

Changes in store for '81 fishing, hunting regulations

Printed copies of the 1981 Angling Regulations booklet have been distributed to license agents throughout the state and are available wherever hunting and fishing licenses are sold.

Regulations appear in the same 56-page booklet format as last year with an illustration of the Chinook salmon, Oregon's state fish on the cover. Angling regulations and seasons for all species are included as well as rules governing the taking of bullfrogs, shellfish and intertidal animals.

Rules for ocean salmon fishing are not

found in the booklet this year. They will not be set for state regulated waters until April, after regulations have been set for the ocean zone beyond three miles. Regulations from three to 200 miles offshore are adopted by the US Secretary of Commerce after recommendation by the Pacific Fishery Management Council. States set rules for the waters off their coastlines within three miles.

Anglers are urged by the Fish and Wildlife Department to pick up a copy of the free booklet for a quick review before fishing in 1981. While most regulations

remain the same, there have been a number of changes affecting local waters.

Many anglers keep a copy of the regulations book in tackle box or fishing vest. A small zip-lock type plastic bag will help insure the booklet remains usable in spite of the soakings sometimes inherent in fishing.

HUNTING DATES POLICY, CONTROLLED HUNT CHANGES CONSIDERED

Recent years have seen a growth in what might be called special interest groups in the hunting and fishing

fraternity, and a trend towards providing special seasons that extend through a larger and larger proportion of the year. Last year, for example, some type of hunting or pursuit seasons took place during 301 of the 365 days.

A year ago both the Fish and Wildlife Commission and biologists with the Fish and Wildlife Department began to be concerned about the trend. There have been increasing problems with landowner tolerance, difficulties providing adequate law enforcement coverage, and even difficulties in scheduling various seasons so that one would not conflict with another. There has also been unhappiness among hunters as one group gained longer or larger seasons while others found their opportunities restricted or reduced.

Another concern involves a growing potential for excessive harassment of wildlife. This can especially be a problem in the winter when animals are weakened, and in the spring and early summer when wildlife young are vulnerable.

Recognizing a year ago that it could not be possible to provide more and more seasons for more and more separate groups of sportsmen, the Commission asked Department staff to develop a framework within which seasons would take place. One, in effect, that would say how much of the hunting pie each group could expect to be given.

In January the Commission will consider adopting such a policy. The policy has already been presented to the Commission at its last meeting as general information. It establishes a big game season framework, but in addition, it sets specific dates on which major seasons would open each year.

In the past the Commission has set opening dates for the major seasons in January to aid hunters whose employers require them to set vacation dates far in advance. But even January is not soon enough for some hunters. A number of the other western states have simply established standard opening dates which remain the same from year to year in

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It pays to know your appliance warranty rights

Christmas is over and you are all ready to begin using your new appliance gift — but what do you do when your appliance doesn't work the way you think it should? Do you dump it assuming you got a bad deal or a lemon?

"Protect yourself from unnecessary repair or purchase costs by knowing your appliance warranty rights," suggests Susan Gangler, Columbia County Extension agent.

Consider the hypothetical case of Mrs. Burns.

When Mrs. Burns' toaster oven caught on fire for the third time, she promptly packed it up and returned with it to the discount store where she bought it six months earlier.

There the clerk politely, but firmly, told her that the store did not make exchanges after three months. Needless to say, Mrs. Burns was burning.

When she calmed down long enough to look at her warranty, she found it was still in effect. Not only that, it gave her specific instructions for packing and

mailing the defective appliance to the manufacturer's service center nearest her home.

Less than two weeks later, a new toaster oven arrived by parcel post.

"The retailer should always be your first stop in the complaint process," says Janice M. Weber, Oregon State University Extension family resource

management specialist. "It should not be your last unless you are fully satisfied."

"If Mrs. Burns hadn't been satisfied by the manufacturer, she could have contacted her local consumer protection

office or complaint center," Weber notes. "Check your phone book for this listing under the name of city, county, or state government."

PCC sponsors 8 week stop smoking clinic

Stop smoking is the theme of an eight week Portland Community College workshop which begins Tuesday January 6 from 10-11:30 am at Overlook House, 3839 N. Melrose Drive.

The workshop will meet twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays and is part of the PCC community services classes offered in locations throughout the metropolitan area.

The workshop will cover why people smoke, how to manage the quitting process and how to stay off cigarettes forever.

Registration by mail is going on now through January 9.

For registration and more information call the PCC Cascade Center Community Services office.

The PCC Cascade number is 283-2541.

IRS TAX PACKAGES

Households throughout the country will begin receiving 1980 income tax packages from the Internal Revenue Service starting December 26, Vernonia Officer in Charge G.D. Dinger said.

Most post offices have already received the packages and will hold them for distribution until the day after Christmas, as requested by IRS. "The only exception for earlier delivery are packages going to certain business firms and tax service agencies," he said.

Dinger noted that while the packages travel as third class mail, "they are forwarded without charge to the recipient if such service is necessary." The Postal Service will recover any forwarding charges from the Internal Revenue Service through a pre-arranged agreement. The tax forms are delivered to some 86 million households across the country, said Dinger.

City council meeting

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reserves have agreed not to turn in overtime hours until the radios are paid for.

At the next city council meeting scheduled Jan. 19, representatives from LCDC and the comprehensive planning commission will arrive at 7:30 pm to discuss the changes in the comprehensive plan.

Reichhold Corp. requests drilling extension

BEFORE THE STATE OF OREGON DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGY AND MINERAL INDUSTRIES

In the matter of a request by Reichhold Energy Corporation for permission to produce gas wells through casing, and to lengthen the duration of permits to one year.

NOTICE OF HEARING TO ALLOW OIL OR GAS PRODUCTION THROUGH CASING, AND TO LENGTHEN THE DURATION OF PERMITS FROM THE PRESENT LENGTH OF 180 DAYS TO ONE YEAR.

- 1) On January 15, 1981 at 9 am a public hearing will be held in Room 36 of the State Office building, 1400 SW Fifth Avenue, Portland, Oregon.
- 2) The Department will hear testimony to consider Reichhold Energy

Corporation's proposal to produce two gas wells through casing as well as tubing and to extend the life of new permits in the state from 180 days to one year.

3) The purpose of the hearing is to hear all comments for and against the proposals, and comments on changing regulations to allow all wells to conform to the above requests.

4) Interested persons may present their data, views or arguments at the hearing. Written comments may be sent directly to the Department of Geology and Mineral Industries, 1005 State Office Building, Portland, Oregon 97201, prior to the hearing.

5) Dennis Olmstead of the Department has been designated by the Governing Board to preside and conduct the hearing.

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