

Excellent Hunting Opens Duck Season

"The mallards were whistling in at tree top height and about as persistent as the old blue-tail fly. Why you couldn't keep them out. We didn't even need our dekes."

So went the stories of the good shooting experienced by waterfowlers over most of the shooting areas opening week end.

The scatter-gun artists certainly enjoyed a field day in the marshes of central and eastern Oregon with plenty of ducks and geese available and limit kills the rule rather than the exception.

Malheur proved to be the hot spot with the success ratio better than four birds per hunter. Shooting was also exceptional at Summer lake. In two days of shooting in this area, 1,980 hunters checked out with 3,317 ducks and 3,729 geese. Mallards, snows, and spees predominated the bag.

Excellent to good shooting was also reported from La Grande, Baker and Ontario, and Warner valley and the Klamath marshes.

Western Oregon was very spotty since no large flights had as yet arrived. Sauvie island and the Silteos area produced only fair with local hatches providing the bulk of the shooting. With duck weather coming on, western Oregon should pick up within the next couple of weeks.

BLM Timber Put On Market

For November timber sales, the Bureau of Land Management will place 25,891,000 board feet of stumpage, in eight tracts, on the market in western Oregon.

All eight tracts will be offered by oral bids. The first sale will be held at Roseburg on November 4, where two tracts with 8,984,000 board feet are posted.

On November 5 the Eugene district has scheduled two tracts for sale with 1,526,000 board feet.

Two BLM districts, the Coos Bay and Salem, will hold their auction on November 6. Coos Bay will have one tract with 8,821,000 board feet and Salem will offer three tracts totaling 6,560,000 board feet.

The Medford district will hold no timber sales during November.

Results of the October sales were as follows: A total of 26 tracts of O & C stumpage were offered for sale with a volume of 51,819,000 board feet. Twenty tracts, with 34,580,000 board feet, sold for \$517,556.55.

On public domain lands, seven tracts with 3,674,000 board feet (which was the total offered) sold for \$83,681.65.

Heavy Wood Oils Double Brush Kills

A heavy weed oil will almost double the average brush kill, compared to light or diesel oils, when used as a brush killer carrier.

That's the report from Oregon State college agricultural chemists Virgil Freed and M. L. Sutherland in the new OSC farm quarterly, "Oregon's Agricultural Progress."

Most hormone brush killers are sold as a liquid concentrate, a mixture of 2 pounds 2,4-D and 2 pounds 2,4,5-T. A gallon of this is usually diluted with 12 gallons of oil before spraying brush.

The kind of oil used makes a difference, according to the researchers. Spraying big leaf maple, they report brush killer mixed with diesel or lighter oils gave only a 42 to 47 per cent kill. Heavier oils killed from 73 to 89 per cent of the same kind of brush.

Freed and Sutherland think that heavy oils — because of different chemical makeups — penetrate bark better and hold killing materials longer.

Fall is a good time to spray brush. The researchers recommend cutting and treating brush stumps above 4 inches in diameter with a brush killer. Spray the killer on the lower 18 to 24 inches of smaller sized brush. Another method is cutting vertical gashes every 4 inches around the trunk, then treating with an amine salt brush killer.

Board Calls For Bids on Bonds

Bids were requested today by the Brookings-Harbor School board on \$378,500.00 worth of bonds.

The bonds were authorized last month by voters of the school district for the construction of a new high school.

Bids for the bonds will be opened December 1, at 7:30 p.m. at the school house in Brookings.

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Pheasant, Quail Seasons Open

Shotgunners can look forward to a whirlwind of action this coming week end with the opening of the pheasant and quail seasons in addition to the already opened waterfowl season.

Reports from eastern Oregon show an excellent population of birds available with Baker, Union and Malheur counties tops in production. A late spring, early hay cutting operations, and late nesting all contributed to good survival of birds.

In western Oregon, production of birds has also been better than average this year with the upper Willamette valley offering the best prospects.

Oregon has been divided into four pheasant and quail shooting areas depending on bird concen-

trations, with separate seasons and bag limits governing each specific area. Hunters are urged to consult the hunting synopsis for applicable regulations before going afield. Information concerning the upland game seasons can be found on pages 14, 15 and 16.

General season opens noon October 24 in all areas except Klamath county where the season will open at noon on October 31.

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Hunters are urged by the game commission to make use of good hunting dogs whenever possible to help prevent the loss of crippled birds.

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