

Sport Gags

By K. D. P.

This following letter was received by the Editor from E. H. Judd, Secretary-manager of Rogue River Valley Irrigation District:

"My attention was called to an article in your paper of July 20, 1939, headed 'Sport Gags' by K. D. P., in which several false statements concerning fish screens were made.

"If K. D. P. really wants to ascertain the facts concerning Irrigation District screens and protection of fish life, I would be glad to go out with him and show him these structures at his convenience."

I am not making any false statement when I stated that there are hundreds of little trout in the Irrigation ditches. And I can prove it very easy because a young man was with me and we actually saw the trout. I know that they have fish screens in the ditches because the law requires so. But as stated by Mr. Judd in regard to protection of fish life, I think it would be a better thing for the company to go check carefully those screens for there must be some defect in the screens as to let so many trout over 6 inches to go through the screens. Very little trout might go through alright but so few if the screens are in good shape. But to let the 6-in trout go through, then the screens should be tested at once.

I have seen that fish screen lots of times when fishing out there and as far as I could see, the screen seemed to be working all right. But when that fatal day came around when one of the big logging trucks rips out a hole in the flume, necessitating the closing of the Irrigation ditch in order to repair the hole, that we saw so many fish in that ditch that is how I came to be protesting this wasteful method. So in the interest of fish life protection the screens should be tested. What says you, Mr. Judd?

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For example: A few miles above Eagle Point, there is a pretty good size dam that takes in nearly all the water from the creek. And as to whether this is a private dam or company dam I do not know, but this dam breaks the law. The dam has a fish screen all right, but to tell the truth the screen is not working at all. The paddles worked along fine and smoothly, but the screen has been taken of the bearing and the chain that connected the paddles and screen is disconnected. That's another reckless disrespect of the law and I wonder what is the matter with the state officers when that screen is right close to the road and can be seen if slowly driven by.

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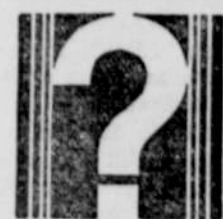
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