

# Game, Forest Amendment

## An Amendment

To the constitution of the state of Oregon, being the addition of Article XII-A thereto, to be submitted, upon initiative petition, to the legal electors of the state for their approval or rejection at the regular general election to be held on the 3rd day of November, A. D. 1936.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OREGON:

That Article XII of the constitution of the state of Oregon be and the same is hereby amended by adding thereto the following Article to be numbered and known as Article XII-A, reading as follows:

### Article XII-A

Sec. 1 (a) There shall be and hereby is created a state game commission consisting of five electors of the state of Oregon who shall be appointed by the Governor upon the authoritative recommendation of such agencies or organizations as shall be designated by and in conformity with statutory enactment. No two electors, serving simultaneously, shall be residents of the same county, and not more than two from the same congressional district. The commissioners first appointed shall allot among themselves their terms of office so that the term of one shall expire December 31, 1937; one December 31, 1938; one December 31, 1939; one December 31, 1940, and one December 31, 1941. All appointments thereafter shall be for a term of five years, except in the event of a vacancy during any term when such vacancy shall, in like manner, be filled for the remainder of the then vacant term only.

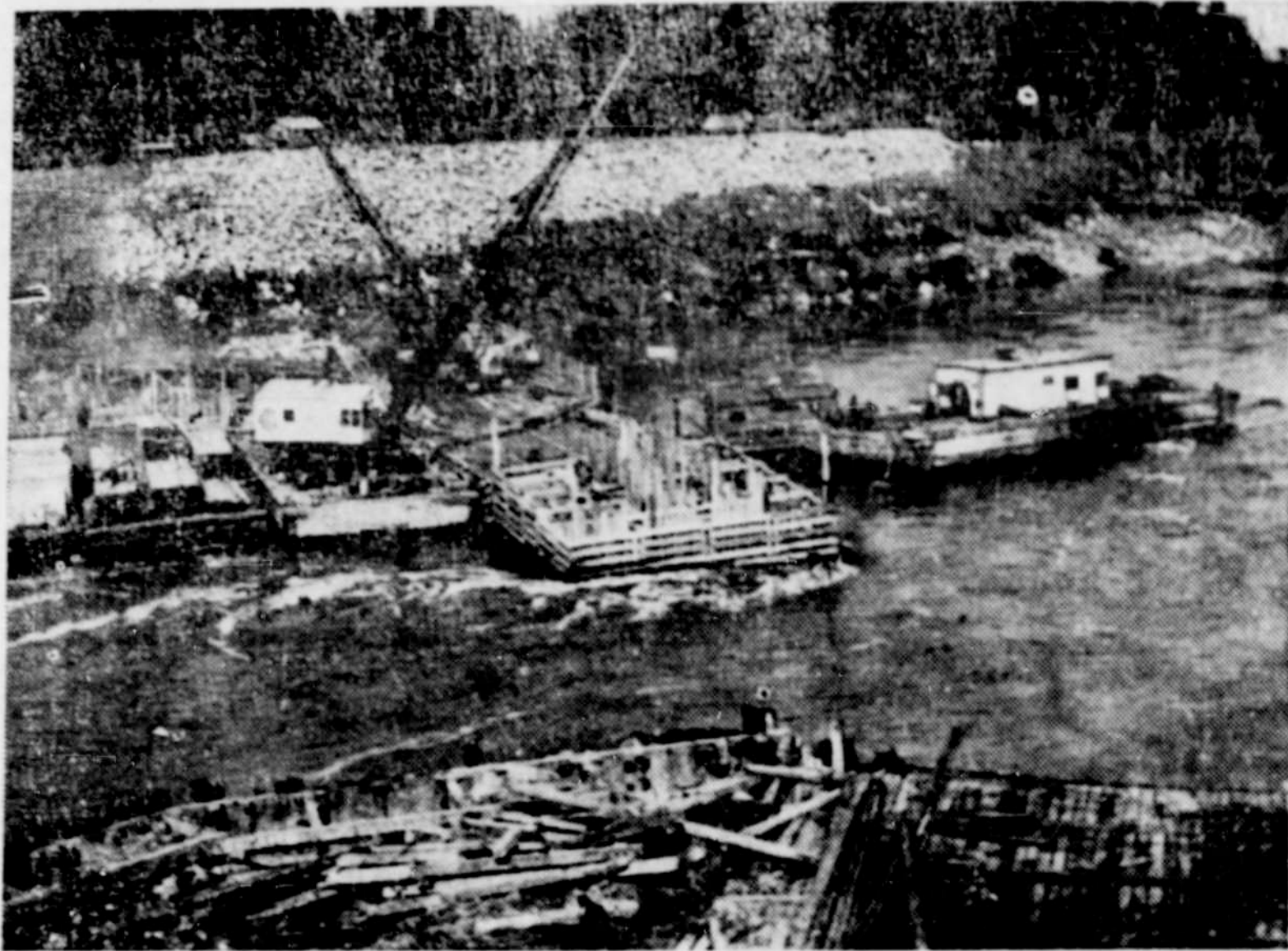
(b) Said commission or a majority thereof shall formulate rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this amendment, and have full power and authority to administer and enforce such rules and regulations and all laws of the state of Oregon respecting the promotion, protection, propagation and game preservation of game birds, non-game birds, game fish, game animals and fur bearing animals as now are or hereafter may be defined by law.

(c) All moneys credited to the state game fund account of the general fund of the state of Oregon or hereafter collected or received under the aforesaid laws by virtue of license fees, gifts or otherwise, shall constitute a continuing appropriation to be deposited with the State Treasurer, and shall be expended exclusively under the supervision and direction of said commission upon warrants drawn by the Secretary of State, and shall be so expended only for the promotion, protection, propagation and preservation of such game birds, non-game birds, game fish, game animals and fur bearing animals.

Sec. 2 (a) There shall be and hereby is created a state board of forestry consisting of seven electors of the state of Oregon who shall be appointed by the Governor upon the authoritative recommendation of such agencies or organizations as shall be designated by and in conformity with statutory enactment. The members first appointed shall allot among themselves their terms of office so that the term of one shall expire December 31, 1937; one December 31, 1938; one December 31, 1939; one December 31, 1940; one December 31, 1941; one December 31, 1942, and one December 31, 1943. All appointments thereafter shall be for one term of seven years, except in the event of a vacancy during any term when such vacancy shall in like manner, be filled for the remainder of the then vacant term only.

(b) Said board of a majority thereof shall formulate rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this amendment, and have full power and authority to administer and enforce all laws of the state of

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Oregon respecting forest conservation, policy and management, and approve for payment all claims for expenses incurred in connection therewith.

Sec. 3. No member of said game commission or board of forestry shall be removed from office during the term for which he or she shall be appointed, except upon conviction of crime involving moral turpitude, or upon recall by the electors of the state; the recall provisions of this constitution being hereby made applicable to any or all of the members of said commission and board.

Sec. 4. The members of said game commission and board of forestry shall serve without compensation, but shall be entitled to such reasonable and necessary expenses as may be incurred by them in the performance of their respective official duties.

Sec. 5. All members of the state game commission and the state board of forestry acting as such under the laws of the state of Oregon immediately prior to the adoption of this amendment shall continue in their respective offices until superseded by members appointed and qualifying under the provisions of this amendment and laws enacted pursuant thereto.

The proposed amendment is not an attack on the present administration, game commission or state police. Rather is it a result of years of planning and effort on the part of those who seek to conserve our heritage of wildlife in forest, field and stream.

This is almost an exact duplicate of the measure passed by the 1931 legislature and vetoed by the governor at the request of political advisors. This and subsequent results demonstrated the impossibility of

securing any permanent relief without placing the game commission and the game funds forever beyond the reach of politicians.

We believe an industry or a business with an annual cash turnover of many millions of dollars is entitled to a business-like administration. Especially a business from which no dividends can be obtained for its stockholders—the people of Oregon—unless its board of directors—the members of the game commission—are permitted to carry out a long time program. With the notorious manner in which the commission has been kicked about, such a program is impossible. No sooner does a commission begin to profit by its own mistakes and to function effectively than it is removed and a new one installed.

No private business could possibly survive if every four years or more often, its entire executive personnel was replaced with inexperienced men. That is what has been happening in Oregon, in the game commission for 25 years.

Instead of criticising the present commissioners or seeking their removal it is the hope that some of them will be retained. Unless this amendment is enacted, not even death and taxes are more sure than that with the next change of governors, the present members will all take their places in fast growing ranks of "has been." New men, probably without experience, without any training or demonstrated interest in the work, but with new ideas will start all over again with a new program.

Neither the present commissioners nor any of their predecessors are charged with being professional politicians. It will be granted their appointments were due to a change in the political administration of the

state. To that extent at least, it must be admitted that politics entered into their selection.

We believe the game commission will function more effectively for all

the people of Oregon, if those interests or organizations most concerned with wildlife can be represented that body. It seems conceivable that much of the friction between farm land owner, the timber owner and the sportsman can be eliminated if representatives of these interests can place their feet on the same table for a friendly discussion of their problems. It also seems possible that scientific assistance many of our conservation projects could be had with representatives of the board from one of our institutions of higher learning. The best for the fullest research and experimentation is generally admitted.

In voting to sponsor a constitutional amendment that would do these things possible and to prevent a complete upheaval in the program every four years, the directors of the Oregon State Conservation Council acted in good faith.

The plan is not new. The Oregon State Board of Forestry has operated under it for many years with almost perfect satisfaction to all concerned. That board is included with this amendment in order to make a satisfactory arrangement permanent.

Ed. P. Averill, Chairman.

Oregon State Conservation Council

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