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PORTLAND FIRM AWARDED CONTRACT FOR CASCADE SALMON HATCHERY

Ross L. Leffler, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife, today announced award of a contract for \$541,418 to C. M. Corkum Company, Inc., Portland, Oreg., for construction of the Cascade Salmon hatchery on Eagle Creek near the town of Cascade Locks, Oreg.,

The hatchery is being built as part of the Columbia River Fishery Development program authorized by Congress to restore depleted Columbia river salmon runs.

The hatchery will be located about one mile west of Cascade Locks at the Eagle Creek Forest Camp and Picnic area.

"Construction of this salmon hatchery is an excellent example of cooperation among Federal and State agencies," Mr. Leffler pointed out. "Funds for the hatchery are appropriated by Congress to the Corps of Engineers and turned over to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. The United States Forest Service of the Department of Agriculture has agreed to provide the site and the Oregon Fish Commission will take over operation of the hatchery."

Activation of this contract will start the seventh of fifteen salmon and steelhead hatcheries contemplated for the State of Oregon under the program, according to Mr. Leffler. States cooperating in the program are Oregon, Washington, and Idaho.

Work to be accomplished under the Cascade hatchery contract consists of construction of raceway ponds, holding pond and fish ladder, hatchery and utility building, residence quarters and garages, sewer system, water system, roads, relocation of a Forest Service residence.

"The Cascade hatchery, when completed, will be devoted to the artificial propagation of chinook, silver and chum salmon and will have an estimated annual production of 11,000,000 young migrants--a measurable contribution to our restoration program," Mr. Leffler said.

Seven bids ranging to a high of \$788,313 were considered by the Service before the contract was awarded.

The contractor will have 500 calendar days to complete the work and it is expected the hatchery will be in operation for artificial spawning for the spring salmon run of 1959.

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