

Fish and Wildlife Commission modifies bear, salmon regs.

Following public hearings held in Portland on Friday, March 20, the Fish and Wildlife Commission modified black bear pursuit seasons and closed the chinook salmon season on the Deschutes River.

Following considerable public testimony and discussion, the commission reconsidered the black bear pursuit seasons set earlier this year. A spring pursuit season was earlier set to run from March 28 through April 26. In action Friday, the commission completely eliminated the spring season. To somewhat compensate for this move, the late summer season was lengthened and will now start on July 15 instead of August 1. Closing date will remain on August 26 as originally scheduled.

In action on fishing regulations after hearing testimony that the spring chinook run headed for the Deschutes River was expected to be extremely low, the commission shortened the salmon season in that river.

Three changes were made in the Deschutes rules. The whole river will remain closed to salmon angling through June 21 instead of opening below on April 1 below Sherar Falls. Additionally, the bait

area just below the falls will be closed to all angling through June 21.

In related action the commission changed the steelhead opening below Sherar Falls from April 21 to April 25.

Fish and Wildlife Department staff biologists recommended the change because of the projected small run of fish and their recommendation was backed up by testimony from members of the Warm Springs Indian Tribal Council.

The tribal council has also closed the river to all salmon fishing by members of their tribe through June 21.

SHEEP, COUGAR, ANTELOPE APPLICATION MATERIAL AVAILABLE SOON

Hunters interested in applying for bighorn sheep, cougar, and antelope tags will be able to obtain the necessary information and applications at local license agents starting about April 3. The deadline for applying for these tags is April 27 with the drawing date May 21.

Following public testimony on March 20, the Fish and Wildlife Commission authorized 1,330 buck antelope tags in 21 areas, 185 doe antelope tags in two areas and 400 bowhunting permits for taking

antelope in the Gerber Reservoir area. At the same meeting, 34 bighorn sheep tags were authorized in five areas and 161 cougar tags in eight areas. Details of the areas and hunt dates will be available with the application material at hunting license outlets.

Though the application procedure for deer and elk permit-tags will be changed this year, the application procedure for antelope, bighorn sheep, and cougar tags will be the same as it was in 1980. Application is to be made on the two party IBM-type card and \$1 per applicant must accompany the application. To be eligible for the drawing, the application must be sent to the Department of Fish and Wildlife, P.O. Box 3503, Portland, OR 97208 and be postmarked by April 27.

FISH AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT ASKS SPROTSMEN'S AID

An unattended, illegal gillnet in the Willamette River fished longer than necessary according to fish and wildlife law enforcement officers. Located not far from the heart of Portland, the net was attached to the shore and when picked up by officers of the Oregon State Police had seven spring

chinook and four steelhead entangled in it. The toll would have been lowered if it had been reported sooner.

The Department of Fish and Wildlife points out that gillnets are illegal in all streams south of the Columbia River and anyone seeing such a net should report it to the State Police as soon as possible. Because of the great value of salmon, illegal poaching is chanced by certain unscrupulous individuals. This means less fish for legal anglers and less to continue upstream to spawn.

The department cautions that it is not usually wise to try to make a citizen's arrest if one observes a poacher in action, but instead it is best to gather as much information as possible and report it to the Oregon State Police at the first opportunity.

VFW Aux. meeting April 8

A meeting of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary No. 4184 has been scheduled for April 8 at 7 p.m. at the Columbia Basin Co-op building.

The yearly election of officers will be combined with a regular meeting.

Former Heppner High graduate opens new Hermiston veterinary clinic

Offering complete veterinary care to both large and small animals, Drs. William R. Jepsen and Terry D. Golter recently opened a vet clinic in the Hermiston area. The Oregon Trail Veterinary Clinic has its headquarters in the Sunny Ridge Building on the Hermiston McNary Highway.

Together, the two veterinarians offer a broad range of animal care and handle almost any livestock or pet problem. Both doctors have had experience working in the Hermiston and surrounding Morrow County area. Golter has been here for approximately three-and-one half years, and Jepsen for the past 10 months. During that time they were working at another local clinic.

Jepsen graduated just last spring from Iowa State University, while Golter received his DVM from Washington State University.

The new Oregon Trail Clinic is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Saturdays from 8 to noon. They also operate a 24-hour emergency service which can be reached by calling 567-1138.

Dr. Jepsen is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jepsen of Heppner and a 1973 graduate of Heppner High School.



Drs. William Jepsen (left) and Terry Golter

Forest grazing fees lower

The 152,000 cattle and 100,000 sheep that will use national forest rangelands in Oregon and Washington this year will do so at a reduced fee, according to Regional Forester R.E. Worthington, USDA Forest Service.

The fee per unit-month will be \$2.31 on the 19 national forests and one national grassland in the Pacific Northwest Region. Fees last year ranged from \$2.36 to \$2.54 for cattle. A unit-month is grazing for one month by one bull, cow, cow and calf, horse, or five sheep or goats. Total use in unit-months in 1981 will be about 700,000, Worthington said. Fees are for occupancy rather

than for a specific amount of forage used.

In past years, Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management grazing fees have been different, and there have also been variations between areas of national forests. This year and in the future, the fee will be uniform, Worthington said, because of a formula specified in the Public Rangelands Improvement Act of 1978.

The fee formula considers the difference between total costs of public and private grazing, the value of forage, beef cattle prices, and the price ranchers pay for items

such as fencing, transportation, and veterinary services. The fee decrease this year is a result of livestock production costs exceeding livestock selling prices in 1980.

Grazing on the national forests and grasslands is of major value to the local and regional economy. Many livestock operations depend heavily on national forest grazing to round out their year-long operation. Worthington said. Because of the many uses and values found on the national forests and the need to protect those values, management of grazing is becoming more complex and restrictive, he noted.

Wrangler Play Days begin Sun.

Play Days begin again for the Morrow County Wranglers Club Sunday, April 5. Other Play Days scheduled are April 12, April 26, and May 3.

The Wranglers are welcoming all who are interested to join them. The fun will begin at noon with a potluck dinner. Games start at 1 p.m. at the Wranglers' Riding Grounds behind the Kinzua Mill.

Five events are planned for Play Day, including barrel racing, pole bending, ring racing, key hole racing, plus an optional event. There are five age groups per event and points will be awarded each Play Day.

Membership dues for the club are \$5 per family and \$3 per single.

For more information call Sherry Kemp at 989-8461 or Debbie Palmer at 422-7508.

April Extension topic 'County government'

By BIRDINE TULLIS

"County Government" will be the discussion topic at most of the April meetings of Home Extension study groups in Umatilla and Morrow Counties.

Groups will discuss the services offered by county departments, and how these departments are financed. Volunteer leader-teachers who will teach the lessons recently received their training from Harold Kerr, former Morrow County Extension staff chairman, and Luther Fitch, county Extension agent, Hermiston.

Participants will learn the actual dollar value of the county, the making of a tax base and how it is determined,

and the significance of the six percent tax limitation. They will also learn how a county budget is determined and the many facets of a county budget.

All interested persons are invited to attend a study group session. Extension membership is not required. Extension is for everyone, regardless of race, creed or economic status. Interested persons should call the nearest Extension office to learn the dates, time and location of study group meetings. There will be handouts for all participants.

Morrow County leaders who will teach the lesson are: Dorothy Krebs, Ione; Vera Cooley, Ruth Bentley, Irrigon; Nancy Myers, Dorris Graves, and Delpha Jones, Heppner.

Kenneth Jones on Sunday. Gladys Van Winkle and Mr. and Mrs. C.C. Jones were Pendleton business callers on Sunday.

Gladys Van Winkle spent part of the spring vacation visiting her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Van Winkle at Paulina, a sister in John Day and her mother, Sally Lowry, in Mt. Vernon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Edwards visited his father, Alonzo Edwards, at a nursing home in Pendleton one day last week. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Padberg were Hermiston callers on Friday. They visited a daughter-in-law, Sherrie Klinger, taking her to dinner prior to her departure to Portland. From there she will join her parents in California for a trip to the Bahamas.

Mrs. Kenneth Jones and son, Michael, were Portland overnight visitors last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Ford of Pendleton spent the weekend with her father and wife Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Howard, Sr. Mrs. Ford remained for a longer visit to look for a place to live as they plan on moving to Lexington.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Henderson have a new trailer home on their lot in Lexington.

Lexington news

• Delpha Jones • 989-8189

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Taylor were hosts to a pinocle party at their home on Saturday evening with the following guest in attendance: Mr. and Mrs. Glover Peck, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Smouse, Mr. and Mrs. John Tellechea, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Padberg, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Padberg, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Buchanan, Gladys Van Winkle, Hazel Jackson, and the host and hostess. Lovely refreshments were served during the evening. Prizes went to women's high, Frances Peck, and women's low, Hazel Jackson, men's high, Glover Peck and men's low, Richard Peck, and traveling, Kenneth Smouse and Gladys Van Winkle.

Earl Soward, who has been a patient in Pioneer Memorial Nursing home, has been moved to the Good Samaritan Center in Hermiston. Mrs. Soward, who is still a patient in the hospital in Portland, is reported to be improving, and hopes to be able to return to Eastern Oregon soon.

Charlene Whitney of Portland was an overnight visitor at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C.C. Jones, on Saturday, visiting her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs.

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