

## Finley Says Martin Errs On Dam Fish

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Governor Martin's statement that fishing in the pool above Bonneville dam could be regulated by the state game commission to meet the demand of Frank T. Bell, federal bureau of fisheries commissioner, is in error, according to W. L. Finley, naturalist.

Commercial fishing above Bonneville dam was opened two sessions ago by the state legislature, Finley said, and only legislative action can remedy that mistake. The game commission could close the river to angling, but it has no jurisdiction over commercial fishing, Finley said.

Bell recently delivered the ultimatum that he will not support the measure now pending in congress for allocation of \$500,000 to construct fish culture stations on the Columbia river unless commercial fishing is prohibited above the dam. Washington state has already banned fishing above Bonneville.

Finley, who conferred with Bell in Washington several weeks ago, said he believes the commissioner will support the fish conservation bill if he has the assurance that Governor Martin will support a legislative act at the next session to close fishing above the dam.

## Study of Projects Urged by Finley

A thorough study of all the factors in large reclamation and other projects particularly along important waterways was urged to members of the East Side Commercial club today by William L. Finley, wild life author, who spoke on wild life conservation.

Finley had reference to both the Willamette valley project and to Bonneville dam. "We do not oppose such projects," he said, "but urge a thorough study of all the factors and particularly those affecting wildlife."

Finley described the work of wild life conservation as being an effort to bring competing industries exploiting natural resources together so that one would not destroy the other. Power developments versus the fish industry, and draining and clearing swamps and other bodies of water which are breeding places for wild life for agricultural purposes were examples cited.

Ed F. Averill, a member Oregon wild life federation, introduced Finley.

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EVERY CITIZEN giving thought to the relation sustained by man to his natural surroundings will be in accord with the aims of Wildlife Restoration Week. This is sponsored by the General Wildlife Federation, composed of about thirty-six organizations, with a membership of more than fifteen million. Its main purpose is to set in motion on a national scale a program to conserve and restore nature's abundance—the forests, the streams, the lakes, the birds, the beasts and the fishes, thinned in numbers and completely destroyed over vast areas by the greed and predatory instincts of short-sighted people.

In his recent message on natural resources President Roosevelt pointed out that we are still "liquidating our forest capital," despite the repeated warnings initiated by Theodore Roosevelt years ago. The inevitable result has been denudation of watersheds, soil erosion and disastrous floods. The National Park system is preserving many of our noblest trees inviolate for the future generations. Throughout the years these may also sense the awe of the glades beneath the giant sequoias of California, hoary with age. Gradually the public is becoming nature-conscious as the educational work progresses, but much remains to be accomplished.

Nature lovers owe much today for the impetus given the wildlife preservation movement in the last few decades to one man, William L. Finley, vice-president of the General Wildlife Federation and regional director of Oregon, Washington and Alaska. He is one of the world's most famous nature photographers. For more than thirty years he and his wife have undertaken adventurous hunting trips with the camera, from the wilds of Alaska to the Gulf of Mexico.

Finley, whose home is at Jennings Lodge on the Willamette river, a few miles from Portland, served as Oregon state game warden for several years, and during that period did much to rationalize hunting and fishing and give the doctrine of conservation and restoration a concrete meaning. His many excellent writings, including books and articles for leading magazines and scientific journals, as well as his lectures throughout the country, have won him the degree of Doctor of Science. Three federal bird sanctuaries and a number of state refugees in Oregon owe their existence largely to his intelligent and persistent agitation.

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Members' Forum—William L. Finley, naturalist; Rufus C. Holman, state treasurer, and Will R. Lewis, insurance man, are scheduled speakers Monday at the members' forum meeting at the Chamber of Commerce. It is "Wild Life Preservation program day" at the chamber, and business men will hear what preservation of fowl and animal life means to the welfare of the state as well as the nation. Laurence C. Mann will be chairman.