



Woods, Water, Wildlife

By Hank DeVoss

On January 22, the Oregon state game commission will hold its final hearing on the proposed fishing regulations for 1960. The regulations are the result of the expressed desires of the public and the recommendations of the fisheries biologists. As such, it should be the concern of fishermen and conservationists to try to get the best set of regulations possible for the Rogue river. The changes proposed by Cole Rivers, our local biologist, at an earlier hearing, will not be appreciated by many, but the reasons for them should be discussed and understood so that we may have a basis for formulating our own recommendations.

LONG WINTER SEASON
One of the changes proposed is the extension of the winter steelhead season from Dec. 1 through Feb. 29. The catch is that this will be from Hellsgate canyon downriver and will close the 19 mile section normally open from the mouth of the Applegate down to Hellsgate. Since the winter season is normally from Jan. 15 to Feb. 15, there is a full two month gain in fishing time in a smaller area.

THE WHYFOURS
The reasons for the change are to provide fishing during this time and to simplify the regulations. Cole feels that there will be an even exchange in that there will be more fish taken during the extended season to compensate for the fewer fish taken from the 19 mile stretch from the Applegate to Hellsgate. He realizes that the proposed open area will concentrate the fishermen, but this is with purpose.

THE BIOLOGY OF IT
The winter steelhead run of the Rogue river is in excellent shape insofar as numbers go and they could stand a lot more fishing pressure than they normally get. Since they don't come too far up river, the new winter deadline will concentrate the fishermen where the fish are more likely to be. Another biological reason is that the Applegate-Hellsgate area is a spawning area for fall steelhead and this run can not stand as much fishing pressure as it is getting. There are spawned-out summer steelhead in this area also and during January many of these long, dark, snake-like fish are caught and kept by the "I caught my limit" variety of fishermen. Since many of these fish could return and spawn again as larger fish, the catching of spawned-out fish keeps the average size down, a fact which should not be the case.

ANOTHER CUT
Another proposed change is in the shortening of the fall steelhead area in the upper river, with the deadline at Gold Ray dam at the end of trout season on Oct. 3 instead of Shady Cove. This cuts out some fine fishing for steelhead with the fly but there is a sound biological reason for the change.

ONE-THIRD GONE
In 1958 there was a total count of 937 summer steelhead that crossed the counting board at Gold Ray dam. By Sept. 13, there had been 335 reported caught, which meant that over a third of them were gone and probably more that were not reported. This is too many

and the proposed closure is a minimal measure of prevention.

A FULL POUND
Since an ounce of prevention will affect a pound of cure, why not try a full pound of prevention? It is felt by many fishermen that there should be an equality of restriction along the whole river and that too many fall fish are caught in the Agness area and below, especially under the summer bag regulations.

There is reason to believe that the following would have biological support: To close the river above Gold Ray dam on Sept. 6 and to have a 2 fish per day over 12 inches, bag limit from below the dam to the coast until Nov. 30. After that date, winter limits would prevail. There is reason to believe further that this would move the Hellsgate deadline up to Robertson bridge because of the lightened pressure on the fall run. The coastal bag limit is most important.

EXPRESS YOURSELF
Whether or not fishermen can agree with what has been discussed above, the fish in the river are dependent upon the enlightened interest of the local sportsmen in order that their runs are to continue. Individuals and groups are asked to send their recommendations to the Oregon State Game Commission, 1634 S.W. Alder St., P.O. Box 4136, Portland 6, Oregon.

THE ANGLER'S LOG
With the variations in the weather, it's rather difficult to know just where to go this coming week end. The Rogue will open Saturday from the mouth of the Applegate and the Applegate is open to the mouth of the Little Applegate above Ruch. Unless things muddy up by Saturday, all rivers should be in fine shape.

Illinois River - Has been producing limit catches all week. A Little raise which stabilizes and starts her down may put this river at the peak of the season this week end.

Rogue River - Will be best below Galice. Not many fish will be higher because temperatures have been below 38 degrees for so long that the fish have been held down river longer than usual.

Smith River - It takes a rain the day before to make this river a good producer. Tuesday saw a report of six men from this area who came back with 18 fish. A real haul!

THE OPTIMIST'S CORNER
One nice thing about the Hellsgate deadline is that when the Freeway to Grants Pass is completed, it will take less time to get there than it will take to get to the Finley Bend-Ferry Hole area. It ought to take some pressure off the Illinois and the Smith too.

GOOD LUCK!

April 23 Angling Opening Set For 4 Lakes; Other Proposed Angling Regulations Clarified

Grants Pass - The Oregon state game commission proposed many changes of angling regulations for Rogue river to simplify the synopsis and to adjust the management program when it met in Portland last Friday to compile the 1960 angling rules.

Fish lake, Willow creek reservoir, Howard Prairie reservoir and Squaw lakes are planned to open for trout on April 23 and close on Oct. 9. All waters within the Talent project are to be included in Zone 4 - Rogue river system. The special early opening on upper segments of the Rogue, Elk creek and Big Butte creek would be discontinued.

Streams of the Rogue watershed are proposed to open on

May 21. The deadline for the opening of steelhead season on Oct. 3 would be lowered from Shady Cove to Gold Ray Dam for the protection of spring-run steelhead.

On Dec. 1, the steelhead deadline will be dropped from Gold Ray to Hellsgate canyon, and steelhead fishing would be permitted for the first time in many years through December and early January. The season on the Rogue below Hellsgate would be continuous from Dec. 1 to Feb. 29. No winter fishing would be permitted from the mouth of the Applegate to Hellsgate.

The winter season on the Applegate river would remain unchanged, and no changes are planned for the Illinois fishery.

All salmon and jacks are to be regulated alike with a March 26 to June 30 season above Mule creek and a March 26 to Nov. 30 season below Mule creek.

All warm water game fish may be angled for any hours of day or night, but the main channel of Rogue river, exclusive of the backwaters of Gold Ray and Savage Rapids Dams, will be closed to all night angling. Warm water game fish include bass, crappies, bluegills and catfish.

The commission will meet again in Portland on Jan. 22 to make final adoption of the 1960 angling regulations. The 1959 regulations will continue to apply until the new set of rules are filed with the Secretary of State on or about Feb. 5, 6 or 7. In other words, the steelhead season will open on the Rogue below the mouth of the Applegate on January 16 as outlined in the 1959 synopsis, and if the proposed changes are passed at the Commission's next hearing, the deadline will drop to Hellsgate when the regulations are filed with the secretary of state. The Applegate winter steelhead season will open and close as presently scheduled in the 1959 synopsis.

Trojans Hit By Flu Bug

United Press International

The University of Southern California, preparing to launch a strong attack against the UCLA Bruins tonight, will be severely limited by already losing a battle with an unseen enemy—the flu bug.

Three Trojan cagers have been stricken with the virus—Jim Hanna, Jim White and John Rudometkin—and officials doubt if Hanna and White will be able to start against the Bruin quintet. But a red-hot defensive Cal club will be off and running after Washington State tonight in the Bears' gym.

In the third Big Five contest, Stanford tackles the University of Washington in what could be judged a toss-up game.

In games Saturday night the University of Washington hopes to crack that tough Cal defense and Washington State college clashes with Stanford.

The University of Southern California plays Oregon State.

Bulldog 9th Takes Tiff

McLoughlin Junior high ninth grade wrestling team defeated Hedrick 31 to 21 yesterday in matches at Hedrick.

On Wednesday Hedrick won 50 to 41 in combined seventh and eighth grade tussles.

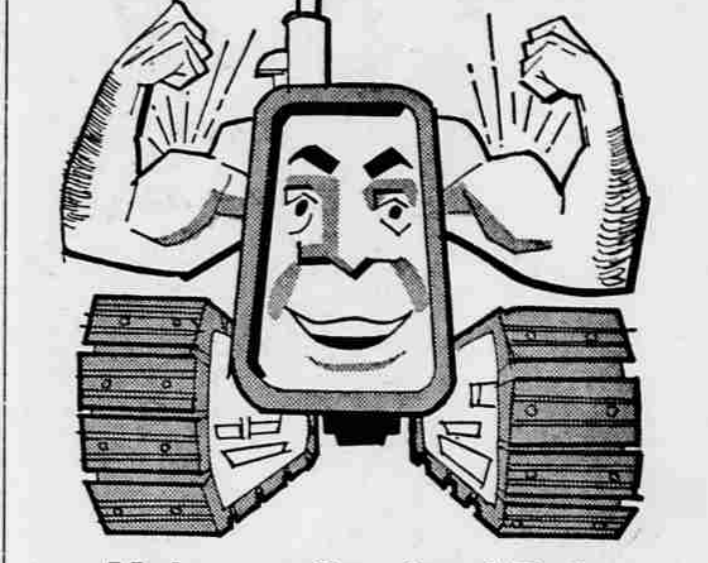
RESULTS:
(Ninth Grade)
37—J. Pitts, M. pinned M. McCoy, H. 106—Jerry Stratton, H. dec. John Gates, M. 114—Sam Crawford, H. dec. Brad Young, M. 122—Larry Kline, M. pinned Frank Isai, H. 129—Robert Collins, H. pinned Keith Dalbeck, M. 135—Don Ogden, M. dec. Frank McKinney, H. 140—Art Decker, M. pinned Allan House, H. 147—Tom Metz, H. pinned Dale Stanfield, M. 158—Bill Buetner, H. pinned Roland Gangree, M. 167—Walt Conner, M. won by forfeit; unlimited—Gregg Wolf, M. dec. Jonathan Inskeep, H. 87—Rod Smith, M. won by forfeit.

(Seventh-Eighth Grade)
87—Richard Kinney, H. pinned Monte Miller, M. 87—John Lampkin, M. pinned John Hughes, H. 87—George McVair, H. pinned Larry McDonald, M. 97—Bob Harrison, M. pinned Bill Edwards, H. 97—Terry Anderson, M. pinned Ted Metz, H. 105—Greg Gandee, H. pinned Gary Duebert, M. 114—Brent Hassel, M. pinned Jack Salt, H. 114—Dale Beare, H. pinned Dick Hogan, M. 114—John Pierce, H. pinned Russell McGraw, H. 147—Mike Mayfield, H. pinned Terry Winstrout, M. 157—Bill Pratt, H. pinned Jim Jones, M. 122—John Swartzfager, H. pinned Todor, M. 122—Roy McDowell, H. pinned Penny, M.

TOURNEY DELAYED
Yorba Linda, Calif. —(UPI)—The first round of the \$25,000 Yorba Linda Open, washed out by rain, was scheduled to start anew today, weather possible.

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WON'T FOLLOW FATHER - Former world heavyweight boxing champion "Jersey Joe" Walcott, right, shows his pleasure after his son, Vincent, 19, announced that he will drop his ideas of following his father's fighting footsteps to study for the ministry. Joe had been training Vincent and tentative fight dates had been set. Joe, a devout Baptist, said he'd rather see the Bible—not boxing gloves—in his son's hands any day. —(UPI Telephoto)

MEDFORD TRIBUNE SPORTS BOWLING

ROXY ANN ROCKETTES
Roxy Ann Rockettes league will bowl two sessions on Tuesday, Jan. 19. Bowling will start at 9 a.m. and continue until the six games have been rolled.

Standings	W.	L.
Economy Market	41 1/2	22 1/2
Nesley Nelson Lbr. Co.	40	24
3 Big Y Markets	37	27
Town House Cafe	34 1/2	29 1/2
Norton's Market	32	32
K-Boy	31 1/2	32 1/2
Crosby's Mobilites	29	35
Team Four	27	37
Fear Bowlers	26	38
Team Two	22 1/2	41 1/2

Results:
Crosby's 0 (R. Edmonds 436) 1600, K-Boy 4 (S. Holmes 439) 1677, Big Y 4 (E. Dickinson 569) 1927, Team Four 1 (D. Hukill 442) 1468, Economy 3 (W. Grigsby 438) 1589, Town House 3 (G. Smith 440) 1876, Fear Bowlers 1 (V. Cummings 482) 1767, Nesley 2 (V. Bateman 472) 1703, Norton's 2 (D. Peyton 406) 1697, High game—Edith Dickinson 217, High series—Dickinson 569, Conversions—M. Peyton 4-5, R. Patten 6-9-10, V. Grigsby 2-7, N. Forler 4-5.

Standings	W.	L.
Lively Five	8	0
Reddys	7	1
Alley Gators	6	2
Miss Fitts	6	2
Sea Dogs	6	2
Adair's	4	4
Gypos	3	5
Centerers	3	5
Spears	2	6
Go Boys	2	6
Cubs	2	6
Channel Cats	0	8

Results:
Alley Gators 2 (B. LaRocque 569) 2381, Go Boys 2 (S. Forbes 496) 2429, Reddy's 3 (O. Hanson 503) 2264, Gypos 1 (W. Chase 494) 2260, Bankerettes 4 (C. Proctor 664) 2472, Sports 0 (F. Knox 558) 2477, Cubs 1 (L. Lay 476) 2355, Centerers 3 (V. McCall 504) 2463, Miss Fitts 4 (M. North 605) 2521, Channel Cats 0 (D. Lubbers 530) 2403, Sea Dogs 2 (L. Surlis 504) 2320, Adair's 2 (L. Coats 538) 2364.

Standings	W.	L.
Three Squares	38	22
The Gang	34	26
S V C	32	28
Pinheads	32	28
Bankerettes	31	29
Merry Misses	30	30
Three Cheers	29	31
Lucky Strikes	29	31
The Rolling Three	28	32
Bobby Pins	24	36

Results:
Merry Misses (B. Cowden 370) 1399, Luck. Strikes (M. Langley 353) 1449, Three Squares (M. Doty 407) 1486, The Pinheads (K. Smith 481) 1599, The Gang (D. Owings 433) 1554, Three Cheers (L. Fisher 374) 1446, Bankerettes (H. 427) 1502, Bobby Pins (B. McPherson 378) 1460, Rolling Three (G. Johnson 332) 1582, S V C (C. Rector 363) 1481.

Standings	W.	L.
Hapco-Sales	13	3
Trowbridge & Flynn	8	8
Electronic Service	7 1/2	8 1/2
United Radio	7	9
Chitwood & Stone	6 1/2	7 1/2
Hapco-Service	7	7

Results:
Hapco-Sales 4 (D. Finch 500) 2774, Chitwood & Stone 0 (W. Arbaugh 481) 2684, T F & D (D. Herretson 513) 2795, Hapco Service 1 (F. Horton 512) 2765, Electronic Service 1 (L. Knapp 509) 2634, United Radio 3 (R. Greenman 511) 2675.

Standings	W.	L.
Evergreen League	25	7
Medford Corporation	25	7
Seven Up Bottling Co.	22	10
M&M Motors	18	14
Medford Steel Co.	18	14
R. O. Stephenson Lbr. Co.	17	15
Patterson's Plumbing	16	16
Big Y Market	15	17
Medford Blowpipe Co.	14	18
Kogap Lumber Industries	13	19
Barco Supply Co.	12	20
Team Nine	11	21
First Christian Church	11	21

Results:
Steel 3 (Thayer Tarvin 584) 2897, Stephenson 1 (Clyde Ramsey 571) 2736, Team Nine 2 (Ray Adams 547) 2721, Church 2 (Earl Purdy 469) 2696, Blowpipe 0 (LaVern Johnson 496) 2726, Patterson 4 (Harley Harper 521) 2681, M&M Motors 2 (Keith McLean 553) 2776, Big Y 2 (Floyd Hayner 523) 2771, Barco 0 (Dick Swan 480) 2578, Kogap 4 (Don Pig 500) 2534, Seven Up 1 (Marion Huitt 517) 2734, Medco 3 (George Smith 529) 2759.

Standings	W.	L.
Lampport's 3 (L. Schneider 633) 2762, Daugherty 0 (F. Anderson 606) 2729, Roxy Ann 2 (T. Pederson 606) 2630, Timber Room 1 (C. McWhorter 370) 2544, Beck's 2 (F. Beck 632) 2760, Cubby's 1 (W. Howell 548) 2536, Kim's 2 (J. Sheldon 394) 2731, Clave 1 (W. White 533) 2722.		

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