

## SALMON PROBLEM UNSOLVED AS YET

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Oregon Fish Bureau Denies  
Washington, D. C., Claims

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, June 16—As a press release from the department of the interior announces the salmon problem is virtually solved, at Bonneville and the fishways are "howling success," the Oregon state fish commission telegraphed Senator Charles L. McNary that results at Bonneville on the salmon industry are undetermined.

Signed by John C. Veatch, chairman, the wire from the Oregon commission asks for an investigation by congressional delegates of fisheries along with irrigation, power, and flood control before the Willamette valley flood bill or any future federal project of such nature is proposed.

"Without a complete study of all phases in relation to each other, the state may be robbed of one of its most important industries," declares Veatch. A similar point was raised by W. L. Finley, Oregon naturalist, several months ago when the army engineers held a hearing here on the Willamette project.

Chairman Veatch's request came a day too late, as the flood control bill passed last night.

## Wild Life Group To Study Effect Of Federal Dams

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To study the effect of two proposed federal projects upon the salmon run and other of Oregon's natural resources, wild life experts of the state will meet Friday noon at Hilaire's restaurant, according to William L. Finley, national vice-president of the Izaak Walton league and the American Wild Life federation.

Invited to the conference will be local chapters of the Izaak Walton league, the Wild Life federation, commercial fishermen, members of the state fish, game and highway commissions and others interested in conservation of outdoor resources, Finley said.

Advisability of the Umatilla rapids dam and of seven dams for Willamette valley flood control will be discussed particularly, he said.

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### Dam Program to Be Discussed—

The United States government's program for construction of dams on the upper Columbia river at Umatilla and elsewhere will be discussed at length at a meeting Friday noon in Hilaire's restaurant. The session will be sponsored by the Izaak Walton league. William L. Finley, naturalist, will preside, Ed F. Averill announced. Speakers will include representatives of the United States engineers, the state fish, game and highway commissions and sportsmen.

## Fish Ignored In Dam Plans, Sportsmen Say

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In its program for construction of dams on the upper Columbia, the federal government has given attention to irrigation, inland water transportation and power phases, but has been woefully lax in consulting fisheries interests in the course of preliminary surveys and final consideration of such projects.

This was the general sentiment voiced Friday by representatives of the state fish and game commissions, sportsmen and naturalists at a round table luncheon in Hilaire's restaurant under auspices of the Izaak Walton league.

"The fisheries people are never consulted before tentative plans are submitted on dam construction prior to approval of the project. No studies have been made of fisheries phases in relation to other phases—irrigation, inland water transportation and power," said M. T. Hoy, master fish warden and secretary of the fish commission. "After the projects are approved, the fisheries people have to back in and fight for adequate facilities which involve furnishing of additional funds. The amount set aside for fishways at Bonneville dam in the first estimate was \$800,000. Now the government has spent \$7,500,000 for fishways. These additional funds were fought for by the fishing interests."

"The government has gone haywire in spending money for dams without proper investigation of their effect on fisheries. Things which make life pleasant in Oregon are being ignored just for the sake of putting in dams," said Game Commissioner Lew Wallace.

Ed Averill suggested that while the effects of Bonneville on fish life are being studied, the government should spend some money in cleaning up polluted streams, thus giving employment to many. William L. Finley, naturalist and chairman of the luncheon, said that development of the upper Columbia to provide inland water transportation is unnecessary because of the system of highways. Harlan Holmes, army engineer and fish expert, showed plans for the proposed Umatilla dam.

General upshot of the meeting was that the public should be urged to write President Roosevelt and Secretary of the Interior Ickes advocating a complete study of all phases of the proposed projects in relation to each other—fisheries and other industries along with irrigation, navigation, power and flood control—so that no important state resource be unreasonably damaged.

## Dam Effect on Fish Will Be Discussed

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Possible effects of the proposed Umatilla Rapids dam on fish life will be the topic for discussion at the Friday noon meeting of the Izaak Walton league in Hilaire's restaurant. Ed Averill and N. E. Tyrrell have been appointed by Club President Homer Wyatt to make arrangements.

William Finley, wild life authority and author, will be meeting chairman, and speakers have been invited to represent the army engineers, Columbia river fishermen, the state highway commission and other groups.

Tyrrell, one of the founders of the league here, recently returned from Chicago where he was a delegate to the national Izaak Walton league convention.