

Wild Life Conference Planned Here June 4

Limited Number To Be
Accommodated

Bend *may 26-31*
Noted Wild Life Authorities to

Attend Dinner Meeting
Here Next Week

Plans for a wild life conference in Bend on the evening of June 4 that will attract many noted game officials to this city were nearing completion today. The conference will be at a dinner in the Pine Tavern, at 6:30 o'clock, members of the joint Deschutes County Sportsmen's association-Bend chamber of commerce committee announced. Only a limited number of Central Oregon sportsmen can be accommodated.

There is a possibility that Governor Charles H. Martin will be a guest of honor at the conference.

Ed F. Averill, president of the Oregon Wild Life Federation; Frank B. Wire, state game supervisor; W. L. Finley, nationally known wild life authority, and E. N. Kavanagh will be among officials present for the meeting. Stanley G. Jewett, regional supervisor for the biological survey, and William Rush, in charge of biological survey activities in Oregon, will also be present, as will C. W. Reynolds and V. L. Sexton of the state planning board.

Dean William A. Schoenfeld, director of agriculture at the state college, will be among those in attendance and there is a possibility that President George W. Peavy of the state college, will be able to attend. If Governor Martin is unable to make the trip, Rufus Holman, state treasurer, will be here.

Wild life films will be shown by Finley and Wire.

SPORTSMEN URGED TO ATTEND JUNE 2 WILDLIFE DINNER

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An invitation was issued today to all sportsmen and those interested in conservation of wildlife resources to attend the dinner meeting of Oregon chapter of the North American Wildlife federation to be held here June 2 at 6:30 p.m., at the Hotel Medford.

Everett Trowbridge, chairman of the chamber of commerce fish and game committee, will make arrangements. The meeting will be attended by representatives of the Oregon Wild Life federation, the U. S. forest service, fish and game commission, state planning board and the biological survey. It is possible that Governor Charles Martin and State Treasurer Rufus C. Holman may also attend.

Moving pictures of Oregon wild life will follow the dinner session which will center on discussion of the national wildlife conservation program.

Jackson County Chamber of Commerce today was contacting chairmen of the fish and game and the tourist convention committees and the Ashland and Grants Pass chambers for cooperation on the event.

Reservations may be made by calling the local chamber office.

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In a talk before the Chamber of Commerce it was stated Tuesday noon that W. F. Finley, great naturalist, and Ed F. Averill, wild life proponent, are opposed to the so-called Willamette valley development project, which would include the construction of seven high dams in the upper Willamette river and its tributaries. We have heard both men talk, and they are opposed to high dams and in favor of still more low dams. As they state low dams can be built by almost anybody and would not be monuments to the designing engineer.

Another statement made was that fish furnish but about 1 per cent of the volume of the business done in the state. This applies only to the salmon pack and not to sports fishing, which represents expenditures far in excess of the commercial value of salmon. Even the latter is greatly underestimated, for it does not include the packing value of salmon caught and packed in the state of Washington or by hook and line.

There are two decidedly different points of view on this question: One applies solely to money value; the other to health and outdoor recreation as much as to money value. For there is no doubt but that the seven proposed high dams would practically destroy the salmon runs in the Willamette river, and make it into a mere body of water. We hold that the flood control can be achieved without the building of dams that will rear their walls 300 feet into the air, over which no salmon would or could climb. Let's get together on cheap low dams and the dispute will be at an end.