

WILDLIFERS ARE CONCERNED OVER DAM PROPOSALS

At a meeting Thursday night in the Eagles hall, a large crowd of Coeur d'Alene Wildlife Federation members unanimously voted to protest the Army Engineers' proposed plans to build dams on the Clearwater and Salmon rivers.

A delegation of three members including President Cecil F. McCracken, former president Frank Cullen and NIJC instructor Frank Evans, submitted the club's protest at a meeting of the engineers Friday at Orofino.

At the meeting it was brought out that if the dams were constructed it would block the rivers to the salmon and steelhead runs and would also mean vertible extinction for the largest elk herds in this state, affecting thousands of people during the hunting and fishing seasons.

Anglers were asked to turn in their voluntary creel census booklets to Ed Langworthy, foreman at the Coeur d'Alene fish hatchery. A long discussion was conducted regarding the development of the Farragut game preserve into a recreation area. Several suggested making the former naval base into a state park stressing the facts that Farragut is located in an ideal spot, with easy access and has deer and plenty of wildlife to make it outstanding, not to mention the scenic attractions and good fishing.

Orrin E. Lee, who was appointed chairman of a committee to seek ways and means with the state fish and game department to make Farragut a suitable place for recreation for the populace, invited the public to submit letters before December 6 suggesting ideas for the preserve's development. On that date the District No. 1 Wildlife Federation will be held in Coeur d'Alene at 1:30 p. m. in the Eagles hall. Representing the Coeur d'Alene club will be Warren Powers, Clayton Smith, Mr. Lee, Mr. Cullen, Mr. McCracken and Royal Shields.

In making recommendations for the 1954 fishing season the club advised the same season as last year's with a few minor changes specifying that all waters in Kootenai county be opened from a 300-foot mark from the mouth of creeks. This would open points from Blue Creek to the East point of Beauty Bay for fishing and also the upper end of Hayden Lake.

A committee to nominate new officers for 1954 was appointed. Those serving on the committee are Fred Suter, H. G. Harris, Pete Johnson and Henry Eggerth. Two new directors will also be elected at the January meeting, along with the other officers.

Fred Johnson, with the U. S. Forest Service at Missoula, Mont.,