

Coos Due Big Chinook Plant

By Marge Barrett
Plans to plant one million partially reared fall chinook salmon fingerlings from Elk River Salmon Hatchery in the Coos and Millicoma Rivers in early June to greatly improve the tidewater sports fishery in the Coos Bay area were told by a spokesman for the Oregon Fish Commission Monday.

Ernie Jefferies, Director of Fish Culture, Oregon Fish Commission, told of the Coos Bay project in a report on the status of the fall chinook rearing program at Elk River Hatchery as part of the program at the 6th annual Fishermen's Town Hall meeting held in Brookings.

Jefferies said the two-inch long salmon fingerlings will be planted in the Coos and Millicoma Rivers between June 11-15 at points three to six miles above tidewater with 60 per cent of the fish to go into the Coos River and the other 40 per cent earmarked for the Millicoma.

Salmon from the plant this year should begin appearing in the offshore catch in 1975. Studies of the returns will be made to gauge success of the program. Great success with the salmon rearing program in Curry county streams led to the five-year program to be started in the Coos county streams. Eggs for the Coos project were taken from excess hatchery-reared female salmon arriving at the Elk and Chetco Rivers this fall.

Jefferies said the plantings will augment the wild population of chinook in Coos Bay tributaries that have suffered from past abuses related to splash dams, poor hatchery practices, gravel removal and watershed deterioration. "Many of these problems have been rectified in recent years and there remains a need to restore chinook runs in the system," the official said.

"The bay (Coos) offers a large and diverse salmon nursery area consisting of about 19 square miles of habitat. We believe a significant number of additional chinook can rear in the estuary," Jefferies added. "If the project is successful, the chinook salmon stocked in Coos Bay will benefit both local and coast-wide commercial and sport fisheries in the entire south coast area," he said.

A report on the proposed Coos Bay project indicated biologists anticipate mature fish returning from the planted

stock will return and spawn in the Coos and Millicoma Rivers and even interbreed with stocks of wild chinook which could result in descendants better adapted to the environment in the Coos River system to increase the total return of wild chinook.

Success of the release program in the Chetco River has been extremely good. Creel census of fish caught by sports fishermen showed the planted fish comprised a total of 72 per cent of the catch.

"This showed the hatchery fish obviously played a major role in contributing to the success of the Chetco River tidewater sport fishery," the official added. The study was made in 1971, but early returns for 1972 showed even better results with a figure near 80 per cent.

Reports indicate officials hope for a similar return in the Coos and Millicoma plantings. The information emphasized the rearing of chinook for Coos Bay will not in any way limit the number of salmon provided by the Elk River Hatchery to the Elk and Chetco Rivers.

Eggs for the Coos Bay transplant were collected only after priority needs were met in each donor river, it was

November Log Exports Down

A total of 241.4 million board feet of softwood logs was exported in Washington, Oregon, northern California, and Alaska in November 1972, according to Research Economist David Darr of the U. S. Forest Service, Pacific Northwest Forest and Range Experiment Station in Portland. The volume for November was down 16.6 percent from the October 1972 total and down 5.7 percent from the November 1971 volume.

Some 217 million board feet or 89.9 percent of the November 1972 west coast exports went to Japan.

Washington and Oregon exported 210.1 million board feet in November, 21.5 percent less than the October volume. November shipments from northern California totaled 6.7 million board feet, down sharply from the October volume of 15.7 million board feet. Alaska exported 24.5 million board feet in November, over four times the October shipments of 6.1 million board feet.

Douglas-fir accounted for 21.4 percent of November exports, and Port Orford cedar, 2.2 percent. Other softwoods, primarily western hemlock and true firs, made up the remaining 76.4 percent.

November shipments were valued at \$35.2 million at port of exportation. Douglas-fir averaged \$130.54 per thousand board feet, Port Orford cedar \$401.01, and other softwoods \$143.10.

West coast softwood log exports totaled 2.6 billion board feet through the first 11 months of 1972, compared with 1.7 billion board feet for the same period of 1971. The relatively low volume in 1971 reflected in part labor disputes which affected west coast ports in Washington, Oregon, and California in the third quarter of 1971.

reported.
The Elk River Salmon Hatchery was built in Oct. 1968 and 10 additional rearing ponds, partially financed by Curry county, were constructed in Dec. 1971.

Fall chinook will continue to be planted in the Elk and Chet-

DUIL Cases Set Record

Oregon courts reported nearly 370,000 traffic violations to the Motor Vehicles Division in 1972.

The figure represents a six per cent increase over 1971, according to Chester W. Ott, Administrator of the agency. Ott said the figure includes 10,847 convictions for driving under the influence of liquor, the highest number of convictions for that charge in the state's history, a 28 per cent increase over 1971.

During the year, Ott said the Motor Vehicles Division suspended the licenses almost 50,000 Oregon drivers. There were 42,152 suspensions issued under mandatory provisions of the law, including the more than 10,000 for driving under the influence, and 6,896 suspensions issued under discretionary authority of the law.

Total suspensions last year decreased about 7 1/2 per cent from 1971. The decrease, despite the higher number of convictions, was due to changes in law that took effect mid-way through 1971.

Ott also noted that as a result of increasing enforcement pressure against drinking drivers the number of licenses suspended for refusal to submit to a chemical test increased 62 per cent last year over 1971.

New Money Course Is On

Coos and Curry counties are launching a new correspondence course called, "You and Your Money," announced Mrs. Frances Torbeck, Coos county extension agent, and Mrs. Dora Ramsey, Curry county extension agent. This free course will provide home-study lessons for men and women, and couples who find it difficult to attend meetings.

The course is planned on the basis that it will provide information needed by families to help them make the financial decisions that have to be made. Materials will be provided by the extension service so that the family will be able to apply the information to their own family situation. Topics covered will include: solving the paycheck puzzle; the way you pay makes a difference; how much risk can you afford? and, planning for the future. Administering the joint venture will be Mrs. Torbeck.

The four-lesson, eight-week course will begin in February. All persons interested are urged to call the Coos county extension office at 396-3121, or the Curry extension office at 247-6654, to learn more about the course, or to register by Feb. 1, at the extension office in Coquille or Gold Beach.

co Rivers with about 10,000 fingerlings to be released into Burnt Hill and Lone Ranch creeks in Curry county. About 45,000 steelhead smolts will be raised at Elk River and released in the Chetco River. Planting of coho in Floras Lake will continue but these will be taken from Alsea Hatchery, since there is no longer room to rear coho at Elk River.

SKI CLUB TO MEET

The Gold Beach Ski Club will meet Tuesday, January 23, at 7:30 p.m. in the small conference room of the courthouse annex building. Anyone interested.

ed in skiing is welcome to attend.

For further information call Al Bice, Bice's Restaurant, at 247-7528, or Frances Shrader, at 247-6873.

Timber Men Meet Friday

The next meeting of the Curry County Timber Operators will be held at Jot's Del Rogue Resort in Wedderburn on Friday, January 19.

The program will be presented by Norm Bjorklund, Chief Forester for the International Foresters' Association. The social hour, which will be sponsored by Oregon Culvert, begins at 7 p.m. with dinner at 8, and ladies are invited.

READ ALL THE ADS

Loggers Date Eugene Meet

Logging contractors from throughout the state will be gathering in Eugene on the 19th and 20th of this month, for the third annual statewide meeting. Sessions both days will be devoted to discussions and problem seeking of the many problems facing the contract logger today.

According to Paul M. Danielson, Executive Secretary of the Springfield based Association, there is a very keen interest in this year's meetings, with a large part of the sessions being devoted to environmental changes, the Oregon State Forest Practice Act, Total Wood Utilization, and the methods used to log profitably.

Ted Schlapfer, Regional Forester, Region 6, will be the luncheon speaker on Saturday. Attendance will include many Forest Service and BLM people, plus a large number of mill representatives.

A noon champagne luncheon on Saturday will be high-light for the ladies. The luncheon will be followed by a "Spring Preview of Fashion" Seminar, with some loggers wife to be picked as "Queen", complete with a mink stole. The two day meeting will be concluded with a banquet Saturday night, followed by dancing. Leonard Putnam, International President of Hoo Hoo International, will be the featured speaker at the banquet.

Turkey Permits Will Be Drawn

Oregon bird hunters are reminded that a spring gobbler turkey season is scheduled April 28 through May 6, 1973 which

will be open to a limited number of hunters.

A drawing to determine to whom the 250 available tags will be issued will be held at 10 a.m. Feb. 23 at the Game Commission's Portland headquarters. To be eligible for the drawing, hunters must file an application on the "Controlled Hunt Application" card available at license dealers. One or two individuals may file on the same card. Applications are due at the Portland office of the Commission by 5 p.m. Feb. 14. Applicants are reminded not to submit the \$2 fee with the application. Only applicants successful in the drawing will be requested to do so.

Open area for the spring season is that portion of the state north of U. S. Highway 26 and east of the Cascade summit. Bag limit is one male turkey. For more detailed information, hunters should check the 1972 upland game regulations booklet on page 5.

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Two free seminars will be offered on Feb. 8 and 9 in Coos Bay for businessmen and commercial fishermen. The first seminar is primarily for commercial fishermen, entitled "LORAN" for Fishermen. It is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on Feb. 8 at the Teltron corp. service center.

Topics of the LORAN seminar include operation, proper interpretation of readings, navigational techniques, and demonstrations of actual LORAN equipment.

Guest speaker will be Ray Morrow, designer of highly popular LORAN equipment and president of Morrow Electronics, Salem. Fishermen are asked to make reservations by calling 888-5538 during business hours.

The second seminar covers topics of interest to business managers and owners: Financial techniques and tax advantages applicable to two-way radio systems, means of determining which type of radio communications available in the Coos Bay area is best suited to each business situation, discussions of the costs and coverages provided by radio-telephone, common carriers, paging systems, and various private radio systems.

Guest speakers Bill Ford and Herb Gullberg of the E. F. Johnson Company will show film presentations on "The Wonderful World of Two-Way" and demonstrate new business communications ideas and equipment.

The second seminar will be held at the Teltron service center, 525 S. Empire Boulevard (Charleston Highway) in the Empire District of Coos Bay. Time of the meeting is 8:00 p.m. on Feb. 9 (Friday). Businessmen need only a business card for admission, but reservations should be made by calling 756-7303.

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