

'Salmon Unlimited' New Movement In Fishery Resource Conservation

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A new approach to the challenge of getting the West Coast's salmon runs back to the "way they used to be" was taken this month in Washington state. It's hoped the approach moves up fast in Oregon, California, British Columbia and Alaska.

The plan is called "Salmon Unlimited" and there's no attempt to hide the fact it's patterned after the highly successful "Ducks Unlimited."

The Salmon Unlimited plan is simple — develop new rearing

areas for salmon and raise more brood stock. Organizers of SU have set up the production end of the salmon cycle and not the harvest end. Thus, there are no conflicts of interests. Every one would like to see more salmon go down to the sea.

President of the new group is Jack Peters, a good looking gent from Tacoma who says, "We feel that if we use the natural facilities available in the area, we can bring back the runs of salmon the way they use to be."

Fights Mar Picture

Peters explains the whole picture of salmon is one shadowed by hickering, fighting and sniping; purse seining against gillnetting; public versus private power advocates; commercial fishermen against sports anglers.

"Our hope," says Peters, "is to bring all of these groups in to Salmon Unlimited. We will be working toward the end where major industries and our salmon can exist side by side."

The group is planning to bypass one of the biggest stumbling blocks in the salmon comeback fight — upriver spawning. Instead, the emphasis will be on rearing areas near the lower reaches of coast streams, which have been blocked off by power dams. Thus, in theory at least, two of the combatants in the past salmon hassle, the power people, both public and private, should be out of the picture. The salmon group will push for development of salmon rearing areas in sloughs and lakes which up to now have been useless for fish raising.

State Program Basis

Peters says the fish farming pro-

gram of Washington State Fisheries Director Milo Moore will be heavily relied upon.

Right now, Moore and his crews have 20 sites in the state under development for salmon fish farms.

Just how SU will get its money to operate is still being developed, but organizers believe most of the cash will come from sportsmen and power firms.

Peter says one of the first steps will be a meeting with Gov. Albert Rosellini of Washington. He's expected to call in representatives of the state's major industries to explain just what Salmon Unlimited is trying to do.

The program of fish farming proposed by Moore calls for young salmon to be reared in the controlled ponds developed in lakes, streams and tips of salt water bays.

Fertilizer In Plans

The young salmon would be fed and fertilizer added to the water to encourage growth of minute plant and animal life (plankton), the basic food for fish life growth.

Moore has said there are at least 50 good spots in the Puget sound area of Washington state alone for fish farms. "We're 50 years behind Europe," said Moore, "in the art of fish farming."

Moore once mentioned the development of the McAllister Slough on the Nisqually River, which could be developed to produce as much salmon fishing for Puget Sound as the famous Deschutes River, for only \$100,000. Moore said without the Deschutes, the salmon fishing in Puget Sound would be cut nearly in half.

state is in the salmon business, go over to these figures:

More than 56 million salmon and steelhead were released into Washington waters last year by the department of fisheries from 19 hatcheries.

It was the biggest plant in the state's history and was greater, according to Moore, than the combined plant of Oregon and California.

The Fish and Wildlife Service planted another 47 1/2 million salmon in the state. Moore said the combined federal state plant saw Washington waters receive more salmon than all of the rest of the nation and Alaska combined.

Oregon State, Montana Top Round Robin Event

LEWISTON, Idaho — Montana and Oregon State came through the three-day round robin in college baseball tournament here with two wins and one defeat each last week while Idaho and Washington State College each had 1-2 records.

Oregon State handed Montana its lone defeat Saturday, 16-3. Washington State recorded its lone victory Saturday, defeating Idaho, 8-3.

Fort Worth Tops Bevos

BRAWLEY, Calif. — The Portland Beavers try Monday to even the score against the Fort Worth Cats in another spring training baseball game.

The Cats, a class AA farm club of the Chicago Cubs, downed the Beavers, a class AAA Cubs' farm, 10-4, Sunday.

Tribe's Vic Wertz Breaks Ankle, Out For Nine Weeks

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The injury jinx still is dogging the Cleveland Indians. It has cut down Veteran Vic Wertz, the one solid man in Manager Bobby Bragan's infield.

The 33-year-old first baseman, who belted polo for a loop in 1953 and was voted the AP's Comeback of the Year award in '56, suffered a fractured ankle yesterday. He will be lost for at least nine weeks.

The injury came as Wertz slid into second base in the third inning of a 12-10 exhibition defeat by the San Francisco Giants at Tucson, Ariz. His spikes caught in the dirt.

Wertz was figured to join outfielders Minnie Minoso and Rocky Colavito for the Tribe's RBI and power hope. Vic led the club with 28 homers last season and had 105 RBIs, second in the league.

With Wertz out, the Indians are expected to recall Joe Altobelli, sent back to the minors just last week, while getting as many games as they can from Mickey Vernon, the 39-year-old first baseman collected from the Boston Red Sox for the waiver price last January.

Altobelli batted a mere .207 in 83 games with the Indians last year. Vernon played in 102 games with the Red Sox, batting .241.

Pitcher Cal McLish was tagged but good as the Giants came from behind with four runs in the ninth yesterday. Rookie Orlando Cepeda's second home run of the game, with two on, made it 11-10 and Bobby Thomson then hit the Giants' fifth home run of the day.

Rookie Willie Kirkland, Ray Jablonski and Cepeda connected for consecutive home runs off starter Dick Brodowski for a short-lived 7-3 lead in the fifth. Curt Barclay was the winner.

Only one other exhibition game was played. The Chicago Cubs defeated Baltimore 2-1 in 12 innings on Ken Lehman's bases-loaded

Nichols, pitching perfect ball in his 2-3 innings, was the winner. Long also drove in the other Cub run, smacking a first-inning double off Connie Johnson.

Duck Trackmen Tip Fresno State Team

EUGENE, Ore. — Oregon scored a narrow 66-65 track meet victory over Fresno State here Saturday. Distance runner Jim Grelle's victories in the 800-yard run and the mile gave Oregon the meet.

Fresno State captured eight first places to Oregon's seven, but the Ducks picked up the winning margin with a narrow point edge for lower finishes.

Grelle won the 800 in 1:55.4 and the mile in 4:19.5. The only other double winner was Ancil Robinson of Fresno State in the hurdles. He won the low hurdles in :25.8 and the high in :14.7.

National AAU Cagers To Travel To Russia

DENVER — Twelve of the outstanding performers in the National AAU Basketball Tournament will travel to Russia and compete against the Soviet Union's championship team starting April 24.

The U.S. All-Stars, picked Sunday after Peoria won the title in a 74-71 thriller over Denver, will play a six-game series throughout Russia, the first contest in Moscow.

Bartlesville, Okla., a nine-time AAU titlist, won the consolation crown by trouncing Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., 93-66.

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Oregon Stater 4th In NCAA Wrestling

LARAMIE, Wyo. — John Dustin of Oregon State College won fourth place in the 177-pound class in the NCAA wrestling tournament.

Dustin took the fourth place in a 6-0 loss to Frank Powell of Iowa State in the division's consolation finals. Powell's victory was worth third place.

Dustin finished the highest of the five entries from OSC and the University of Oregon.

NBA PLAYOFF

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS (Sunday's Result)

Boston 136, St. Louis 112 (best-of-7 final series tied 1-1)

(Saturday's Result)

St. Louis 104, Boston 102

As the tourney ended Saturday night, the other wrestlers all lost quarter-final or semi-final consolation matches.

In the 123-pound division, Joel Neuschwander of OSC was defeated 5-0 by Don Bernard of Iowa State. And at 147 pounds, Jack Anderson of Mankato, Minn., defeated Oregon's Jay Earl Dearing, 10-0.

Jim Beaton of Oregon, competing in the 157-pound bracket, was edged 4-2 by William Baggett of Illinois.

George Krupicka of Oregon won two consolation matches in the 167-pound class and then dropped a 1-0 overtime match to Roy Minter of Mankato in the semi-final match.

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