

SPORTS

Woods, Water, Wildlife

By Hank DeVoss

There is a problem developing here in the Rogue basin that may become one of the most serious to threaten the salmon and the fishing for salmon in the Rogue River. This problem was mentioned in earlier columns but is reaching such a depth of seriousness that it is felt to require more attention.

THE PROBLEM
The upper river has one of the largest runs of spring chinook salmon runs in several years resting in the various deep holes from the mouth of the south fork to Gold Ray dam. These fish are scary as a result of all the lures and bait that have been tossed at them and don't seem to be in the mood to take or strike at anything else. As a result of such a frustrating situation, more so-called fishermen are trying to catch a salmon by any method they can; and this means they are snagging fish.

The law states that it is illegal "to net, trap, spear, gaff, club, snag, or shoot game fish. It further states that "... all sinkers or weights shall be located or fished or have the place or nearest attachment in a position 18 inches or more above, and never below the hook, measured from the eye thereof, and no weight or sinker shall be used on or attached to the shank or shanks of any such hooks in any manner." In regulating the size of hook to be used, the law says, "There shall not be used in any salmon or steelhead fishing, any treble or double hook, of which any one or all thereof are larger than three-quarters of an inch from the point of any such hooks to the shank or shanks thereof..."

The snaggers are well aware of the law and how to avoid or ignore it. The oldest method of snagging is to buy the largest treble hook available, and there are so-called sporting goods stores that stock them, tie it to 80-pound line on a broom-handle pole, wire the heavy sinker under the hook, heave this deadly combination across a salmon-holding pool, and jerk whenever a fish swims against the line as it is pulled through the hole. The most important part is to pick a time and a place where the law cannot see you at work with this gear.

The latest method is to use legal gear and take a chance on the law not being on the spot when a fish is beached and kept. Legal gear constitutes a spoon with the largest treble hook the law allows, the weight the proper length above the hook, and a show of innocence while releasing a snagged fish if the law happens to be around.

The problem of snaggers has been a constant one on the Rogue river, and it would be foolish to think it could be eliminated. What makes the problem so serious at this time is that there are many people who are taking up fishing as a sport and who are easily convinced that anything goes so long as you're not caught. The multitude of snaggers, and many of them are lousy fishermen and worse snaggers, are landing about one out of every seven or eight fish snagged. The fish that get away are almost certain to die a slow death that will prevent them from spawning and providing future salmon for the run. This is the painful fact that means something must be done about snagging that laughs at the law as it is now written.

THE CURE
It is the consensus of conservationists, sportsmen, river guides, game wardens, and fish biologists that the most effective way to stop all but the die-hard snagger is to change the law so that single hooks are the only means of taking salmon or steelhead in the upper river. The outlawing of treble hooks will make any user of such suspect and liable to arrest. It is recognized by all interested parties that without a treble hook a snagger cannot hope to hook into a salmon except by chance. The odds are too high to work against and we could hope that most snaggers would return to a less destruc-

tive way of fishing. Also, this would more effectively than blaming the game wardens for a situation that makes the law laughable because it is unenforceable.

THE ANGLER'S LOG
Those who figure on providing the family for a bit of fishing fun might be interested in knowing that the game commission is planting a Fourth of July week end with trout from 8 to 11 inches long. There will be about 20,000 of these husky trout scattered from Foster creek in the upper Rogue to Weston riffle below Grants Pass. The upper Applegate and Carberry creek will have about 1500 new fish. Big Butte will have 600, and Sucker creek of the Illinois river will have 1500 starved fighters.

Bowling

WEDNESDAY WASH OUTS
Team Three (9-3) J. Joendene Chadoune 419; Team Seven (4-1) L. Ann Skeeters 489.
Team Four (8-4) J. Hazel Reed 432; Lucky Four (3-9) L. Ruth Carpenter 432.
Next Times (8-4) Vivian Out-house 471; Hopetula (4-8) L. Vi Corby 411.
Dicky Deans (5-7) J. Zella Yoder 443; Team Two (3-9) L. Vetta Huesday 377.
Tommas Urian 184; Sandy Malot 182; Ruth Carpenter 171; Team Seven — 1853.
(Team Seven and Lucky Four have make-up game Monday at 9:30 a.m.)

QUARTETTES
Four Squares (18-4) J. Elsie Eddy 301; Poor Excuses (10-10) L. Eunice Johnson 464.
Crazy Dazy (12-8) J. Shirley Mitchell 464; No Comments (9-11) L. Corky Jones 375.
Headaches (11-9-8-1) 2-1; Donna Petrucci 402; Late Starters (7-12-1) 1-1; Pearl Crow 427.
Grin and Bear Its (9-11) 4; Marion Jones 411; Few Strikes (5-13) 0; Donna Hunter 499.
Jo Vallmer 200; Donna Hunter 191; Vivienne West 183; Four Squares 2241.

WASHOUTS LEAGUE
Four Hs (13-5) 2; L. Eouston 482; Pushovers (8-12) 2; D. Small 335.
Pin Cheaters (12-8) 2; J. Cuozzo 308; Four Pins (11-9) L. E. Duke-shire 425.
Spoilers (10-10) 3; P. Bright 499; El Rancho Motel (9-11) L. B. Nelson 473.
Eight Ball (8-12) 1; Emil Nelson 486; Don's Cares (7-13) 3; K. Schulz 451; (4-8) L. Barry Hall 528.
Team Three (6-10) L. Wayne Archer 503; Team Five (5-7) 3; Richard Osborne 550.
Toby Dorsey 187; Florine Dale 186; Grace Boulware 180; Len Thrun 213; Bob Poindexter 202; Richard Osborne 200; Team Four 2243.

THURSDAY PIN BUSTERS
Crawdads (12-3) 3; Toby Dorsey 459; Team Ten (4-8) L. Barry Hall 615.
Team Four (10-6) 3; Bob Poindexter 461; Team Seven (8-8) L. Len Thrun 558.
Team Six (8-4) 4; Eldon Vinnans 560; Team Eight (8-8) 0; Bob Warner 448.
Hog Dads (7-9) 3; George Allen 445; Team Nine (7-9) L. John Rains 528.
Team Three (6-10) L. Wayne Archer 503; Team Five (5-7) 3; Richard Osborne 550.
Toby Dorsey 187; Florine Dale 186; Grace Boulware 180; Len Thrun 213; Bob Poindexter 202; Richard Osborne 200; Team Four 2243.

Carpenter Elected President of Board

Alfred S.V. Carpenter of Medford was elected president of the board of directors of Rogue Valley Memorial hospital last week.

He succeeds the late Bishop Benjamin Dagwell in the position.
The Rt. Rev. James W. Carman, Portland, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Oregon, was named vice president of the board, and Eugene Thorndike, Medford, was elected chairman of the executive committee succeeding Carpenter.

Sandblower Slate Opens On Monday

Medford's park and recreation department Sandblower baseball schedule will open on Monday with competition in two leagues of six teams each. The season will continue through Aug. 18 when a play-off between the American and National league champions is scheduled.

National league teams are on the west side and members are the Griffin Creek Reds, Jackson Braves, Jefferson Giants, Washington Dodgers, Washington Cubs and Jefferson Pirates. American league is an east side circuit. Teams are the Wilson Yanks, Howard Colts, Hawthorne Tigers, Hawthorn Hawks, Hoover Angels and Hedrick Sox.

Games in the National league are set for 9 a.m. and those in the American for 1 p.m.

The teams play schedules of 28 games each. In charge of the Sandblower games are Bill Piche, Loren Soderlund and Maurice Nelson.

SANDBLOWER SCHEDULE:
Monday morning — Griffin Creek Reds at Jackson Braves; Jefferson Giants at Washington Dodgers; Washington Cubs at Jefferson Pirates.
Monday afternoon — Howard Colts at Wilson Yanks; Hawthorne Tigers vs. Hawthorne Hawks; Hoover Angels at Hedrick Sox.
Tuesday morning — Griffin Creek Reds at Jefferson Giants; Jefferson Pirates at Jackson Braves; Washington Dodgers vs. Washington Cubs.
Tuesday afternoon — Hawthorne Tigers at Wilson Yanks; Hedrick Colts vs. Hedrick Sox; Hoover Angels at Hawthorne Hawks.
Wednesday morning — Griffin Creek Reds at Jefferson Pirates; Jefferson Giants at Washington Cubs; Washington Dodgers at Jackson Braves.
Wednesday afternoon — Wilson Yanks at Hedrick Sox; Hawthorne Tigers vs. Hoover Angels at Hedrick; Howard Colts at Hawthorne Hawks.

Dellenback To Talk At GOP Youth Camp

Corvallis—UPI—A week-long summer camp for Oregon Teen-Age Republicans has been scheduled in Lane County July 29-Aug. 2. Anne Keniston, chairman of the Oregon TAR organization, has announced.

Purpose of the camp, near Mapleton, is to acquaint teenagers with politics.

Speakers slated during the week include Secretary of State Howell Appling Jr., State Sen. Arthur P. Ireland (R-Forest Grove); Rep. John R. Dellenback (R-Medford); Rep. C. R. Hoyt (R-Corvallis); Rep. Shirley Field (R-Portland); and F. F. Montgomery (R-Eugene).

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