

New rules, new look highlight Oregon State fish regulations

The new set of Oregon sport fishing regulations, which went into effect January 1, will include several new rules designed to protect a variety of species including sturgeon, striped bass and steelhead. New or modified rules are emphasized with bold type in the regulation booklet.

The booklet will also feature a new look, with the addition of color illustrations, expanded angler information and advertising. The booklets and 1990 licenses and tags are available now at nearly 1,000 license agents around the state.

Statewide sturgeon regulations have several changes for 1990; all designed to protect the fish from overharvest. These include:

- 40-inch minimum and 72-inch maximum legal sizes. Oregon boosted the legal minimum from 36 to 40 inches on the upper Columbia River in 1989. The rule now applies to all waters where sturgeon are present.

- Annual limit of 15 fish.
- Required use of single-point, barbless hooks only. This new rule which is intended to make releasing fish easier and less harmful, was accidentally left out of the regulation booklet. Regardless of that error, the restriction is still law and will be enforced.

- Use of gaff hook for landing prohibited. This rule is intended to protect fish that must be released.

- Additional changes in legal size limits go into effect in January, 1991.

Other regulation changes of statewide interest include:

- Angling closures on several streams where spawning salmon congregate.

- Seasonal angling closures, reduced bag limits or catch and release requirements on some streams to protect wild trout and steelhead.

Anglers should carefully consult the regulations to note where these conservation measures have been adopted.

While many of the new regulations are more conservative, the booklet containing those rules has taken a turn in the other direction. The publication titled "Oregon Sport Fishing" features a cover with a color painting of jumping chinook by Hood River wildlife artist Darrell

Davis. A two-page centerfold also includes color illustrations of selected Oregon game fish by another Oregon artist, Ron Pittard.

Davis' work is probably most familiar to Oregon waterfowl hunters. He painted the scene of Canada geese on the 1988 Oregon waterfowl stamp. A poster of the chinook cover art, titled "Coming Home," is available. Price and ordering information are included in the regulation booklet.

The booklet also includes something else that is new--advertising. By contracting the sale of ads for the publication, the Department of Fish and Wildlife estimates the state saved at least \$15,000 in printing costs while producing a much more eye-pleasing and informative booklet.

Increases in sport fishing license fees instituted for 1990 will help support a major restoration and enhancement program designed to boost fish production and increase fishing opportunities. The two-year surcharge, which is expected to raise more than \$2 million from angling licenses, will be dedicated entirely to restoration or enhancement projects.

The R & E program will also be supported by approximately \$1 million in increased commercial salmon fishing fees and \$1.75 million from the Oregon State Lottery fund.

This total of almost \$5 million will be used over the next two years to:

- Restore deteriorating trout, steelhead and salmon hatcheries.

- Enhance natural fish production in streams, lakes and reservoirs.

- Gather much-needed scientific information to improve fish management.

- Improve and expand angler access, especially for the handicapped and people without boats.

Potential R & E projects will be screened by a seven-member public review board appointed by the Fish and Wildlife Commission. This board makes recommendations to the commission on what projects should be funded.

Allocations of funds to projects that benefit sport or commercial fisheries will be based on the estimated revenue contributed by those fisheries. Currently, the Department of Fish and Wildlife

estimates that about two-thirds of the R & E funding will go to sport-related work since sport fees make up about 66 percent of the contributed income.

The board will also conduct regular, quarterly meetings around the state to hear public comments on projects under consideration. The R & E board has already conducted a series of meetings during December. The next round of public review session is planned for March.

Anyone interested in following the progress of the R & E Program over the next two years is encouraged to sign up for a free, quarterly newsletter that will keep subscribers updated on how the R & E funds are being spent. To get on the mailing list for this publication send your name and address to: R & E News, PO Box 59, Portland, OR 97207.

Management options for hatchery and wild summer steelhead, and review of water flow policies on the Rogue River system will be the two main assignments for a taskforce of fishing interest representatives recently appointed by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.

The taskforce, which includes a cross section of the sport fishing community, will be chaired by Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission member Robert Jacobson.

Specific tasks will involve making recommendations for management of both fish and flows, according to department freshwater program manager, Ray Temple.

"The use of hatchery steelhead has been central to both public and ODFW recommendations, but there has been little agreement among the various interests," Temple said.

The taskforce will be charged with "sorting out" possible changes in management strategies, including use of broodstocks, release sites, use of STEP fish and other approaches, says Temple.

"We have the dual objectives of avoiding risk to wild steelhead stocks while increasing availability of hatchery fish to anglers," Temple said.

Water management in the Rogue Basin will also be a major review topic, particularly regulations of flows over dams in the system. "The taskforce will be asked to examine the complex flow scenarios and decide whether options exist to improve distribution and catchability of

steelhead without adverse trade-offs," Temple said.

The department is currently developing a comprehensive management plan for the Rogue Basin, but completion of the plan is not expected for at least two years, according to Temple. Taskforce members will be asked to participate on a public advisory committee that is assisting the department in plan development, Temple said.

Taskforce members will hold their first meeting in mid-January and produce a final report of Fish and Wildlife Commission by July, according to Temple.

Law provides insurance incentive for seniors

Reservation applications for the summer camping season in Oregon State Parks will be accepted beginning Monday, January 8, and new rates and regulations will apply.

Reservation requests must be accompanied by a check or money order for \$13, a \$2 increase from last year. The \$13 advance deposit includes a \$4 non-refundable reservation fee with \$9 applied to the first night's camping fee. The new rates reflect a \$1 increase in the reservation fee to cover actual costs of reservation processing and a \$1 general camping fee increase proposed for spring, 1990.

Campsites will be confirmed for campers using last year's application form with the remaining camping fees payable upon arrival at the park.

The new daily summer camping fees will range from \$9 to \$11 depending on the type of site, according to Pat Oxley, park ranger.

Also new for 1990 will be a rule limiting the number of reservation dates per envelope. A maximum of three separate reservation dates will be allowed with each request. There may be several applications for each of the three dates requested. This rule change will increase the opportunity for a greater variety of users to obtain a campsite at the more popular parks, Oxley said.

Reservations are accepted at 13 of the 50 campgrounds within the state park system. Reservation parks contain approximately 3,100 of the system's 5,700 campsites.

Help ... power outages

When winter storms or other natural disasters cause power outages jeopardizing food, here's what to do.

Keep the freezer closed. Keep what cold air you have inside. Don't open the door any more than necessary.

You'll be relieved to know that a full, freestanding freezer will stay at freezing temperatures about two days, a half-full freezer about one day. If your freezer is not full, group packages together so they form an "igloo" protecting each other. And if you think power will be out for several days, try to find some dry ice. Follow the handling instructions

carefully. You don't want to touch the dry ice or breathe the fumes in an enclosed area.

Twenty five pounds of dry ice should hold a cubic foot full freezer three to four days. Although dry ice can be used in the refrigerator, block ice is better. You can put it in the refrigerator's freezer unit and place your refrigerated perishables there--meat, poultry, dairy items.

Group meat and poultry to one side or on a tray so that if they begin thawing, their juices won't get on other food.

If food has started to thaw, what can safely be kept? You will have to evaluate each item separately. Generally, be very careful with meat and poultry products or any food containing dairy products. When in doubt, throw them out.

What about how the food will taste? Raw meats and poultry from the freezer can usually be refrozen without too much quality loss. Prepared foods, vegetables and fruits can normally be refrozen, but there may be some quality loss. Fruits can be refrozen with minimal quality loss.

Refrigerated items should be safe as long as power is out no more than a few hours. After that, you may have to discard them unless block ice was added to the refrigerator or they were transferred to the freezer.

Accidentally frozen canned goods left in a car or basement in subzero temperature can present health problems. If the cans are merely swollen and you're sure the swelling was caused by freezing--thoroughly cook the contents right away. You can eat or refreeze the cooked food. But if the seams of the can have burst or rusted, throw the cans out.

These are rule-of-thumb guides. For actual handling of specific foods contact the Morrow County Extension Service.

Be sure to discard any fully cooked items in either the freezer or the refrigerator that have come into contact with raw meat juices.

Remember, you can't rely on appearance or odor. Never taste food, either, to determine its safety. Some foods may look and smell fine, but if they've been at room temperature too long, food poisoning bacteria may have multiplied enough to cause illness.

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