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A joint hearing will be held in the Assembly parlor of the State Capitol at Albany at 2 o'clock next Tuesday afternoon on a Senate bill to grant the Conservation Department the power to fix season and bag limits on fish and game.

The measure has the support of virtually every sportsmen's organization in the State, and its progress in the legislative councils will be followed with extraordinary interest.

Thus far the chief opposition has come from legislators who are loath to transfer regulatory powers to the Conservation Department.

Measure Has Strong Support.

Because of the strong pressure being exerted by the State Conservation Council and other sportsmen's groups, it is believed the bill has an excellent chance of being passed at the present session.

Proponents of the measure point out that the regulation of fish and game properly belongs in the hands of the officials who administer the laws, instead of the Legislature. Length of seasons and bag limits should be fixed according to prevailing conditions, it is contended, and the officials of the Conservation Department are in the best position to pass judgment on these matters.

A similar measure is being offered this Winter by the sportsmen of Connecticut. Reports from Hartford yesterday indicated that the bill is meeting with little opposition, and predictions were made that it would be approved.

Growth in Interest Shown.

Unusual demonstrations of the growing interest in films of outdoor sports have been provided in this city during the past few days.

On Thursday evening a program of deep-sea fishing pictures was presented at the American Museum of Natural History by the Salt Water Anglers of America. Fifteen

minutes before the start of the program the 1,400 seats in the auditorium were occupied. About 300 standees were allowed to enter and 700 were turned away.

The exhibition included films taken by Van Campen Heilner, Mack Sennett, the Casse brothers of Florida and Ned Schafer, second vice president of the Salt Water Anglers of America.

Charles E. Jackson, Deputy Commissioner of the United States Bureau of Fisheries, and W. C. Adams of the New York Conservation Department spoke. Mr. Jackson praised the policies of the Salt Water Anglers. C. Blackburn Miller presided in the absence of Mrs. Oliver C. Grinnell. Plans are being made to repeat the exhibition at an early date.

Another program which created enthusiastic comment was presented in connection with the American Game Conference. It was a showing of wild-life pictures taken in the West by an eminent naturalist, William L. Finley of Portland, Ore. Mr. Finley, an ardent conservationist, was given an ovation by a crowd of 1,000 at the Hotel Pennsylvania.

350 Plan To Attend Dinner And Lecture

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W. L. Finley Of Portland, Ore.,

To Address Fish And
Game Association

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More than 350 reservations already have been made for the dinner and lecture in the Hotel Eastland this evening when William L. Finley of Portland, Ore., noted naturalist and explorer, will show a new set of motion pictures under the auspices of the Pine Tree Fish and Game Protective Association. The new reels are proving a "great hit" every place he has shown them, he wired Frank W. Wardwell, secretary of the association, Sunday night. There still is opportunity for several hundred more places in the ballroom of the hotel, Mr. Wardwell said.

Invitations have been definitely accepted by Gov. Louis J. Brann, U. S. Senator Wallace H. White, George J. Stobie, Maine commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Game and a number of other New England fish and game commissioners and state officials. Pressure of official business is expected to keep other Maine Congressmen in Washington.

Dinner will be served promptly at 6.45 o'clock and the greetings and introductions will be brief to allow Dr. Finley the maximum time to present his program.

At his lecture here last February nearly 600 persons attended. Numerous parties have been made up for this year's event, several reservations coming from as far north as Bangor.

National Waltonian Eastern Chapters Meet in Washington Feb. '35

Despite the inclemencies attending a blizzard along the Atlantic Coast on the night of January 24, chapter members from Virginia and Maryland journeyed to Washington where with the District of Columbia chapter they met to discuss with S. B. Locke, National Conservation Director, affairs pertaining to League organization.

Over seventy-five Waltonians attended the meeting which was preceded by a Dutch treat dinner at the Hotel Raleigh, Washington. Highlight of the program was a talk by William L. Finley of Oregon. Finley, who is a well-known naturalist-photographer, speaks authoritatively on conservation subjects and featured items of special interest to the League such as waterfowl restoration, grazing and Columbia River fisheries. He showed four reels of motion pictures including scenic shots along the Columbia River and Oregon coast, antelope on their native sage brush range, and views of Lake Malheur and Klamath Lake taken twenty years ago when they were populous waterfowl areas. In contrast to these scenes are his present-day pictures showing dried and cracked lake beds barren of birds and growth; all too significant of the rapid decline of waterfowl.

Finley's pictures precipitated animated discussion of the waterfowl subject, resulting in a resolution supporting a closed season for 1935 if that is deemed necessary.

Inter-chapter and inter-council meetings such as the joint gathering in Washington engender a spirit of Waltonian fellowship and tend to develop cooperative effort among chapters and councils having similar problems.