

**Sportsmen Urged
Support Power
For Game Board**

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Regional Forester Lyle F. Watts spoke on the recreational value of national forests in the Pacific northwest.

The federation voted unanimous approval of a bill to be submitted to the state legislature closing coastal streams to commercial fishing, with the exception of the Columbia river and present allowances.

The bill would ban commercial fishing from Nov. 30 until June 1. Federation leaders said they believed such action would aid both sports and commercial fishermen by protecting the steelhead runs.

**Governor Sprague Queries
Oregon Wildlife Federation**

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CORVALLIS, Nov. 27 (Special)—The Oregon Wildlife federation, meeting here Wednesday in its fifth annual conference, was asked by Governor Charles A. Sprague to determine whether or not the Oregon state game commission should be vested with additional legislative authority.

"Each legislative session," said Governor Sprague, "is visited with many minor bills hav-

ing to do with game and fish legislation. I am asking this federation to make a survey of game and fish problems and to submit the results of its research." He asked that the survey contain recommendations concerning the power of the commission to regulate seasons and bag limits on game and fish.

"What I particularly want to know," said the state's chief executive, "is whether or not you believe the state game commission should have more power to establish seasons and bag limits—should have more legislative authority." The biennial sessions of the legislature, he intimated, were too far apart to insure proper game management.

The meeting opened with approximately 150 in attendance in the Memorial union building. Dean William A. Schoenfeld welcomed the federation members and spoke briefly on conservation. W. J. Smith, president of the organization, directed the program.

Jewett, Wire Speak

Chief speakers on the opening program included Stanley G. Jewett, regional biologist of the federal fish and wildlife service; Frank B. Wire, state game supervisor, and Lyle F. Watts, regional forester for this region.

Mr. Jewett described the worth of waterfowl refuges and pointed to the "almost marvelous" increase of waterfowl during the past ten years.

Frank Wire spoke at length on the problems confronting fish conservation.

William L. Finley, naturalist, spoke on the Willamette valley flood control project and described the project as "flooding out at least six valley cities." He said that not one of the dams to be constructed on the north and south forks of the Santiam river and those of the McKenzie river and the middle fork of the Willamette would contain fishways.

**Wild Lifers
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