

USSR to Crack Down on Pollution

The Soviet Government has proposed a crackdown on polluters of the nation's streams and lakes.

In the form of a new water pollution law to be voted on by the Supreme Soviet (parliament) this summer, the proposal would close down plants that dump waste into the nation's streams and lakes.

As reported in the Sport Fishing Institute bulletin of June, passage of the law is almost certain.

Industrial waste would be banned entirely from the waterways and sewage would be permitted only if it had been properly treated or does not raise the level of pollution beyond acceptable norms, the bulletin reported.

The Soviets first became alarmed about pollution when it resulted in the destruction of millions of sturgeon in the Volga River, cutting into the caviar crop.