

Boulder Creek habitat surprisingly active

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Boulder Creek, with a mini-hydroelectric project proposed above its mouth, is considered an excellent habitat for fish, according to an Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission biologist.

Jay Massey, a fish biologist with the commission, said that two samplings of the stream were

made this past summer to determine the tributary's importance to the area's fish runs.

Because of the hillsides along the creek had been clearcut in the summer of 1980 by a previous owner, utilizing methods in violation of the state's Forest Practices Act, it was believed to have been reduced to a minor role.

It was feared that the large quantities of

sedimentation that washed into the stream had upset the delicate balance of the water's ecology, destroying the spawning areas.

The water temperature of the stream was also of concern, said Massey. With the trees along the creek having been logged, the necessary shade was removed. The warming of a stream can be detrimental to sustaining fish life, said Massey.

Also of concern were the numerous log jams, which created a series of blockages that affected the migration and passage of steelhead, salmon and trout.

On July 20 a staff member of the commission visited the sited and sampled the stream with a backpack shocker, which is a device that sends an electrical charge into the stream to stun the fish. The fish will then float to the top where they are identified and counted. A short time later they revive themselves without any apparent harmful effects.

The stream's sampling was conducted 500 feet below, to 500 feet above, a bridge at the end of a spur road.

Commission staff members hiked into the steep and rugged area to shock the stream. As a result of the large numbers of fish counted, it was

learned that the logging had not had the impact on the fisheries that was first believed, that it is still a suitable habitat for fish.

A commission report stated that "good number of steelhead fry and yearlings were collected per hundred feet of stream sampled." However, "only a small portion of the stream could be fished with the small shocker."

The sampling also revealed that there were coho fingerlings in two overflow channels, a good distance above the mouth.

According to the commission's report, the "proposed hydroelectric project would reduce the stream flow through this section of the creek."

When Massey testified at a State Water Policy Review Board hearing concerning a study permit for the project, the information was greeted by some skepticism from the

hydro's developer, Steven Sweitzer of Hoodland.

Sweitzer requested another sampling, and asked that this one be done above where the proposed diversion structure is to be constructed.

On Aug. 14 Pat Keeley, fish biologist with the commission, and Douglas Case, experimental biological aid with the commission, conducted another electronic fishing sample of Boulder Creek.

They were accompanied by Sweitzer and Marc Bachman, the owner of a fly shop in Welches.

The commission staff took the sampling from 250 feet upstream, to 250 feet downstream, of the proposed diversion dam.

Below the diversion site, six coho fingerlings from last fall's spawn were collected. Also collected were 25 steelhead fry and 14 adult steelhead a year old or older.

Above the site, eight coho fingerlings from last fall's spawn were found, as well as 25 steelhead fry and 14 adult steelhead.

During the three hours spent sampling the stream, Cottids (bullhead) were also observed in the stream. And, although the stream is said to be an excellent one for trout fishing, no cutthroat were

collected or observed in the two sampling areas.

Even though the sampling showed a high fish count, the commission indicated that this doesn't represent the entire population.

According to a memo by Keeley written shortly after the electronic sampling, most of the waters within the two 250-foot sections were not sampled.

Demo convention set Feb. 13

The Clackamas County Democratic Party will convene a one-day Platform Convention Feb. 13, according to Lorna Long, chairperson of the Clackamas County Democratic Central Committee.

The convention will assemble at the Gladstone Senior Center, 1020

Portland Ave., Gladstone, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

It is open to all democrats registered to vote in the county.

Citizens wishing to participate as delegates must present voter registration cards as evidence of their attachment to the party.

A \$2 registration fee will be charged.

The convention's keynote speaker will be attorney Norman Stoll. Stoll has been active in Oregon's Democratic Party for years, and was on the staff of the Neurenberg War Trials Commission at the end of World War II.

He address will focus on Reaganomics.

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