

THE STORMS INTERFERED

Otherwise the Season's Hatchery Work in Oregon Was Eminent-ly Successful.

LARGE OUTPUT AT ONTARIO

More Than 20,000,000 Eggs Taken There—South Coos River Plant Proves An Excellent One.

The report of H. G. Van Dusen, fish-warden, for the month of November, has just been made public. The report, which follows, deals almost exclusively with hatchery operations, with which bad weather interfered.

The rains and storms that prevailed along the coast from November 5 to 15 were so severe that it put a complete stop to the collection of salmon eggs at all of our coast hatcheries, and east of the mountains, instead of having rain, snow storms prevailed which made the weather so severe that the men could not stand the cold water, and the work of collecting eggs in that part of the state also had to be abandoned.

At Ontario the weather had been extremely cold all through the month which made it considerable for a hardship on the fishing and spawning crew, but as they were averaging about one million eggs a day, they were encouraged to keep on with the work until the eighth of the month when the storm reached that section making it impossible to continue and the racks were taken out.

The report of Superintendent Brown shows that he succeeded in spawning 4757 female chinooks from which he took 20,500,000 eggs, a sufficient number when hatched to fully tax the capacity of the building, and which I consider very encouraging work for the season when we take into consideration that this was practically the first season and that the construction and equipment work was still under way.

Next year there will be nothing to interfere with the spawning work and an effort should be made to test the capacity of the stream by spawning every salmon in the corral.

At Wallowa they were at work on the sockeye salmon and did not stop until the night of the 15th. Two days later the thermometer fell to 12 degrees above zero and as there is no building at this station to protect the troughs the water supply froze up and all eggs and young fry had to be planted. This, our first season on the upper tributary, shows conclusively that we should have a good warm building there sufficiently large to protect all the eggs which can be secured as the station has proved a very desirable location, and the legislature should not allow the matter to be neglected any longer.

At our request Senator Fulton has recently introduced a measure into congress asking that the site be set aside for fish culture purposes and no doubt such reservation will be made before spring. As soon as this is done, this department should be provided with the necessary funds to establish a plant with a capacity of at least ten millions and have the same ready for occupancy in time for the next season's work.

Reports received from Superintendent Allen show that he began with the chinook eggs October 29, taking in all chinook eggs October 29, taking in all 3,707,000 eggs from 959 chinook females. The work on the sockeyes began October 13 and was stopped on November 15 by the slush ice in the river, which prevented seining. Three million nine hundred and one thousand eggs were secured from 1342 sockeye females, making a total of 7,008,000 eggs at that station.

At the Salmon river hatchery we have had returned out 2,500,000 chinook fry, leaving only a few hundred thousand on hand. In addition to these we have taken 8,712,000 eyed eggs from the Little White Salmon and Big White Salmon stations of the United States fisheries department, which they were unable to care for. These will be properly hatched and developed and the young fry planted in the vicinity of the Salmon river hatchery. This is giving this hatchery a double batch of eggs, but, as our own take of eggs will be pretty well out of the way by the time the government eggs arrive, it will work very nicely. It does, however, draw on our limited funds to have the care of this additional batch. As the government people are sure to have a supply of eggs far in excess of their capacity every year, some one must assist them in taking care of them, or this surplus will have to be dumped out as soon as hatched. For this reason they should be provided with a large central station adjacent to the railroad and to the Columbia river, and of suf-

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Scientific capacity to care for all the surplus, no matter how successful a season they may have. In order to bring this about, our senators and representatives at Washington should be called upon to urge congress for an appropriation for such a structure. We helped them out to a small extent last year and to a larger extent this year, but next year, with the small amount of license money at our command, it will run us very close to take care of all that we ourselves shall collect.

At the South Coos river hatchery Superintendent Smith succeeded in taking 6,115,000 eggs, double the number ever before taken. This is a creditable showing and proves that the station is one of the most reliable that we have.

We now have the new hatchery building at Yaquina about completed. The main building is a one-story structure, 39x100, that contains 100 troughs and has a capacity for taking care of four or five million eggs and young fry. The work of taking eggs there this year was a complete failure, 100,000 only having been secured. The first of the freshet went over the racks and tore them out in places and let all the salmon escape. On the 10th the men had their main rack mended, but a heavy storm the following night raised the river and completely submerged the rack, which has remained so nearly ever since. Mr. Smith has put in a rack farther up the stream, hoping to secure and spawn a supply of silver-sides, but I fear that it is altogether too late and nothing will be accomplished.

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