

9th & Pine — TU 4-3188

9:30 To 5:30

Machines Do Fish Feeding

Trout, salmon, and other game fish produced at game commission hatcheries will soon get their "three squares" a day by automatic machines which dole out pellet food luncheons at specified times and in set amounts.

Fifty of these automatic feeding devices are to be built as rapidly as possible and distributed to game commission hatcheries now using the revolutionary dry food pellets in fish production.

Basically, the feeder consists of a hopper to hold the food pellets and a shaft and flanged disc operated by an electric motor. All are attached to a portable frame which may be moved from pond to pond. Brain of the device is a timer which starts and stops the machine at any specified time.

Except for loading the pellets into the hopper once or twice a day, the machine is fully automatic and feeds at pre-set intervals according to the timer settings. When in operation, pellets drop from the hopper onto the rapidly rotating disc which spews the pellets out across the pond in a wide arc.

The actual time in activation depends on the amount of food desired to be fed, determined by the number of fish in the pond and their size. Normally, the timer is set to activate the machine from five to ten seconds every two to three hours.

The original feeder, after which the new ones will be patterned, was built by Dick Evans, superintendent at the Klamath hatchery. Evans' brain child was the result of his efforts to provide a more even distribution of the pellets throughout the ponds than could be achieved by hand feeding and to reduce the time it took to feed by hand-feeding methods.

Evans reached both his objectives and came up with a "Rube Goldberg" device that reduced feeding time to a mere fraction of the former, in addition to achieving the desired pellet dispersal. Since that time the machine has been remodeled into its present efficient form.

Anglers Meet Opening Rules

Oregon state troll fishermen have extended full cooperation to the Oregon Fish Commission by observing the scheduled opening for chinook salmon trolling season on April 15.

The custom of not leaving port for trolling waters until opening day of the season has been voluntarily established in recent years by the Oregon fishermen themselves, and according to Albert M. Day, State Fisheries Director, has been an important move towards support of strong salmon conservation practices.

The practice is generally accepted by fishermen throughout Pacific Coast ports. This year again the Washington Department of Fisheries, the Canadian Bureau of Fisheries, and the California Department of Fish and Game called upon their trollers to continue their cooperation with the conservation agencies and not head out to deep water fishing banks prior to the season's opening day.

Activation of Oregon's ocean salmon trolling season marks opening of the spring commercial salmon fishing industry on the Oregon coast. Hundreds of deep water vessels, eager for payloads following a long, inactive winter, head for trolling grounds and thousands of persons working in the food fish processing, canning, and distribution industry prepare for utilization of a famous Oregon resource, "The Pacific Salmon."

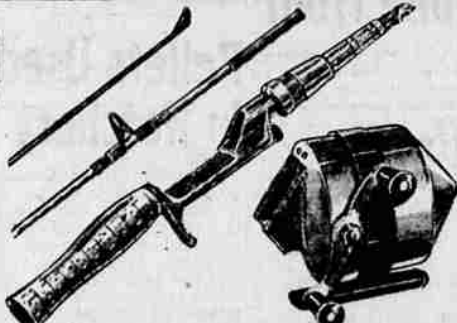
The chinook season extends through October 31. On June 15 the silver salmon troll season opens. This open period also closes on October 31.



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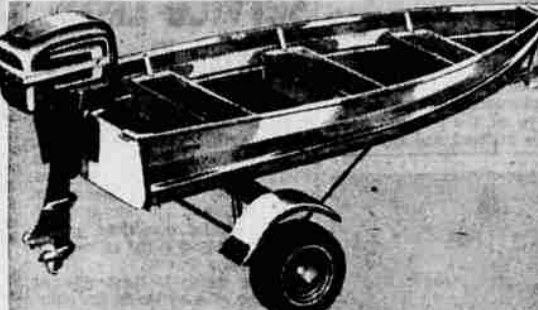


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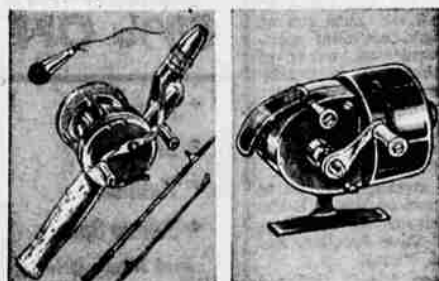
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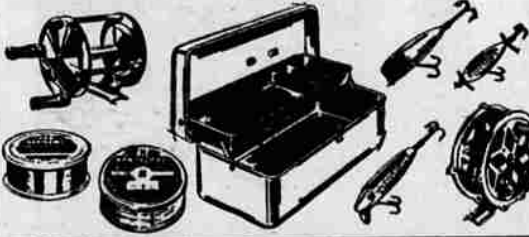
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