Discussion set for hunting weapons laws

The Fish and Wildlife Commission has scheduled a public workshop to discuss the various weapons used for hunting and regulations concerning their use. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 18, in the conference room at Fish and Wildlife Department headquarters, 506 SW Mill Street in Portland.

Representatives from groups concerned with bowhunting, muzzle loader, handgun, and rifle hunting, and other special interest groups including falconers, houndsmen and trappers have been asked to attend. The Commission is also anxious to hear from members of the general public who may not be affiliated with a club or association.

No specific proposals for changes in regulations are before the Commission at this time but the Commission is interested in exploring the "single weapons" concept as a means of spreading hunting pressure out and reducing overcrowding on opening weekends of popular seasons. Under a single weapons rule a hunter would be restricted to the use of only one weapon for hunting one or more big game species. Handgun hunting is also scheduled for discussion.

In addition, the Commission will be exploring the opportunities for special seasons for various interest groups, looking at crippling loss as related to various weapons, safety, law enforcement problems associated with special seasons, and other aspects.

The Commission has discussed various weapons rules in meetings and has received many comments from groups and individuals at public hearings in the past. The workshop is designed as an opportunity to get representatives of various interests together with Commission and Wildlife Division staff for an informal discussion of these and other hunting weapons issues.

Job stability rare in politics

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As one scans the rolls being called in each chamber during the biennial session, he may not be particularly perturbed by the fact there are 18 newcomers in the House and six familiar faces missing among Senators who served in 1977.

But you only have to go back as far as the 1975 session to discover more than half the House is occupied by freshmen or sophomores and 1973 to apply the same yardstick to the Senate.

And if you're willing to trace the attrition over the past decade, you discover only 20 per cent of today's 90 lawmakers were serving in 1969. This statistic becomes even more meaningful when you consider only three current House members were serving as Representatives in 1969 and two of them have been out of office during one biennium in the meantime.

Senatorial longevity is somewhat better. Five 1979 Senators have been serving in their current capacity with unbroken tenure for the last 10 years. And 10 more of this year's members of the Upper Chamber were serving as members of the House in 1969.

But if you go back 20 years, you find only Gresham Democrat Vern Cook with service that earns him the unofficial title as Dean of the Senate. That distinction belongs to Cloverdale Republican Paul Hanneman on the House side, who has been serving since 1965.

And what about legislative service leading to higher office or other perhaps lucrative or soul-satisfying related occupations?

Among Senators serving in 1969, one has become Governor. Two are judges. Two more are bureaucrats. And three are professional lobbyists. Four have found jobs in the bureaucracy Two are judges. One is Mulnomah County District Attorney, another a member of the Portland City Council and a third beginning his first term as Mayor of Redmond.

It's true this casual survey does not include an appraisal of legislative dropouts during the remaining sessions of the decade in question and that several more have become judges, elected city officials, bureaucrats and lobbyists in the meantime.

But, generally speaking, the vast majority leave office and seldom rise again to political prominence outside their original constituency.

And if you really want to plug job security into the process of choosing a career in politics, consider what happened to the Oregon House of Representatives in 1935 and 1939. That 60-member body contained 45 new members following a Democratic Party takeover during elections in 1934. And four years later, a Republican resurgence led to election of 42 members who hadn't served in the previous biennium.

Making laws in Oregon has become a bigger, more demanding and perhaps more gratifying job for those who have chosen that course in recent years.

But on the record, it's obvious the best way to approach the task is as something that likely will prove less than permanent.

BMCC budget talks begin for 1978-79

April 3 is the date for the 1979-80 Blue Mountain Community College budget election as set by the college's budget committee at its preliminary meeting on Dec. 20.

Bob Stangier, Pendleton, was elected chairman of the budget committee. Harmon Springer, Hermiston, was named secretary of the group.

Without a tax base, the college must go to the voters each year for its entire budget. President Ron Daniels reviewed the election options available for committee consideration. He pointed out that a tax base election must be conducted in conjunction with a statewide primary or general election, and that the only options for this year were to conduct a regular election on the full amount of the levy as has been done in the past or to conduct a three-year fixed rate serial levy which would cover the period from 1979-1981. Since Governor Atiyeh's plans for property tax relief and funding are unknown, the group concluded that it would be premature to develop serial levy plans.

Budget committee members agreed with the president that a citizen's committee should be organized to review the funding options available to the college and to make a recommendation on the type of funding the college should seek from the public. The budget committee decided that a committee of this type should be formed after it is known what tax limitations might be imposed by the 1979 legislature.

In forecasting financial resources for the 1979-80 year, Daniels guessed that Governor Atiyeh's proposal for college funding would not exceed an 8 per cent increase of $80,000 to $90,000 more. This, plus tuition increases and interest from money on hand, could give the college a $110,000 increase from sources other than property taxes.

The budget committee asked the president to build as conservative a budget as possible, but no maximum budget limit was set.

President Daniels reported that the three-year faculty contract provides for a maximum 9 per cent increase in base salaries based on the consumer price index. He pointed out that the President's Wage-Price Guidelines allow for the fulfillment of contracts that were negotiated before the guidelines were set.

Salary negotiations with support staff, administrators and confidential employees are currently underway at the college.

Members of the college budget committee include: Ray Boyce, Heppner; Ken Dauble, Weston; Bill Etter, Pilot Rock; Joe Green, Pendleton; John Hansell, Hermiston; Ben Holdman, Helix; Anna Lee Kennedy, Pendleton; Tim Mabry, Hermiston; Bob Rietmann, Ione; Ralph Skoubo, Boardman; Harmond Springer, Hermiston; Bob Stangier, Pendleton; Wally Wedin, Milton-Freewater; and Jim Whitney, Pendleton.

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