

FROM
The RIVER'S
EDGEBy
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The main Sandy River from the Brightwood bridge to its mouth is managed as a sea run fishery, which is as it should be. However, under the present low water conditions which prevail every Aug. and Sept., full potential of the river is lost.

This potential must be regained to help compensate for the continuing deterioration of the upper Columbia runs.

The license for Marmot Dam comes up for renewal in a year or so. If this license is renewed at all, it should be renewed with a few provisos. One should provide for a minimum guaranteed flow below the dam. This minimum flow should be determined by the staffs of the Oregon State Fish Commission and the Oregon State Game Commission.

The former has a considerable stake in the well being of the river at the low water period of September when their Coho are returning to the hatchery at Cedar Creek. The biologists of both Commissions are familiar with the water needs of the lower river and the Game Commission river basin staff has made an exhaustive survey of the situation.

A second requirement would be to either replace the existing inadequate ladder over the dam or to modify the present ladder to meet the requirements. Such needed ladder modification is finally going to be done at River Mill dam on the Clackamas. Here again, these same two state bodies should be the ones to determine what constitutes adequate fish passage facilities.

Remnant runs of many races are fighting a losing battle for survival in the Sandy. If it is properly managed with adequate flows, the full potential of this river would be great. One race of anadromous fish would follow another until there would be sea run fish using the river every month of the year. Winter Steelhead, followed by Spring Chinook; then Summer Steelhead, Harvest Trout, Fall Chinook, and Coho in that order and we would be back to the Winter Steelhead again.

The late running Coho are still coming in with the first Winter Steelhead. As it is now, the Winter Steelhead and the hatchery supported Coho are the only races in sufficient number to matter.

The second major division of the river includes everything above Brightwood bridge, including all the tributaries except the Salmon River which enters below and which should be considered as a separate management division. This upper area is now managed primarily as a Put and Take Trout Fishery, and that is about all you can do with it. Large areas of these upper tributaries are scoured clean annually by the heavy snowmelt runoff. The sterile rocky barren bottoms that remain support some fish life or food chains. The released hatchery fish quickly become hungry in this unproductive water and become easy prey for even the inexperienced angler. They are soon caught out, which is as it should be in a Put and Take fishery.

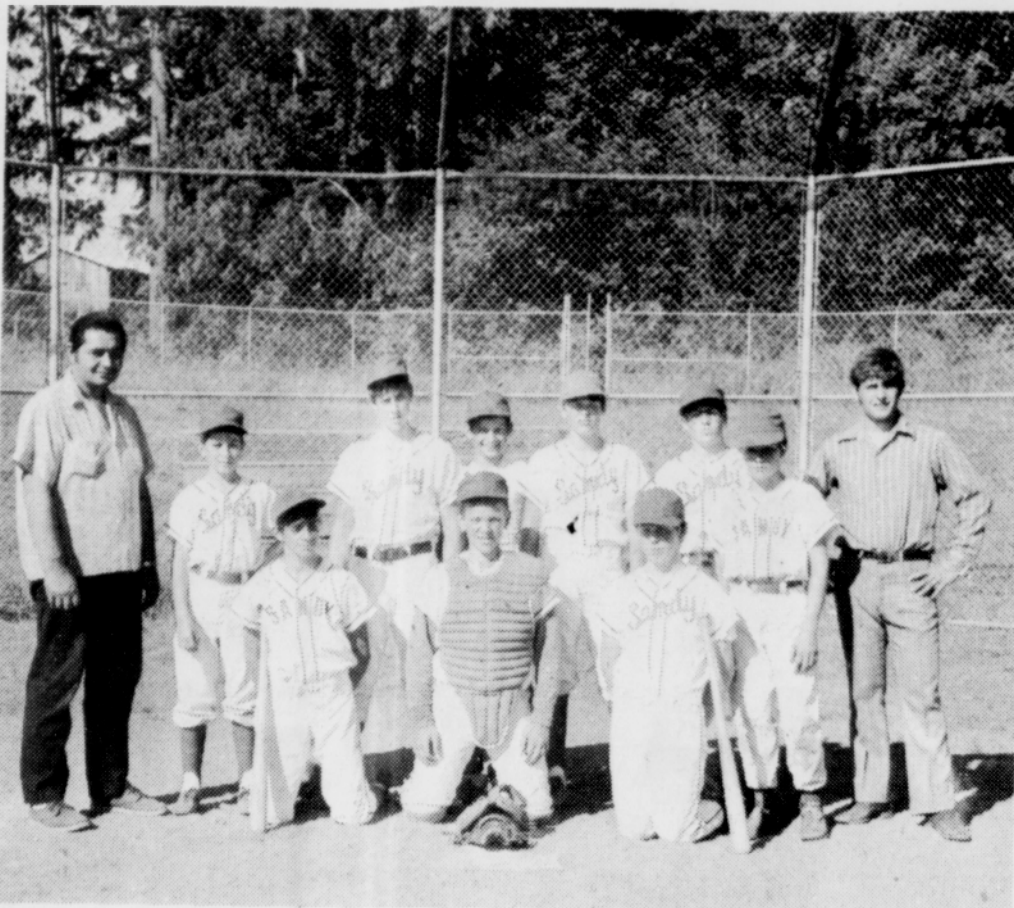
The steelhead use some of these upper streams for spawning, but many are avoided altogether. The main contributory stream is the Salmon River and its feeder creeks. This is the area with the greatest recreational potential for the angler. The late running March and April Steelhead which comprise the bulk of the Sandy's native stock are Salmon river fish. Fly fishing for Trout is good at times on the salmon. There are a lot of Mayfly hatches and Caddis and Stoneflies of a good many species abound.

Above the road access area of the Salmon is a great length of river accessible only on foot. This affords great fishing and the fish are natives. More angling pleasure could be had from this river if it were regulated in zones. The lower end of this tributary should be open for Winter Steelhead fishing. This should extend into the roadless area a ways. After Trout season opens, a portion of the river should be set aside for fly fishing only. The bag limits on the entire area should be set so low that a native trout population could exist and

perpetuate itself indefinitely. Let the Put and Take areas support the meat fisherman.

With our ever expanding population producing an even greater expansion in the number of outdoor lovers and fishermen, our waters will all be fast depleted if the angling philosophies of the general public are not changed. Any quality angling will become a thing of the past. No kill angling, or fishing for fun will have to become a continually increasing part of our fishing practice and philosophy.

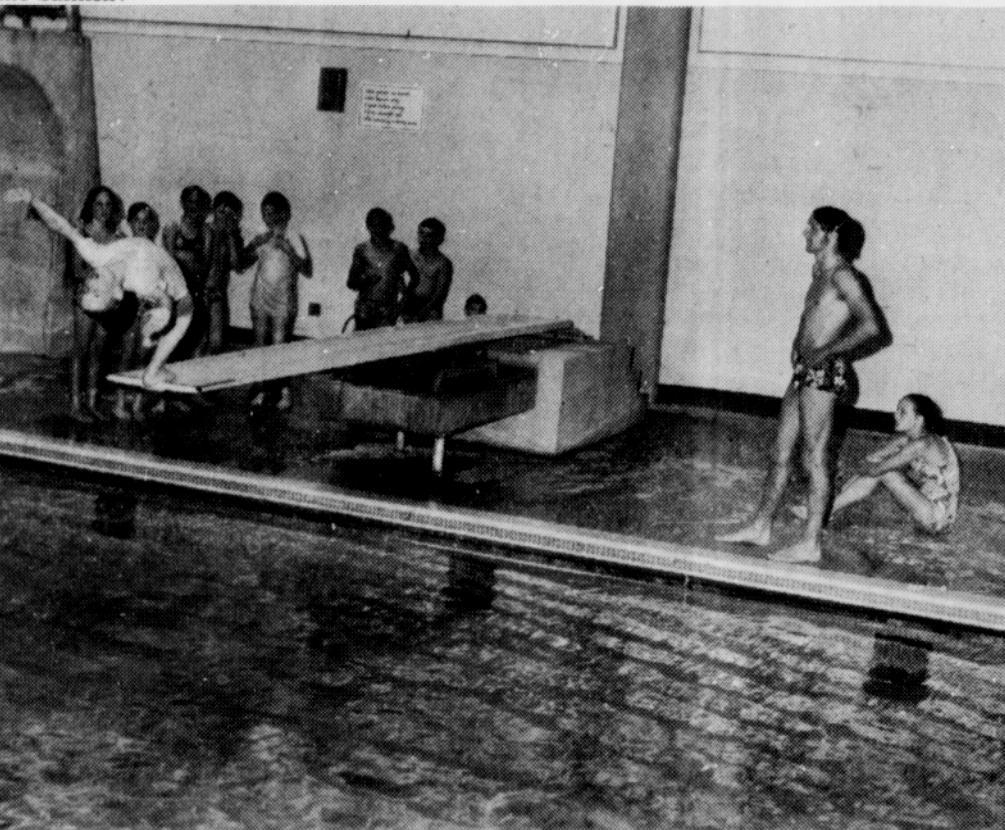
Every year this trend is delayed just means a longer road to recovery of some quality angling. Putting meat on the table is not the aim of sport fishing. To be worthy of the name of sportfisherman, one must realize he has achieved his goal when the fish was hooked and battled. To release the fish to fight again will eventually become a factor in the sportsman's code. With a thought for the future, why not even a NO-KILL segment on the Salmon?



DISTRICT PLAY will begin this weekend for the Cub American team of Sandy. Front row left to right are Jeff Martin, Keith Perkins and Chris Truesdale. Back row left to right are coach Del Lee, Ron Griffiths,

Lane Sheppard, Brad Beiser, Randy Allison, Rob Daniels, Ron Gagner, and coach Glenn Sheppard. Not pictured was Craig Pullen.

(Post photo)



DIVING IS AN event which takes a lot of practice. Here members of a diving class

at Sandy swimming pool watch one of their classmates attempt a backwards dive.

(Post photo)

Haselwander suspended

Jack Haselwander of Rt. 2 Box 1729, Sandy, was suspended from racing his dogs at MKC until Aug. 1.

The suspension came after urine tests taken from Cheyenne Autumn on July 10 showed positive reaction to "procaine" or analog thereof. The ruling was made after Haselwander, a first-year competitor at MKC, admitted injecting five of his dogs with penicillin when the dogs showed signs of being ill.

Haselwander stated to the Post he did not know that penicillin was available without "procaine". He gave the shots

when several dogs in his kennel came down with a cough and sore throat.

Haselwander, himself, informed the track vet following the race that he had given penicillin shots.

In service

Lonnie R. Rollins, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Rollins, Sandy, recently was promoted to Army Sp. 4 near Chu Lai, Vietnam. He is serving as an artillery crewman in Battery C, 1st Battalion of the 23rd Infantry Division's 82nd Artillery.

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Cub Americans
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playoff games

The Sandy Cub American baseball team has made the district playoffs which start July 30 to Aug. 1 at Lynch field, 162 SE Division.

The Sandy team gained the playoff spot despite a final regular season loss to Reynolds 11 to 10.

The loss gave Reynolds top honors in the league standings going into the district play.

In the Reynolds game, the local team played without its regular first baseman Craig Pullen. His teammates juggled their usual positions to fill in for him.

The outfield, consisting of Brad Beiser, left, Keith Perkins, center, and Ron

Griffiths, right, fought the blinding sun and 89 degree temperature.

Chris Truesdale, 2nd base, improved his .879 batting average with 4 RBI's.

Ron Gagner, 3rd base, had 1 RBI, as did Ron Griffiths.

Keith Perkins, brought Jeff Martins in with a bunt to the pitcher.

Randy Allison catcher, hit a line drive in left field almost matching his home run at the Lynch game.

The superb batting and tight infield just wasn't enough. At the bottom of the seventh inning, Sandy ahead 10-9, players hit outfield flies to bring in runs. The final score 11-10.



LEARNING HOW TO swim can never begin too early for some people. Here a 2½ month old child gets a chance to try the water out with the help of his mother. The Sandy swimming pool will again hold a kiddie pool swim class this fall.

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