

Public angling recommendations to be considered

In addition to Fish and Wildlife Department staff recommendations for 1981 angling regulations published earlier, anglers and angling clubs have also submitted alternate or additional suggestions for new or changed rules.

A summary of public recommendations which will also be considered by the Fish and Wildlife Commission before it sets 1981 angling regulations on Oct. 25 follows:

General proposals

- Reduce annual bag limit for salmon
- Allow three salmon per day on coastal streams
- Stop issuing duplicate

salmon-steelhead tags

- Prohibit catch and release angling for steelhead
- Drop restriction on sinker placement

- Allow use of two fishing rods per angler
- Mark all hatchery steelhead and restrict the catch of wild steelhead
- Reduce daily bag limit for bass

- Set statewide minimum size of 12 inches for bass
- Reduce bag limit for sturgeon
- Increase minimum legal size of sturgeon

- Establish sturgeon punch-card and an annual limit
- Close all winter trout seasons

- Return streams to ten-trout bag limit
- Set common trout bag limit for lakes and streams

Site-specific proposals

- Extend trout season on Yellowjacket Reservoir (southeast Oregon) through January

- Open Metolius River entire year, flies only, catch and release

- Restore five-fish bag limit and use of regular gear at Mann Lake

- Close Big Lava Lake to all angling for 1981
- Permit angling from a

motor-propelled boat on Davis Lake

- Prohibit angling from a floating device on Molalla River

- Prohibit angling from a floating device on the upper McKenzie River

- Open North Fork Willamette (from Westfir to the mouth) to use of regular gear

- Open Salmon River (Sandy system) to salmon angling

- Drop fly-only restriction on Salmon River (Sandy system)

- Set concurrent seasons for spring chinook on Columbia and Willamette rivers

- Open tidewater portion of Big Creek (Clatsop County) in September

- Allow the take of sturgeon at night on Coos Bay and tributaries

- Set bag limit for bass on Warm Springs Reservoir at five per day with 12-inch minimum length

- For Blitzen River set trout bag limit at three per day from six to 12 inches length; all trout over 12 inches to be released; artificial flies only, with any type of rod and reel allowed.

- Deschutes River (below Pelton) proposals
- Permit use of bait

- Prohibit multiple point hooks

- Reduce steelhead bag limit to one fin-clipped (hatchery) fish per day

- Set steelhead bag limit of one fish per day - hatchery or wild

- Set steelhead bag limit of two fish per day - one of which can be wild

- Several proposals were received in support of staff recommendation to extend trout and steelhead seasons above Sherar Falls through December and one against

In addition to staff recommendations and public suggestions, the Fish and Wildlife Commission indicated it will be considering an extension of the steelhead season on the McKenzie River and a possible ban on the sale of salmon and steelhead eggs from sport caught fish. The commission also plans a thorough review of trout bag limits and all sturgeon angling regulations.

A public hearing on 1981 angling regulations will begin at 1 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 24, at Fish and Wildlife Department headquarters, 506 S.W. Mill Street in Portland. On Saturday, Oct. 25, the public hearing will continue at 9 a.m. and the commission will set 1981 angling rules at the close of public testimony.

EOSC expands homecoming activities

Officials at Eastern Oregon State College have announced the 1980 Homecoming and October Folk Festival, with increased activities, will be the weekend of Oct. 24 and 25. "We've expanded the total number of activities as well as increasing the number of alumni events," said EOSC Director of Student Activities Yvonne Tagge.

According to EOSC Alumni Planner Jack Schut, "Alumni will find more of a reunion atmosphere at many of the events this year." He said the first of the new activities will be an "Alumni Happy Hour," Friday, 5 to 6 p.m., in the Bavarian Tent. "We'll have live entertainment and alumni related activities going on. It'll be a good time to gather and begin to talk over old times."

"We've also added an 'Alumni Social Hour' after the game Saturday," Schut said. Recently appointed Alumni coordinator Neva Neill, former director of Alumni Affairs and EOSC faculty member, said she was encouraging retired faculty to attend.

Other alumni activities will include special seating at the "Cowboy Breakfast" Saturday morning, free tickets to

the game with Central Washington University Saturday at 1 p.m. and the recognition of alumni at half-time.

"For alumni who've been thinking about coming back, this is the year to do it," said Schut. "We've had nice changes to the campus and this will be the last homecoming game in the old Mountie Stadium."

General homecoming activities kick-off Friday at 1 p.m. with a revived Homecoming parade. It will begin in downtown La Grande and wind its way to campus where the traditional Bavarian Tent, food and game booths and main stage entertainment will open at 2 p.m.

"The main stage entertainment is new this year," explained Tagge. "We're having something going on most of the time." She said entertainment scheduled to date included Germania Dancers, fiddlers, square dancers and several variety musical numbers. "These and others will perform on a rotating basis both Friday and Saturday," she said. "It's all free."

Other activities include an "Animal Race" on Friday and a "Children's Paradise," where children may make

arts and crafts projects while their parents participate in other homecoming activities.

The Scottish Band from Weston-McEwen High School will provide halftime entertainment, and a major concert and dance are scheduled for 8 p.m. Saturday.

"We're getting ready," said Tagge. "The posters are going up and the students are thinking up last-minute activities. We just want everyone who can to come and have a good time."

American Legion plans events

American Legion and Auxiliary events for the month of October include the following:

Oct. 14 - Christmas Gift Shop work party at 7 p.m. at Case Furniture.

Oct. 20 - Regular meeting night, potluck, 7 p.m. Meat and rolls will be furnished. Girls who attended Girl's State will present a special program.

Oct. 28 - Christmas work party, 7 p.m.

BLM to distribute 'PILT' to counties

The first of several payments for fiscal year 1980 to the States of Oregon and Washington and their counties will be made on Sept. 30 by the federal Bureau of Land Management (BLM), William G. Leavell, BLM's state director announced in Portland today.

Oregon counties will receive payments totaling \$2,777,777 and Washington counties will receive payments totaling \$1,454,578 as appropriated by Congress under the Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) Act of 1976. Morrow County received \$18,628 of that amount. The PILT Act provides for payments that are determined according to federal acreages in each county, other revenue sharing arrangements, and county populations.

Last year Oregon counties received \$2,451,267 plus adjustments for the previous year for a total of \$2,999,294. Washington counties received \$1,307,616 plus adjustments for a total of \$2,853,179.

For 1979, all counties received 87.676 percent of their entitlements. Prorations were necessary because adjustments had been made out of the total amount appropriated. In 1980, net payments are

98.5 percent of the entitlement.

Nationwide, the Bureau of Land Management is distributing \$103,425,423 for 1980 under the Payments in Lieu of Taxes Act. The proposed fiscal year 1981 appropriation now stands at \$86 million.

States receiving the largest PILT payments this year are California \$12.7 million, New Mexico \$9.5 million, Utah \$8.1 million, and Montana \$8.0 million. Rhode Island will get \$1.475.

Other BLM revenues that are shared with local governments include: 50 percent of mineral leasing receipts goes to the States; 50 percent of receipts from revested O&C Railroad grant lands goes to western Oregon counties; 50 percent of proceeds from "Section 15" grazing lands goes to the States for the counties involved; and 12½ percent of the proceeds from "Section 3" grazing lands goes to the States for the counties involved. Another 50 percent of grazing receipts is appropriated for BLM to use in rangeland betterment.

Revenue sharing payments were to be made after the federal fiscal year ends on September 30.

Ullman charges partisan politicking on grain reserve bill

Oregon Congressman Al Ullman, last Friday charged that "partisan politicking" on the part of House Republicans blocked House consideration and final passage Thursday of a bill which would have raised prices for hard-pressed grain farmers in the Pacific Northwest.

The bill (H.R. 3765) would have raised price supports for grain placed in a farmer-owned reserve and also would have designated 4 million tons of wheat, currently owned by the government, as a food security stockpile to meet future emergency needs in developing countries.

The legislation was approved by the Senate late Wednesday night. Working with Rep. Tom Foley, D-Washington, Chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, Ullman and other Democrats moved through the only procedure available in the hours prior to adjournment Thursday, October 2, and asked unanimous consent for consideration of

the bill on the House floor. Republican members objected, and that blocked any consideration of the measure.

"Passage of this bill would have given wheat growers and others welcome help by making it more attractive for farmers to store crops while the market improves," Ullman explained. "It also would have meant supply and price stability for consumers in the months ahead."

"I am keenly disappointed that partisan political considerations blocked House consideration of the bill. The Northwest is one of the two areas of the country that would have benefited most. In their effort to deny the Carter Administration a victory, House Republicans have hurt our region severely," he added.

Ullman said he will work with Chairman Foley "to do everything possible to pass the bill" when Congress returns for its post election session in November.

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