

Fishery Problems on Agenda For Wildlife Association Meet

By Associated Press

Should the Idaho Wildlife Federation flatly oppose construction of proposed dams on the Clearwater river or should it insist that they include fish ladders to protect steelhead runs?

The federation will meet in Boise this week end to grapple with this and other fishery questions. According to Ted H. Wegener, federation president, the emphasis will be on fish this year, as it was on big game last year.

Also expected to come up during the three-day meeting:

Other Meeting Subjects

A demand that a member of the State Fish and Game commission be entitled to have a complaint brought against him and receive a hearing before he can be dismissed by the governor. The last Legislature did away with such provisions in enacting a law making the commission more responsive to the chief executive.

A proposal that dredge control be administered by the State Land department, not the state mining inspector, and that operators be required to post a performance bond to insure compliance with the dredge control act.

These provisions were in a bill backed by the federation in the last Legislature, but not in the bill which passed.

Later Duck Season Sought

Proposals to extend the duck season to a later closing date than the present Dec. 23 and cur-

down the fish limit from 20 to 15.

The annual meeting will open Friday night with an open house and directors' meeting.

Saturday morning, the federation will hear a report by State Fish and Game Director Ross Leonard and members of his staff.

J. T. Barnaby of Portland, regional staff biologist of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife service, will address a noon luncheon on the effects of dam construction on steelhead and salmon runs.

Wegener said Barnaby would devote particular attention to the Penny Cliffs and Bruce Eddy sites proposed by the Army engineers.

Writer to Speak

Saturday afternoon, the group will break up into committees. At a Saturday evening banquet, Lewiston writer Jack O'Connor will show big game movies of Africa.

Sunday morning will be devoted to committee reports, discussion and recommendations. The meeting will end Sunday afternoon with election of officers and other business.

Districts 1 and 2 of the federation, in North Idaho, have gone on record as against construction of the Clearwater dams.

But Wegener said, "It has been the policy pretty much and I think it will still be the policy" not to oppose such dams but to see that wildlife interests receive plenty of consideration—for instance, fish ladders.

Wegener pointed out that the reservoir of the C. J. Strike project on the Snake river, once opposed by many sportsmen, has become "about the greatest fish and game area in southern Idaho."

Wegener said the engineers had not reached the point in planning for the dams at which they would consider whether to include fish ladders.