

Energy rep sees hydropower as answer

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A regional energy representative said Tuesday that 83 permits for small-scale hydropower generators on file with Bonneville Power Administration may be the answer to Oregon's midwinter energy deficit.

Speaking at an Earth Week symposium, Margeret Lambie said part of the recently-approved Northwest power bill provides funding for development of these kinds of renewable energy resources.

In Oregon, "small-scale hydropower plants are definitely the frontrunners," in the race for renewable energy sources, she said.

Under the Northwest power bill, the BPA was granted the authority to fund "demonstration projects" to assist Oregonians with streams on their property in building small hydroelectric generators. The successful ones generated enough power to run their homes and businesses, she said, while

some even sold surplus electricity to local utilities.

"There are quite a lot of sites in the state that can be developed that are really quite small," Lambie said.

"An awful lot" of excess power could be generated from these small sites, she said. The extra electricity would "contribute a significant amount," to Oregon's total energy supply.

Oregon's energy deficit currently runs about 3,000 megawatts during the winter when home heating causes the highest energy demand. The 83 permits filed with the BPA represent a potential of about 1,000 extra megawatts if the electricity was channeled into BPA's energy grid.

However, that figure is bound to rise according to Lambie, as BPA administrators have been "snowed under" by applications for more small site developments.

The BPA currently is trying to develop a simpler application process to handle the influx of

requests for permits, Lambie said.

"We're used to dealing with projects that concern thousands of megawatts," she said. "We don't have any experience with small ones."

Hydroelectric power sources became the center of attention and controversy in Oregon last year following the publication of the Army Corps of Engineers' "National Hydropower Study." The study identified 186 sites along Oregon rivers as potential power generating sources. Of these, 144 called for the construction of new dams.

Lambie said several of the

permits filed with the BPA named sites the study identified.

The Corps' study brought out the wrath of environmental groups, statewide and locally. Fearful of possible environmental damage caused by damming previously untouched rivers, they have requested stricter limitations on sites with hydropower potential.

Lambie acknowledged the controversy when she stated, "water resources belong to everybody. If you like to raft and canoe, you see the development of dams as a real threat."

"Others, who are concerned about energy shortages, see

you as a threat.

"What we have to do is maintain some respect and make compromises," she said.

Lambie said the "biggest single issue" involved with hydropower and dam development is fish.

Studies have proven that as dams were developed in the Northwest, the fish population declined noticeably, she said. But she questioned the validity of the studies because she said fish populations were declining at the same time in areas of Alaska and British Columbia where there was no dam development.

CPPS offers computer bank to help job-hunting students

The Career Planning and Placement Service is trying to make finding a job easier for graduates.

This term, in addition to offering interviewing services and the "Afternoon on the Job" program, the CPPS will be providing information to pro-

spective employers through a data bank called the Placement Register.

Students interested in being included in the register must complete an information sheet and demonstrate that they have an effective resume and cover letter.

CPPS will contact more than 120 employers to let them know about students who are interested in working in any of 13 different areas, says director Larry Smith.

Bumper crops hit local stores

By CAROLYN RAMSEY
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The A's have it as far as fresh produce goes. The asparagus, artichoke and avocado all abound at local produce markets.

Eugene now is enjoying the fruit of an avocado bumper crop in California this spring. Dan Scott, from Berry's Produce at 28th Avenue and Friendly Street, says he thinks that crop is nearing an end because the market price has gone up again.

Artichokes, though, with their delectable hearts, still are cheap and plentiful right now. It's the time for all artichoke lovers to eat their hearts out literally.

Asparagus lovers still have to pay a price for their passion, but at least these vegetables are available. Prices have been decreasing steadily since asparagus became available in January, Scott says, but the vegetables still wear a price tag worthy of their taste.

Scott says he can't wait until juicy Oregon tomatoes come into season. Round, red, water-grown tomatoes should be available within the next six weeks, he says.

Scott says most of the produce his market

gets is from California.

"California is the produce capital," he says. Strawberries come to Eugene from California also, instead of making the long jaunt from Mexico. These berries are so plentiful that they have even been on sale at Safeway and other Eugene grocery chains.

But the Greengrocer, downstairs at the Fifth Street Public Market, produces locally grown mushrooms at a price that beats many local chain supermarkets. Karen Murray, of the Greengrocer shop, says the market gets its lettuce from local growers also.

Lettuce, she says, maintains a steady price throughout the year because it can be grown indoors. During the summer, though, the cost goes down along with most other fruit and vegetables.

The Greengrocer also displays some unusual produce — rhubarb and kiwi fruit rest on their racks. The red stalks of the rhubarb are now seasonable, Murray says.

Apples and oranges still are plentiful although they are not really in season. Apple prices roll along evenly because they can be grown in a controlled atmosphere, Scott says.

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