ACROSS

1 Get up 6 Carpet

10 Periods

14 Thick soup 15 Look like

16 Name for

destruction 20 Start of

capital

21 Jungle

23 Lauder 24 Short life

stories 25 Word on

17 Go in

computation

New rules limit time, number of Chinook anglers can reel in on the Rogue River

By MEDFORD 'MAIL TRIBUNE'

Rogue River anglers will have to release some of the wild spring Chinook salmon they catch, and be off the far upper stretch of water by 7 p.m. beginning next season under new rules set on Friday, Aug. 8.

The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission adopted these and other changes to sport-fishing rules while meeting in Astoria.

Concerns regarding declining returns of wild spring Chinook to the Shady Cove area led the commission to reduce the bag limit on them to no more than one a day and up to three per season.

Current rules allow up to two wild Chinook a day and up to 20 a year, and few legally caught spring Chinook are released by Rogue anglers who prize them for their tough fight and tasty flesh.

One of the most popular fisheries in Oregon, the Rogue's spring Chinook season runs April through July in the upper Rogue upstream of Gold Ray Dam.

The commission adopted the so-called "1and-3" rule for 2004 only.

It gives the Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) time to work on a spring Chinook management plan that addresses problems facing wild spring Chinook, said Russ Stauff, ODFW's Rogue Watershed manager.

Stauff said the placement and operation of Lost Creek Lake is the main culprit to wild spring Chinook numbers, which had dwindled to about onetenth their historic levels before rebounding year.

WORD OF THE WEEK

Mimetic:

Characterized by, exhibiting, or of the nature of mimicry: mimetic gestures.

From Webster's **College Dictionary**

Have confidence that if you have done a little thing well, you can do a bigger thing well, too.

-Joseph Storey-

Other factors include degraded spawning habitat, temperature of water flows, and pressure from legal and illegal angling.

"We need to get all these issues on the table and have a discussion, if not an agreement, with the different stakeholders," Stauff said after Friday's commission decision.

Stauff said the management plan, expected to be completed next summer, will include specific triggers -- such as the number of wild spring Chinook counted at Gold Ray Dam -- that would ease or tighten the catch-andrelease rules, Stauff said.

Under the rule, the one wild-Chinook limit will be

"We need to get all these issues on the table and have a discussion"

- Russ Stauff, Rogue Watershed manager

lifted June 1 from the river mouth upstream to Whiskey Creek near Rainie Falls as fall Chinook salmon -- an all-wild run that is considered extremely healthy -- start heading into that section of the river.

The limit then would be up to two a day.

Likewise, the limit will rise to two Chinook beginning July 15 up to Gold Ray Dam.

The commissioners, however, were divided in the ODFW's proposal to reel in illegal and unethical angling in a short stretch of river near Cole Rivers Hatchery during the spring Chinook season.

By a 3-2 vote, the commissioners adopted a permanent rule that halts fishing at 7 p.m. nightly from the Hwy. 62 bridge at

Meidinger Concrete Construction

Serving the Valley since 1974

Licensed - Bonded - Insured

Specializing in all types of Concrete and Masonry

New - Foundations - Walks - Drives - Patios

Mobile Home Runners and Foundations

Bridges and Abutments - Slabs - Large or Small

Exposed Aggregate - Retaining Walls and Basements Stamped & Colored Concrete

Phone 592-4485 Mike Meidinger License #93173

Animals

lovie: ★★ "Loverboy

McGregor Park upstream to the "deadline" at the

April through July 31, during the spring Chinook

ODFW and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers pushed for the nightly closure as a way of curbing drunken lawlessness, fighting and illegal snagging in that area. The agencies said most of the problems occurred in the late evening.

Commissioners Marla Rae and Zane Smith voted against the measure, saying they would rather see police target the offenders without limiting access to law-abiding anglers.

Stauff said the evening shutdown is a better idea than simply closing fishing on all or part of that halfmile stretch.

The commissioners also set the following changes to angling rules in 2004:

*Reduced the daily surfperch limit from 25 to 15. The change addresses concerns about surfperch over-fishing and matches Washington's limit.

California allows five surfperch per day.

*Changed the recreational crabbing rules to allow for up to two daily limits in holding pots. There currently is no limit.

*Cut the statewide sturgeon annual limit from 10 to five, but kept current size restrictions.

*Set a new definition for "fin clip" to identify hatchery salmon and steelhead. The current definition is of a healed scar where the adipose fin has been completely removed. The new definition drops the language because some clips aren't complete on salmon and steelhead.

♦ ♦ ♦ ♦

hatchery. The rule would apply

27 Do a shoe-maker's job 30 Skimpy 25 Chops well 26 __ about; 55 Candy shape 56 Club quenche approxima 27 TV's The 58 Suffix for 31 Holder of Trials of __ O'Neill cigar or 28 Group character 34 Bismarck 35 Beverage DOWN istics 29 Condescend one: Sp. 37 Cafe em

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

test mark 42 Ram

Nabors'

platforms

podge 49 Encyclo

53 Leafy

vegetable 54 Expert 57 Discharges

60 Of a branch of the service 62 ___, Alaska

serv Lagrandia serv Alaska 63 Run

44 Uncann

45 Strip

4 Bom 5 Throw of

7 Cars of

yesterday 8 Moray

learner's

10 Wipe away

African

11 Sound

12 South

13 Satisfy

19 __ sprue

woe 22 The Raven

person

9 Latin

for boatmen

32 Leg part 33 Ozone and

oxygen 35 Sobs

38 Candles

40 Role for

46 Monetary unit: abbi

divider 49 Flavor

50 Copper 51 Melville

novel 52 Fruit

problem 54 Zealous

Howard

39 Silver and

Crossword Puzzle provided by

Oregon Caves

One of the last old fashioned service stations left

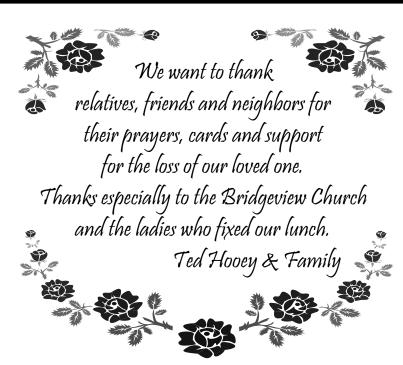
Highways 199 & 46 **Cave Junction** Jeff Stiles, Dealer

Chevron



592-3080 **NOW OPEN** SUN. - THURS. 6 A.M. - 9 P.M. FRI. AND SAT. 6 A.M. - 11 P.M.

2003 Puzzle Features Syndicate Dist. by DBR Media, Inc



ISAAC'S DISCOUNT FOOD OUTLET

& General Merchandise **NOW ACCEPTING NEW CUSTOMERS!!**

New location!!

133 Redwood Hwy., Cave Junction (former Cave Mart Building, across from Evergreen Bank)

Bigger Selection, Cooler Building!!

* Health & Beauty Aids * Canned Foods *Cereals * Pastas * Coffees * Juices * Ziploc Bags * Hefty Trash Bags **HOURS:**

Monday - Saturday, 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Sunday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Be patient, we are still moving in. Thanks!

Senior Nutrition Menu Sponsored by



592-3562

(541) 592-2126, 474-5440 Meals served in **CJ County Bldg.**

FRIDAY, AUG. 15 *Baked ham with raisin sauce, baked sweet potatoes, green beans, rye bread. **Tapioca pudding** MONDAY, AUG. 18 *Hearty chicken stew, broccoli cuts, four bean salad, buttermilk biscuit, peach cobbler **WEDNESDAY, AUG. 20** *Kielbasa sausage on stadium bun, steamed cabbage, fresh mixed fruit salad, pumpkin

spice bar

ANPL Breed: All Breed: All About It @

