

DRASTIC FISHING CHANGES ADVOCATED

Ruinous Practices Legal in Columbia, Charge.

MESH RULING WANTED

500,000-Case Mark for Chinook Salmon Pack Can Be Attained in 5 Years, Says Writer.

ASTORIA, Or., Aug. 18.—(To the Editor.)—In perusing your editorial, "Destruction of the Salmon Industry," in your issue of August 14, I note the havoc to the salmon described there. Something should be done to protect the young and immature salmon and other sea food life on their feeding grounds at sea, but it should not stop at that. This protection should be extended to the whole Columbia river as well.

Warnings have been sounded again and again against our present mode of fishing, but to no avail. The result has been a 50 per cent pack of chinook salmon, and a decrease in Blue Back salmon from 500,000 to 200,000 cases annually. The once plentiful July salmon is a thing of the past, by the use of proper screening fishing with purse seines and troll, nor to gill nets in the river, but to wheels, traps and seines.

Secretary Shoemaker evidently looked only to the west. Had he also looked to the east, he would have obtained a greater light as to what is needed fully to protect the Columbia river salmon industry. He described what he saw outside the Columbia, but evidently has not paid any attention to what happens to the thousands upon thousands of salmon that pass up the river during the closed months of March and April, and during the period between August 25 and September 15.

Cello Falls Is Line. Had he been on the upper river, below Cello falls, May 1 and September 15 and remained there a few days he would have discovered that the protection the salmon derive from the closed months of March and April, and during the period between August 25 and September 15 are reached.

In later years the amount of salmon taken by the up-river fisheries has been kept a secret. On May 1, 1912, Seufert's fisheries alone caught over 127 tons of salmon, and there are the catches of the other fisheries on the upper river and it can be safely said that about 400 tons of salmon were caught in 1912, and every one of these salmon were protected while they were in the lower river, on their journey up. Thus it seems our closed seasons are only to get more salmon to the up-river fisheries.

Mr. Shoemaker suggested remedy wherewith to protect and build up the salmon industry will not suffice, and I doubt very much that he, or any other person high up in the circles of the fisheries department, dare to sponsor proper remedies.

When Mr. Van Dusen, master fish warden from 1901 to May, 1908, after years of research and study, recommended to the state a few days of fishing as enacted by the 1901 legislative session for the Oregon coast streams, and enacted for the Columbia river, giving good reasons, such as an increase in the Chinook salmon catch in our coast streams after five years' protection, from 559,338 pounds to 3,018,980 pounds, and the Silver salmon catch from 2,000,000 to 3,000,000 pounds, etc., he was given the grand bounce by that board and a commercial drummer, who knew nothing about the salmon, but was willing to listen to his master's voice and do his bidding, was appointed to take Van Dusen's place.

Laws Sought for Years. Public spirited men, men not blinded by the disease called greed and grab, have for years been endeavoring to get reasonable salmon laws for the Columbia river, which have been applied to other depleted salmon streams and proved beneficial. They even invoked the initiative in 1908 and through it enacted a law, by a majority vote of nearly 26,000, prohibiting all commercial fishing in the Sandy river and in the Columbia river east of its confluence with the Sandy. However, those who have become rich by the ruination of the great industry, succeeded by ways best known to themselves to get that law repealed by the 1909 legislature and the work of destruction goes merrily on.

Knowing that purse seines, wherever permitted to operate, in a short time destroy the fisheries, the writer many years back in Seattle, when talking to Mr. Darwin, the Washington fish commissioner, sounded the warning as to what would happen to the Puget sound salmon if purse seines were not eliminated there. He gave the writer the big ha-ha and dubbed him a calamity writer. But it did happen. Darwin has seen the light and is doing his very best to get rid of the purse seine pest.

That the trollers catch many small salmon cannot be denied, but these would not have been caught had the canny men not accepted them. The trollers, however, have seen the folly of their way and but very few of the small fish are caught by them; their mode of fishing is no more destructive than that of the sports.

Gill Net and Troll Hooks. There would not have been so many salmon caught by the gill nets with a troll hook and with troll hook marks as there are if what you say is a fact. The trollers are fatally injured and are jerked from the barbs to find their way to the waiting crabs. You also know that certain stunted fish, as Jack salmon, would be mature at 20 inches. Hence the concession was made, which must not be forgotten, that all fish are to be marketed when taken. Just beyond the three-mile limit the men's youngsters are 20 inches in length, etc. Does it sound reasonable that a 20-inch salmon outside the three-mile limit today is a youngster and tomorrow if caught in a Sandy river seine, or in a trap-gill nets do not catch such small salmon—is entitled to the name of a salmon?

When it was discovered what an enormous amount of small salmon was caught and destroyed by small mesh gears, such as traps, seines, wheels, laws that would stop this waste were denounced. It was then and not until then that the "Jack Salmon" myth was sprung by the operators and owners who were profiting by the use of gear to fool the public for a while at least.

POLITICAL CLIMAX CONFRONTS IDAHO

State Convention System on Trial This Week.

CANDIDATES TO BE NAMED

Republicans to Gather at Pocatello and Democrats at Idaho Falls Next Tuesday.

LEGION ASKS HALT IN LINK RIVER OPERATIONS.

Big Dam, It Is Said, Would Inundate 10,000 Acres of Land Desired by ex-Soldiers.

Immediate cessation of work by the California-Oregon Power company on the Link river dam in the upper Klamath country, which it is feared would flood the acres of government land, and conservation of water for 30,000 acres as proposed in the Raker bill and 70,000 acres at Tule lake are the demands made by the American Legion, department of Oregon, in protests telegraphed to the department of the interior by G. Lane Wood, state vice-commander of the legion.

Lemuel Bolles, national adjutant of the American Legion, John Taylor, chief counsel of the legion at Washington, D. C., has been informed of the fight begun by Klamath post to preserve the interests of ex-service men who have preferential rights of settlement on the land in question. In a reply received at state headquarters in Portland yesterday from Mr. Taylor, it is asserted that the matter has been taken up with the interior department and a decision from Secretary Payne is expected soon.

Senator Chamberlain and Representative Sinnott have sent strong messages to Secretary Payne calling for immediate cessation of work by the power company on the Link river settlement on the land in question, for 105,000 more acres can be secured if the power company is working with feverish haste to complete the dam. It is asserted that the matter is imperative if the situation is to be saved for the boys of the legion.

SCHOOL WALLS TO RISE

Foundation Completed at Klamath Falls for Catholic Academy.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Aug. 21.—(Special.)—Work on the superstructure of the new Catholic academy, which will cost \$100,000, will be started within a few days by Randall & Henry, contractors. The foundation is practically completed.

Prosser Orchard Sold.

PROSSER, Wash., Aug. 21.—(Special.)—G. M. Hamilton, formerly in the hardware business in Portland, has bought from the Talmans Ranches company the five-acre orchard tract one mile north of Prosser against the system and proposes to sell it to the Rev. Lee Ferguson, professor Wright bought the orchard last year for less than one-third of what he received for it, and the Central Yakima Ranches company in receipt of a considerable advance over the price it paid for the orchard. Mr. Hamilton receives the crop.

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