

Fish and Game Commission To Scan Recommendations

Ross Leonard, director of the State Fish and Game department, said Monday that the fish and game commission will review recommendations of department personnel when it meets in Boise next week to set the 1954 fishing seasons and regulations.

Leonard said the recommendations will be presented to the commission by James C. Simpson, state fish culturist, who received them from personnel during a series of district meetings held in December.

Similar recommendations from sportsmen's organizations and interested citizens will also be reviewed by the commission before finally establishing the 1954 seasons and regulations, Leonard advised.

District One

(Includes Boundary, Bonner, Kootenai, Shoshone, and Benewah counties.)

1. General fishing season to be held from June 4 to Oct. 31.

2. To abolish the use of all fish (dead or alive) and minnows of any species for bait in the entire state except for fishing for ling in waters open to ling fishing in Boundary county.

3. A statewide creel limit of 15 trout or seven pounds and one trout.

4. Mirror lake to be closed during the 1954 season.

5. Impoundments behind dams in Boundary county shall be construed as a stream (as on the Moyie river) and will be open for fishing the same time as the stream.

6. Brickel creek and Fish (Trout) creek in Kootenai county to be open from June 4—Sept. 30.

7. All waters of Hayden lake at the mouths of tributaries for a radius of 300 feet into the lake closed to fishing May 3—June 3.

8. The road around Hayden lake should be designated as the mouth of creeks.

9. The Clark Fork river from Gorge dam downstream for a distance of 1000 feet below the swinging foot bridge shall be closed to all fishing.

District Two

(Includes Latah, Clearwater, Nez Perce, Lewis and Idaho counties.)

1. The general fishing season to be from June 4 to Oct. 31.

2. That a set line must be attended at least once in any twelve hour period.

3. Abolish the use of any fish dead or alive including minnows for bait in all waters except for fishing for sturgeon in the Snake river.

4. A statewide creel limit of 15 trout or seven pounds and one trout.

5. The Clearwater river above the 300-foot closure above Lewiston dam to the mouth of the South Fork of the Clearwater river to be open to all species of fish except trout the entire year.

6. All farm ponds in district 2 to be open to year around fishing except those stocked by the department with trout and they may be open June 4-Oct. 31.

7. Fish lake in Clearwater county to be open Aug. 1-Sept. 15.

8. Elizabeth lakes in Clearwater county to be open for the general season, June 4-Oct. 31.

9. The Little Salmon river to be open to fishing, June 4-Oct. 31.

10. Salmon fishing to close after Aug. 15 on the Little Salmon river.

11. A permanent closure on chinook salmon fishing on the North Fork of the Clearwater river from its mouth to its source.

District Three

(Includes Adams, Valley, Payette, Washington, Gem, Boise, Canyon, Ada, Elmore and Owyhee counties.)

1. The 1954 general fishing season to be from June 4 to Oct. 31.

2. Abolish the use of "set lines" for sturgeon fishing in Snake river from highway bridge at Weiser upstream to Bliss dam.

3. Abolish the use of all fish (dead or alive) and minnows of any species for bait in the entire state except for fishing for ling in the Kootenai river in Boundary county and for fishing for sturgeon in the Snake river.

4. Establish a statewide creel limit of 15 trout or seven pounds and one trout.

5. To open the Bruneau arm of the Snake river from C. J. Strike dam upstream to the end of slack water—a distance of approximately eight miles—to year around fishing for all species of fish.

6. To open Wildhorse river in Adams county for the general season June 4-Oct. 31.

7. Little Salmon river to be open to fishing during general season, June 4-Oct. 31.

8. The 300-foot closure below Black Canyon dam be abolished.

9. The Secesh river and Lake creek to be closed to salmon fishing only, Aug. 21-Oct. 31.

10. The Payette river from Lardo dam downstream to the water measuring cable for a distance of approximately 600 feet to be closed permanently.

District Four

(Includes Camas, Gooding, Jerome, Twin Falls, Cassia, Blaine, Lincoln, Minidoka, Lemhi, Custer and Butte counties.)

1. The 1954 general fishing season to be from June 4-Oct. 31.

2. Abolish the use of all fish (dead or alive) including minnows for bait in all waters of the state.

3. All shipping permits be made valid for a five to ten-day period only.

4. A statewide uniform bag limit of 15 trout or seven pounds and one trout.

5. That Dolman island in Snake river in Twin Falls county and the Upper and Lower Salmon Falls dams be open to fishing.

6. That the Big Wood river and its diverted waters downstream from the Richfield first Diversion dam, including the Richfield canal to the bridge on state highway 25, be open to year around fishing for all species of fish.

7. That Roseworth reservoir be closed during 1954.

8. That Silver creek in Blaine county be open from July 1 to Sept. 30.

9. That Carey reservoir be open for the general season, June 4-Oct. 31.

10. That Mackay reservoir be open June 4-Sept. 30, but subject to emergency closure.

11. That the East Fork of the Salmon river and its tributaries be closed to salmon fishing from July 20 to Sept. 14.

12. That the sloughs at Hagerman Bird Refuge (in Gooding county) west of U. S. highway 30 be open from July 1 to Sept. 30.

13. In Lemhi county, recommended the Williams lake inlet and the portion of lake above posted boundary line be open to fishing for all species of fish during the general season.

14. In Twin Falls county, that the 300-foot fishing closure below Salmon Falls dam on the Snake river be abolished.

District Five

(Includes Clark, Fremont, Jefferson, Madison, Teton, Bingham, Bonneville, Power, Bannock, Caribou, Oneida, Franklin, and Bear Lake counties.)

1. That the general fishing season be from June 4 to Oct. 31.

2. That the use of all fish (dead or alive) for bait, including minnows, be prohibited throughout the state.

3. A statewide creel limit of 15 trout or seven pounds and one trout.