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Commission Holds Meeting in April

The Idaho Fish and Game Commission met in regular quarterly session at Boise April 26 to May 1 with all members present. They are George Moody, Calder, chairman; R. G. Cole, Boise, Secretary; Walter Fiscus, Potlatch; Paul Thoman, Twin Falls; and Alton R. Howell, Idaho Falls.

Director T. B. Murray made a brief report on winter game surveys, the sale of beaver at Denver, and the beaver sale to be conducted in Boise May 5. The director also reported on migratory waterfowl conference at Seattle April 13. Commissioner Howell made a report of his visit to northern Idaho. Chairman Moody gave a brief report of his attendance at the migratory waterfowl meeting in Seattle, which was also attended by Marshall Edson, district conservation supervisor from Coeur d'Alene. Commissioner Cole reported on conditions in southwestern Idaho, with particular reference to meetings at Emmett and Payette.

After a discussion with C. G. d'Easum, public relations officer, the commission authorized the publication of an eight-page wildlife bulletin every two months, and in addition, authorized the director to fill the position of assistant public relations of-

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The Idaho Angle on Trout Production

By JAMES C. SIMPSON, *Idaho Fish Culturist*

(This paper was delivered at the organization meeting of Northern Rocky Mountain Wildlife Society, Missoula, Montana. Simpson was elected vice-president.)

The aim of any fisheries management program should be to make available to the fishermen during any given season, as many fish as it is possible to do with the waters which are available. With the demands that are being made of us today there is a greater need for good, sound planning than ever before. In some phases of fisheries management we have made considerable strides forward since

the inception of fish and game departments. In others we are at exactly the same point that we were many, many years ago.

Hatcheries Not Cure-All

It was apparently not long after our northwestern states were admitted to the union that sportsmen became alarmed at a decreasing supply of trout, for even at this early time we find the people requesting the state legislatures to establish fish and game departments, each to be headed by a commission. One of the first acts of these commissioners was to request of the legislatures the passage of certain laws concerning hunting and fishing seasons and bag limits. It was only a matter of time until the legislatures were requested to appropriate money for the construction and operation of fish hatcheries. Through the years many trout hatcheries, both State and Federal, have been established, and the numbers of fish planted each year runs into many millions. Yet many a sportsman feels, and

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Chinook Salmon in Bear Valley. The 1948 Crop it Late