

Wildlife Men Left In Dark On Dam Plans

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service representatives did not know the nature of Penny Cliffs and Bruce Eddy dam proposals until they arrived at the Nov. 20 Orofino hearing, J. T. Barnaby of Portland, regional staff biologist, told the Idaho Wildlife Federation at Boise Saturday.

Morton Brigham, president of the Lewis-Clark Wildlife Club and vice president of the Second District Federation, related Barnaby's statements on his return to Lewiston last night.

"Barnaby also said the Fish & Wildlife Service had requested information from the Army Engineers and had been told the proposals were not definite enough for presentation," Brigham reported.

Highlights of Barnaby's address to the convention, Brigham said, included these statements:

1. Elimination of small fish returning downstream over Grand Coulee Dam has been almost 100 per cent.
2. Additional power dams must be built as a result of increased population.
3. Sound planning is necessary to keep injury to fish and wildlife at a minimum.
4. Research by the wildlife service and fish and game departments has failed to keep pace with dam construction.
5. The proposed Clearwater dams would be a block to any fish migration in the streams concerned.
6. Fish runs can be maintained at somewhere near their present level of abundance if proper thought is given to scheduling of dams.

Other Lewiston men who attended the convention included Dr. W. R. Jacobs, Vernon Speer, Dr. E. M. Wygant and Jack O'Connor.