Fish and Game Regulations—Then and Now

by John Fortune

A lot has changed over the past 100 years relative to Oregon’s laws for the take of fish and game species. As might be expected most regulations are now much more restrictive, but not all of them. The Game and Fish Laws of 1909 are shown on page 2 as printed in the Klamath Falls City Directory for that year.

From that directory, the advertisement below shows that local resorts were already promoting the natural wonders and resources of Klamath County.

SPRING CREEK AND WILLIAMSON RIVER FISHING RESORT

Northern Klamath County has been appropriately termed the “Switzerland of America.” This great natural playground holds forth attractions to the pleasure seeker, the sportsman and to the weary and worn.
GAME AND FISH LAWS.

Buck Deer—Open season August 1st to November 1st.
Native Pheasants and Grouse—Open season October 15th to November 15th.
Ducks—Open season September 15th to February 1st.
Geese and Swan—Open season September 1st to February 1st.

Bag limit sage hens and cocks, quail, prairie chickens and other upland birds, five in one day or ten in one week; ducks, thirty-five in one week; deer, five in one season; shore and wading birds, fifty in one week; geese and swan, no limit.

It is always unlawful to sell, offer for sale, barter or exchange, ship, carry or transport beyond the boundaries of this State any deer, moose, mountain sheep, elk, silver gray squirrel, swan, prairie chickens, grouse and all species of upland birds and ducks.

It is always unlawful to hunt without a license; to hunt or kill any mountain sheep or antelope; to hunt or kill any elk until August 1st, 1919; to kill beaver or to kill deer less than one year old; to run down with dogs or hunt at night.

It is always unlawful to kill China hens; to kill female deer at any time, or to mutilate carcasses so as to disguise sex; to hunt or kill any silver, golden, copper, Japanese or Reeves pheasants, English or Hungarian partridges or Bob White quail.

Fish—It is lawful to catch trout in Klamath County from April 1st to October 1st.
Lawful any time in Link River except June, July and August.
Limit, twenty-five in any one day; nor more than twenty pounds in weight.
Unlawful at any time to sell.
Salmon trout, any time; no limit.

Currently, deer seasons are much shorter, most by unit permit and limit of one buck instead of 5. Seasons for ducks, geese and upland birds aren't too different now but the bag limits are much smaller and there is no season for swans, shore and wading birds. In 1909, killing of mountain sheep, antelope, elk and beaver was prohibited; now there are limited seasons on all of those species.

Apparently, there had been a number of exotic upland birds introduced; except for the ring-necked pheasant, none are now present in Klamath County.

Fishing seasons now run mainly from late April thru October but a number of our waters are now open year-around. But of course, instead of 25 per day or "no limit" on trout, limits now are no more than 5 and only one in Klamath Lake and Klamath River. It is unclear what the difference was between trout and "salmon trout". Salmon, chinook and coho, were still migrating into Klamath country in 1909; perhaps there was no restrictions on their take.

A catch of trout from Dog Lake, Lake Co., circa 1910. The man on the right is Loren Bailey, John Fortune's grandfather.

Even with this "mess-of-fish", these fishermen were likely still within the bag limit at the time.

Dog Lake is now closed to the take of trout.
Pine Grove School Centennial
by Barbara Turk

The Pine Grove School, now a century old, will be celebrated at a community-wide open house on Saturday, July 10, 2010, from 1 to 4 PM, at the school, 9669 Hwy. 140-East. Built in 1910 as a single room county school, it was later remodeled to a two room school house.

The current owner is the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Klamath County (UUFKC), which purchased the building in 1960. Founding members included Ben Kerns, Dr. Frank son, and Hugh meyer, all fellow-ships hold and 4th Sun-day events at the grounds.

The fellowship in 1957 and homes, then school building es. When the Brumbaugh, architect who school and used offered to sell the fellowship was made. later the mort-burned. Legal property sale "...together with stoves". (Wish one to display!)

The fellowship has been steward of the historic building and its two and one-half acres. Many updates have been made during its ownership. In the last half-decade a new efficient gas furnace and ductwork were installed, a new potluck service area including cabinets and drawers was installed, and a new foundation was laid. Most recent updates were a new roof and last summer the bell tower was refurbished and painted, as was the building’s trim. As far as the fellowship knows the original school bell is in place and is rung prior to Sunday services, preferably by the youngest person in attendance (and sometimes requiring a chair to reach the rope).
The fellowship family is proud of the "pine grove" planted in the late 1990's and now adorning the property along with the giant cottonwoods planted about 1913 or 1915, according to a photo in the fellowship's Archives. Former students, their families, and any one interested in viewing the Pine Grove School are most welcome to visit July 10th, from 1 - 4 PM, share stories and tour the facility.

"Crafts for Children" (with adult supervision) will be available in the Children's Garden building next to the school building.

The fellowship has established a Pine Grove School Preservation Society and monetary donations are welcome. Also welcome are "pearls of wisdom" about the building, photos, and information. For additional information contact Sara Dyer @ 541-331-5457.

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**HISTORICAL SOCIETY SUMMER ACTIVITIES**

**Summer Potluck Picnic- Saturday, July 24  2PM**
Phyllis & Paul Goebel's cabin on the Williamson River: take Modoc Point Road north and turn right at the Williamson River store and bridge--go down the road a ways and it will be on the left. If you would like to meet at the museum and pool rides, call Carol Mattos at 541-884-4032

**Tour to Crater Lake Wagon Trail area: Saturday, August 28: $7.00 (prepaid)**
Meet at fairgrounds at 9:00 AM. We will have one bus and the tour will be open to members and friends only, on a first come, first serve basis. Sign ups will be accepted after August 1, 2010. Bring a sack lunch and anything needed for comfort, such as bug spray, sunscreen, water.

**September 23 Program: Peter Lassen, Early Explorations** by Ken Johnston

**October 28 Program: John C. Frémont Continued Stories** by Cliff Ambers

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**OTHER HISTORY HELPS- GENEALOGY**

**Beginning Genealogy Workshops** June 19, July 17, & August 21
10:30 AM-noon  Klamath County Library-videoconference room
1. Using library’s Ancestry.com & Heritage Quest programs
2&3. Basic genealogical subjects- using family pedigree charts, census records, interviewing relatives, etc.

Register at library reference desk

**Genealogy Week Workshop with Connie Lenzen, chair of National Genealogical Society** Sept. 18 at library
Topics to be covered: Artifacts & Your Genealogy; Evidence Analysis: How to Break Down Brick Walls; Just the Facts, But Where Did You Get Them? Cite Sources.

For information on these programs, contact Sue Fortune, 541-882-6041
Klamath County Historical Society

Meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of the month. See schedule or call 883-4208. We meet at the Klamath County Museum meeting room, 1451 Main St., Klamath Falls, Spring St. entrance. For more information call the museum.

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**Dues**

Dues are due at the end of each year. If you look on your mailing label, you will see an entry above your name. A date entered indicates you are paid through that year. Initials indicate you are receiving a complimentary issue or are a Life Member. If there is no entry, you either haven’t paid for a while or we are sending you a complimentary issue, hoping you will become a member.

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**Membership Information**

Individual Member: $10.00/yr.  
Supporting Member: $25.00/yr.  
Life Member: $100.00

Make dues payable to:  
Klamath County Historical Society  
and mail to or drop off at:

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If you would like to be notified of meetings and other happenings by email, please send your address to klcohiso@yahoo.com

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