would be admitted in January, 1959.

The board decided to heat the institution with oil, but to have natural gas and wood waste for standby use.

The building was originally scheduled to be located near St. Paul, but the Air Force is taking that over as part of its new air-base site, so the preliminary plans had to be changed.

The board awarded a \$4,564 contract to T. J. Patzer, Salem, for construction of a fire escape on the Supreme Court building.

It also decided to ask the Legislature for funds to redecorate the interior of the capitol dome, which hasn't been painted since the building was opened in 1938.

Attorney Ordered To Give Information On Co-op

PORTLAND, W.—Attorney Glenn Jack was ordered by Federal Judge Claude McCulloch Tuesday to give information about the Mount Hood Hardboard and Plywood Co-operative to the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The SEC has been investigating the co-op for some time. The agency had filed a court petition to compel Jack, a former attorney for the co-op, to name the person that he said was "ready and able to fulfill the financing obligations (of the co-op) under certain conditions."

Jack contended that the information was given him in confidence as a lawyer for the co-op but he agreed to the court hearing on the matter.

The co-op, now under a new administration, came under SEC scrutiny because of its sales of \$1,000 memberships.

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