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## What About Salmon Protection?

You have already or doubtless will receive considerable literature on the subject, but no matter how attractive The United States Bureau of Fisheries are the greatest expert authorities on the subject and have NO AX TO GRIND.

## Department of Commerce and Labor

Ion Charles W. Fulton,
States Senat
Washington, D
The Department realizes the importance of the various questions affecting the salmon fishery in the Columbia River brought up in your letter of the 18th nltimo, and has taken this opportunity to make a thorough investigation of he trend may be expected to be steadily downward, with the result that in a comparatively few years the run of salmon in that stream will be reduced to such a degree that thousands of fishermen may be thrown out of employment and much capital rendered idle. The Federal Government is without any jurisdiction whatsoever in the premises, and the duty fonserving the salmon supply in the Columbia devolves on the States of Oregon, Washington and Idaho; but this Department has been charged by Congress with important fish-enltural operations in the Columbia basin, and has felt impelled from time to time to direct attention to the necessity for giving adequate protection to the various species of salmon frequenting that stream. The Department is convineed that the run of salmon in the Columbia can be amply cation alone cannot cone with the situation, and, as a matter of fact the recent experience of the Department has show

The Department sees no reason for advocating the elimination of fish wheels from the river, as there is no evidence to show that this form of apparatus is particularly destructive to salmon.

A condition that is specially favorable for the passage of salmon-namely, very high water-renders the wheels unserviceable and, on the other hand, periods of very low water, when the fish are much restricted in their movements, are also unfavorable for the wheels. During the past two or three seasons the catch of salmon by wheels has been comparatively mall; but even if were very large it wowld be a fat of special sifnicane in the present coneection.
rmits, and the drain is yearly becoming more scrions, No one familiar with the situation can reard for the fure supply the perpetuity of the industry that is furnished by the concentration of a tremendous amount of fixed and floating pare of capture in and the mouth of the river.

This apparatus comprises about 400 pound nets or traps, over 80 long-sweep seines, and more than 2200 gill nets, the last having an aggregate approximate length of over 570 miles; and these appliances capture more than 95 per cent of the fish taken in the Oregon and Washington waters of the river
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The details of the measures necessary to place the salmon industry of the Columbia River on a permanent basia cannot be elaborated by the Department at this time, but in general it may be said that there should be (1)a restriction
on the amount of apparatus employed in a given section; (2) an adequate weekly close season covering possibly two days at first, but reduced later if the circumstances warrant it; (3) an annual close season, preferably at the beginning of the salmon run, and (4) joint arrangements between the States, so that protective measures may be harmonious.
(Signed) OSCAR S. STRAUS, Seeretary
Bill No. 318 Embodies Government Recommendations and Should Pass. It Is a Square Deal for All.

## VOTE 318-X-YES


VOTE 333-X-NO


