

Diamond Lake's Special Fishing Rules In Effect

Diamond Lake, one of the more popular fishing spots in the state scheduled to open Saturday, will have special regulations and closures in effect for the 1963 season.

The lake will be open to Oct. 31, except those portions within a radius of 450 feet of the mouths of Silent and Short Creeks and to within 1,000 feet of the outlet. The portion within 1,000 feet of the outlet will be open July 1 to Oct. 31.

Diamond Lake is closed to operation of motor boats at a speed in excess of 10 miles per hour during the hours and days lawful to fish.

All tributaries to the lake are closed to angling. Lake Creek, the outlet of Diamond Lake, is closed to angling downstream to the Forest Service Summer Home Road.

Daily limit at Diamond Lake is 10 fish with not more than five over 12 inches. Bag limit for seven days or in possession is 20 fish with not more than 10 over 12 inches.

Artificial lures or bait may be used at Diamond Lake as long as the use of bait does not include living, dead or preserved fish, or parts thereof.

In addition to the fishing, Diamond Lake area provides excellent opportunities for camping, hiking and horseback riding. Diamond Lake Lodge has overnight facilities available, and Forest Service campgrounds are provided for overnight camping at a minimum charge.

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SWIFT, GRACEFUL, but still rugged and dependable is the new Coast Guard lifeboat just put into operation to be ready for the influx of fishermen to Salmon Harbor. She has just joined the small fleet of life saving craft of the Umpqua River unit at Winchester Bay.

'Fishing The Fronts' Provides Full Creels For Outdoorsmen Braving The Elements

There are those who do not mind fishing in the rain. They figure the sloppy stuff is good for the rhubarb so it must not hurt a fisherman, but unfortunately this is a far from universal feeling.

And it's too bad. Because "fishing the fronts," as it is called, is one of the most successful ways of filling a stringer.

Immediately before a rain fish seem to go on a feeding spree that usually continues until just after the rain has begun, then stops. And the fisherman who has enough intestinal fortitude to stick with it even though he is getting soaked will usually be blessed by fortune.

Pan fish, particularly, seem overjoyed at the prospect of a rain or a storm to come, and hit as if food were going to be prohibited. It's not at all unusual to see a fisherman sit for hours, fishing a spot just of a weed bed that should be teeming with bluegills, and draw a great big zero.

Then a cloud will begin to build on the horizon, to get bigger and more ominous by the minute, until it is touch-and-go to see which will win — the clouds or the sun. It is usually at about this time that fish seem to get the hint and go on the prowl for food.

And it is in those fast and furious minutes that an experienced fisherman will fill his stringer. He knows that time is of the essence and he will act accordingly, sometimes flipping his fish off the hook and into the bottom of the boat in a tearing hurry to get the bait or lure back into the water. When the rains come and the fish quit, then fire up the outboard and head for the lodge — not before!

It gets you wet, but it also gets you fish.

SIUSLAW TO BE CLEARED

The Siuslaw River system became the scene recently of another big stream clearance project. Partial survey showed that there are at least 26 log jams located on 40 miles of the upper tributaries interfering with the migrations of anadromous fish. The rehabilitation program is estimated to cost around \$30,000 of which the Game Commission will provide 60 percent. The remainder will be contributed by other cooperating public and private agencies.

Umpqua River Coast Guard Patrol Puts 44-Foot Lifeboat In Service

Built for go — not show — but with plenty of both in her lines and power is the new CG 44303, the 44-foot lifeboat which has joined the Umpqua River Lifeboat Coast Guard unit patrol.

Elmer Stevens, CBM, commanding officer of the unit, Leonard Cheevers, En.L.C. and James Flynn,

seaman, brought the new craft from Seattle, testing her power, endurance and ability to take it on the way down to the moorage at Salmon Harbor, Winchester Bay.

Also added to the life saving equipment of the unit, which now has 17 of its normal 20-man complement, are 14 wet suits of Neoprene and rubber, which will replace the bulky and cumbersome life jackets on emergency rescue operations.

The new 44-footer, joining the 40-foot patrol boat and 36-foot motorized lifeboat of the crash-boat type already on duty, just about doubles the top speed of the previously speediest craft at the service of the hard-pressed Umpqua life saving unit.

She can make nearly 16 knots, while the 40 footer is capable of a speed of only eight knots. What that means to victims of a capsized fishing boat on the Umpqua bar can be life or death.

Under the command of Chief Stevens, the CG 44303 this month demonstrated her skill, her grace, her maneuverability as she executed maneuvers for members of the press and for the benefit of the Coast Guardsmen who will depend on her to get there . . . on time.

Power steering gives her an ease and speed of maneuver.

She is powered with two Cummins Diesel motors, each with 170 horsepower for a total of 340 horsepower. She is equipped with Radar, radio direction finder, fathometer and hydraulic starting.

The pressure under which the Umpqua Coast Guard unit works is indicated by the fact that 73 assistance calls some of a critical nature, were answered during the last sport fishing season out of Salmon Harbor. Two of the critical calls were fatal — others resulted in lives saved at the point of crisis — too close, in the life-saving schedule of the Coast Guard.

Road Condition Check Advised Before Trip To Mountain Lakes

Oregon anglers are reminded that on Saturday, May 25, the high lakes in the Cascade and Paulina mountains will open to general trout angling. Also opening on that date will be all streams in the coastal zone from St. Helens on the Columbia to the California border. The season will extend through the summer to October 31.

Popular areas opening up for anglers include productive East and Paulina lakes in the Paulina mountains; Diamond Lake in the Umpqua headwaters; South and North Twin lakes, Big Lava, Sparks and Elk lakes, all in the Deschutes basin; Timothy Lake at the head of the Clackamas; and Clear Lake to the east of Mt. Hood.

All of the lakes in the high mountain lake basins will be open to anglers, but undoubtedly many of these will require a trek over trails still covered with snow. Popular and productive lake basins include the Mountain Lakes Wild Area in the Klamath country; the Rogue

headwaters including the Seven lakes basin, the Sky lakes and the Cloud Lake group; the Taylor Burn country to the north of Waldo Lake; the Mink Lake basin with the closest access over trails out of Elk Lake; the Marion lakes in the Mt. Jefferson area; and the Ollalie Lake basin between Mt. Jefferson and Mt. Hood.

Anglers are urged to check on road conditions before heading into the back country. The Ollalie lake road will undoubtedly be closed until about mid-June or thereabouts, and North Century Drive, and the road into Irish and Taylor lakes are seldom open at this early date.

Log Jams Cleared In Tillamook Area

The Tillamook - Clatsop County area will be the scene of some active stream clearance work this spring with the awarding of contracts last month by the Game Commission for the removal of large log jams and debris in the more important salmon and steelhead streams.

Recent major stream clearance projects include the renovation of the North Fork Coquille River in 1961-62 under a 60-40 financing program, the Commission paying 60 per cent of the cost and the rest contributed by Coos County, Coquille Chamber of Commerce, timber companies and others. Giant log jams and debris were taken out.

Last summer work was done on several important tributaries of the Umpqua River and portions of Smith River and its tributaries. Attention was then directed to the Siuslaw drainage last fall and winter. Local cooperation was received for the clearance of these streams also.

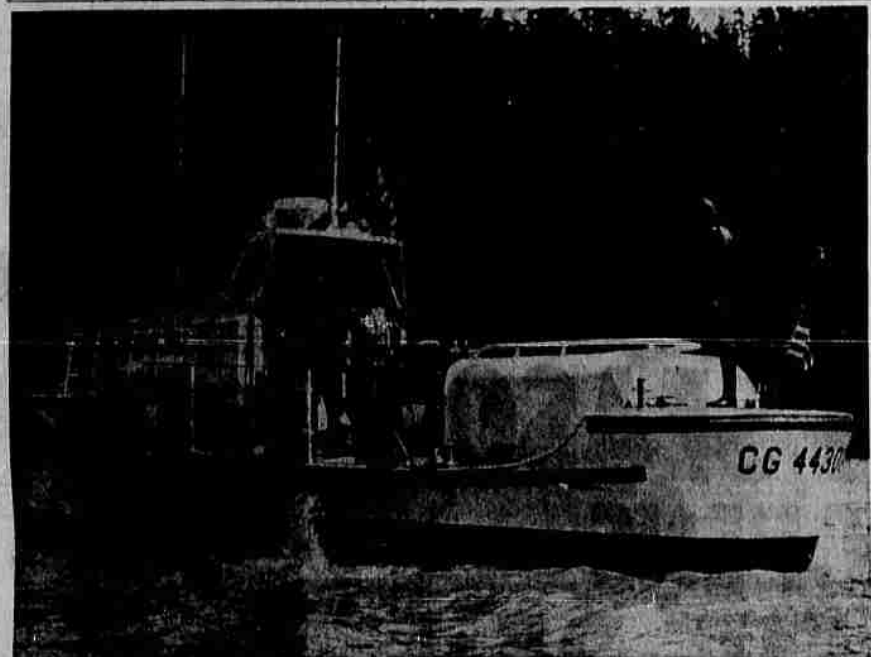
Commission Sets Fish Allocation

Fish allocations approved by the Oregon State Game Commission at its March-April meetings calls for the release of approximately 23,077,800 fish during 1963.

Included in this allocation is 3,561,100 yearlings and 19,416,500 fry and fingerlings.

Bids were accepted for the removal of log jams in Tillamook and Clatsop counties and from the Trask River.

The Roseburg office of the Game Commission is scheduled to be re-modeled. A low bid of \$17,493 was accepted for this project. A bid of \$5,384 was accepted for work on the Rock Creek hatchery refrigeration.



LIVE SAVERS — New standard equipment for the Umpqua River Lifeboat Coast Guard unit are these foam and rubber "wet suits" which replace the bulky and unwieldy life jackets. Here the men demonstrate how they are used from the decks of the new Coast Guard cutter now at Winchester Bay. (News-Review photos by Dawn Pesneau)

Classic Dispute Of Anglers — Bait Or Flies

Of all the controversies that roll like storm squalls back and forth across the fishing scene, the one that has rolled the water the longest is whether or not it is "sporting" to use bait in trout fishing. It will never be settled.

Those who prefer "Garden Hackle" to a Royal Coachman stoutly insist that they are giving the fish what they want.

"Why fight it?" a grizzled Midwestern trout fisherman questioned. "Why try to get a trout to hit a fly when he regularly feeds on bugs and worms he finds in the stream?"

It's a question that is difficult to answer, unless you are born and raised on trout fishing with flies. "Bait," the fly men say with scorn dripping like juice from a stomped-on lemon, "is for children and those not skillful enough with flies to take a trout."

Could it be that both are right? The streams of the West, where bait is most popular, are nearly impossible to fish with flies. They are overhung with trees and brush with only tiny holes in which the trout lie. A typical "trout pool" in one of those streams might be two or three feet across and covered with a tangle of timber.

And it takes real skill to fish them. A worm or a grasshopper is not a magical bait that will automatically kill giant trout. It takes stealth and skill and knowledge and experience and a great deal of luck.

And a fried trout tastes the same, no matter what he's caught on.

Avoid Motor Damage

When boating on shallow and unfamiliar waterways keep both eyes on the water dead ahead and one hand on the throttle.

Fishermen are warned to be alert for underwater obstructions such as submerged logs, stumps and rocks. Steer clear of suspicious looking areas. If you see you are going to run onto something, cut back on the throttle until you have passed the obstacle to avoid damage to the propeller, or even to the motor itself.

DEER RANGE STUDIED

Last month's show-me trip to the Silver Lake deer winter range was participated in by approximately 200 sportsmen from different parts of the state. Adverse weather hampered travel in the area but visits to three key sites were managed. Commission personnel explained the purpose of the Silver Lake deer research study—how counts are made, how winter mortality is determined, deer migrations, effects of hunting on a deer herd, and what food deer must have to survive the rigors of winter.

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