

Idaho Power Co. Starts Construction Of Salmon Hatchery Near Riggins

Idaho Power company announced Wednesday it has started construction of an experimental spring Chinook salmon "nursery" capable of hatching as many as 600,000 eggs to help conserve migratory fish runs in the Snake river.

The man-made incubation facility, located on a tributary of the Little Salmon river near Riggins, is being built by the

salmon moving up the Snake," Smith explained.

Artificial Incubation Planned

He said the hatchery also may be used for small-scale experiments in the artificial incubation of steelhead.

The new facility is the second hatchery constructed by Idaho Power, the first having been built on the Oregon side of the Snake at the company's Oxbow dam in 1961.

Now in its third year of operation, the Oxbow hatchery has produced some 1,600,000 salmon fingerlings for release in the Snake to begin their four-year cycle of migration. Substantial numbers of salmon eggs taken at the facility have been used by the Idaho Fish and Game department in a Clearwater river rehabilitation program.

Smith said the new hatchery, occupying an island in Rapid river about 2½ miles above its junction with the Little Salmon, is scheduled to be ready for initial operation by May 1.

Salmon incubated and raised at the hatchery by a process that may take nearly two years will be released in Rapid river to follow the Little Salmon, the main Salmon and the Snake to the Pacific ocean," the biologist reported.

He said the experimental hatchery was located on Rapid river because of its uniform flow and "fairly" cold water.

Eggs for the hatchery will be taken from some 300 adult spring Chinook trucked 125 miles from Idaho Power's upstream-migrant collection facility at Oxbow and placed in a holding pond. The small number of steelhead that may be used in experimental rearing at the hatchery also will come from the Oxbow collection facility.

Describing the lengthy salmon-breeding process, Smith said the adults will be kept in the holding pond for as long as four months until they mature and their eggs are removed.

The eggs, placed in water-filled trays in the facility's hatchery building, will remain there until they hatch into young salmon.

When the young salmon are ready to feed, they will be transferred to the hatchery's 12 raceways for feeding until they head downstream to the ocean.

"The hatchery will raise about 600,000 young salmon at first," the biologist said, "but the Rapid river facility can be expanded to produce even more fish than that if this experiment is successful."

Smith also reported that the utility company will release additional hatchery-bred rainbow trout in Oxbow lake next fall.

During 1963, Idaho Power company planted some 175,000 trout in the man-made lake under a joint company-state program aimed at improving sports fishing and establishing a native strain of the game fish there.

Earlier, the Idaho Fish and game department released rainbows in Oxbow lake and "substantial numbers" of large and small mouth bass in Brownlee reservoir.

Varied Awards Given To Nyssa Cub Scouts

Members of Cub Scout troop 419, sponsored by the Nyssa PTA unit, were presented awards by Cubmaster George Hirai during their regular meeting held March 24 at the Methodist church.

Gilbert Flores was recipient of a wolf badge. Gold arrows and wolf badges went to Dan and Gene Cruson, Roderic Lewis, Jon Morgan, Reid Young, Lowell Williams and Phillip Klinkenberg.

Henry Morrow received a gold arrow and two silver arrows, while Kenneth Schilling was presented with a gold arrow and one silver arrow.

A two-year pin went to Brian Hirai. Scott Ableman, Lynn Hirai and Jackie Ableman were presented with one-year pins.

VACATION IN OREGON

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilson and family spent several days during spring vacation at Ocean Lake, Ore. They also attended the high school basketball tournament games one day at Eugene and were weekend guests of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Holman and family at Albany. The family also spent some time in Portland before returning home.

FAMILY REPORTED SAFE AFTER FRIDAY EARTHQUAKE

Mrs. Angie Cook received word Monday that her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Davis and other members of the family of Spenard, Alaska, were safe following the Good Friday earthquake in that vicinity.

Others residing there are the Davis' son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Davis and two children and their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Graff and three daughters.

Spenard is located 15 miles from Anchorage.

BARBECUE DINNER GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wahlert and family were guests for a barbecued turkey dinner Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilton Jackson. The group also celebrated Caren Jackson's 16th birthday anniversary.

HOST SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Obenchain were hosts at Easter breakfast for 22 members of the young people's class from Roswell Baptist church. The meal was served following sunrise services held at Williams hill located between Parma and Nyssa.

Friday Conference On Cancer Nursing Planned at Ontario

A cancer nursing conference, sponsored by Oregon Nurses' association, district 20 and American Cancer society, Oregon division, is scheduled to be held tomorrow, April 3, at Holy Rosary hospital in Ontario.

According to a release by Mrs. Henry Quast, there will be no registration fee; however, there will be a charge for the 12:30 luncheon.

All registered nurses of the valley are welcome and urged to attend. Those planning to do so are asked to make reservations with Mrs. Wallace Gerth of Fruitland not later than noon today.

The conference will begin with registration at 8:30 a.m. and the morning session slated to begin at 9 o'clock.

Prior to the noon luncheon, guest speakers will be Drs. Lester Scott and Alfred Popma and films will also be shown.

The afternoon session will begin at 1:45 with Mrs. Golda Falloon, Dr. Augustus Tanaka and Mrs. Rose Christensen, R.N., scheduled to speak.

Music by Eugene Carroll, M.D.,

SENIOR CITIZENS MEET FOR GAMES, SACK LUNCH

Members of the Senior Citizens' club met Friday at St. Bridget's parish hall where table games were played until sack luncheon time at noon.

A business meeting was then held with Mrs. F. P. Runcorn presiding in the absence of Mrs. H. E. Collins, secretary.

Next meeting of the group will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, April 10, at the parish hall.

SUNDAY VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. George McKee were Sunday afternoon guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Poor. Other visitors there were Mrs. Poor's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Notheis.

ARRIVE FROM SALEM

Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Penrod of Salem arrived Monday for a visit in the home of his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Penrod.

and a film will also be a part of the afternoon's program.

The day's activities will end with a social hour beginning at 4 o'clock with members of the sponsoring organizations as hostesses.

Big Bend Residents Discuss Park Plans, Needed Hall Repairs

Big Bend—Members of the Big Bend park and community hall boards met jointly March 23 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Witty. In addition to the host couple, those in attendance included Ted Avery, Chet Smith, Dallas Chaney, Gladys Swigert, Ray Cartwright and Tony Ocamica.

Ray Down of Nyssa, representing the Ore-Ida Boy Scout council, met with the group to discuss future plans for the park. New shares were issued to Denver Edwards, Ted Morinaka, Raymond Cartwright, Sarah Cartwright, Glenn Allender and the BSA, Ore-Ida council.

Also planned was some small repair work to be done on the community hall.

Following the Monday evening business session, refreshments of coffee and cake were served to those present.

VISITORS FROM ASHLAND

Mrs. Dora Guiley and her brother, Paul Hamm of Ashland, were recent visitors of her granddaughter, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Eastman and family.

Bulletin Reports Beef Plentiful, Prices Good Now

Now is the time to feed your family plenty of nutritious, protein-packed beef and still save on the family food bill, according to Velma Seat, extension food marketing specialist at Oregon State university.

Market meat cases are packed with abundant supplies of high quality roasts, steaks and hamburger at prices that make beef one of today's better buys, she says. Record beef supplies were assured when the nation's cattle-men in 1963 upped production of beef some 7 percent over 1962, Mrs. Seat added. At the same time, imports of beef into the United States were 16 percent larger than in 1962.

Good Time to Stock Freezer
Retail beef prices will probably go up some this spring and summer, since fewer cattle are being fed for slaughter. So this should also be a good time to stock the home freezer with beef, points out Mrs. Seat.

It pays to use freezer space for storing high value foods such as meat, she notes. And buying foods for the freezer at the right time can save on future grocery bills. Your own preference will dictate whether you buy carcass beef for freezer storage or shop grocery store "specials" and load up on your favorite cuts.

You may prefer to stock the freezer with selected cuts instead of buying by the carcass. Careful shopping can make this just as economical and you don't tie up storage space with cuts that may not be popular with your family, Mrs. Seat continued.

Compare Different Cuts
To get some idea of the difference in price between cuts of meat sold in the supermarket and carcass beef prices, compare the cost of the whole, half or quarter carcass with costs of selected wholesale cuts or retail specials. Include costs of cutting, wrapping, freezing, delivery and financing. When buying carcass beef, always figure cost per pound after the bone and fat waste is removed.

Tender, juicy and flavorful beef is a top source of protein as well as containing many of the essential vitamins and minerals, Mrs. Seat said.

"Whether your taste runs to barbecued beef, oven-browned roasts or sizzling hamburger patties, now is the time to build more menus around beef," she concluded.

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