

Experts Seek Easy Way for Dumb Salmon

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Columbia river salmon, without doubt, are very dumb creatures.

Naturalists, engineers, fishermen, government officials, and representatives of the general public were agreed on this point Wednesday afternoon when Colonel Thomas M. Robins, division engineer of the United States army, asked for, and received, suggestions as to the proper way to conduct salmon over the Bonneville dam to spawning grounds in the river above.

Most vehement on the dumbness of the gamy salmon was William L. Finley, naturalist, who said those studying the fish lift problem should place themselves in the role of the fish.

"Salmon are creatures of very little

intellect," Finley said. "They have, instead, a deep-seated instinct. Engineers should not attempt to introduce complicated machinery to these dumb fish. Fish cannot be made to change habits overnight. I believe a modern elevator lift would be a mistake from the standpoint of the fish. It is my contention that collecting traps won't work."

Finley's speech came after the camps of Oregon and Washington had shown a sharp division in the method preferred for guiding the salmon over the dam barrier.

Oregon people were united in a proposal for natural gravity fish ladders. Washington commercial, state and private interests pointed out the fish-lift method has been proved successful, and mechanical devices were the coming thing.

H. B. Holmes, Oregon representative of the United States bureau of fisheries, was a champion of the fish-lift method. M. T. Hoy, master fish warden of Oregon, presented an argument in favor of the fish-ladder method.

Organizations presenting plans for solving the problems were the Multno-

mah Hunters and Anglers club, Isaak Walton League of America, Associated Fish Dealers of Oregon, P. J. McGowan & Sons of McGowan, Wash., Oregon state game commission, fish commission of Oregon, the Progressive Business Men's association, the city of Astoria, Wauna Lake club of Washington, Oregon State Motor association, and Union Fishermen's Co-operative Packing company.

Chamber of commerce representatives from cities along the Columbia river sent representatives to the session. Colonel Robins filed the various letters presented, and kept stenographic records of all the speeches. He said he would weigh all the arguments carefully in deciding on the installation project. Many speakers favored installation of both the gravity fish ladder and the automatic lift system.

Regular Meeting of . .

The Multnomah Anglers and Hunters Club

TUESDAY EVENING, OCT. 23, 1934, 8 P. M.

AT W. O. W. HALL - S. E. 6TH & ALDER STREETS

The business session, which will include a discussion of the sewage project, will be followed with wild life motion pictures and lecture by Wm. L. Finley. **DO NOT MISS THIS WONDERFUL PROGRAM.**

Ladies and friends are especially invited.

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Members of all Sportsmen
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THE KIND THE SALMON LIKE

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William L. Finley, who knows a great deal about fish, declared—at the public hearing on the Bonneville fishways—that salmon are dumb. The poor fish. They perform their migrations as the children of instinct. And for this reason they should not be required to puzzle themselves over patent elevators for fish, but be provided with gravity thoroughfares such as their kind have always known. The statement is clear enough for any comprehension. It expresses graphically why Oregon objects to fishways at Bonneville that are largely experimental.

The gravity fishways will prove efficient. There is no disputing this. But the fish elevators are as yet largely untested. Why, then, when the persons and wage-earners most concerned over the perpetuation of the salmon runs, the people whose livelihoods depend on these fish, wish gravity fishways—why should there be any protracted debate? If an error eventually is made the blame never can be laid at the Oregon threshold. But why permit the opportunity for error? It would seem to be elementary sound practice to install the sort of fishways the salmon like.

East Side Club to Enjoy Big Night

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It's going to be a big night for the East Side Commercial club and Escowe, the East Side Women's Breakfast club, Thursday, when the annual harvest dinner is held in W. O. W. hall, Southeast 6th avenue and Alder street.

The program will include a lecture, illustrated with motion pictures, by William L. Finley, Portland's distinguished and nationally known naturalist, the annual dahlia show of Gill Brothers Seed company, the Venetian sextet, a marimba quartet, Charles Horton, golf teacher; Norman Norton, ventriloquist and Elma Novak's dance band.

After the dinner program dancing will be the order of the evening. The dance program will be broadcast from KEX from 10:30 to 10:45 p. m.