

## Preparation of 1976 migratory bird hunting regulations under way

Preparations for the setting of regulations for the 1976 migratory waterfowl hunting season are under way.

In an effort to provide advance notice to the public and interested agencies about possible changes in the regulations and allow greater public participation in the setting of the regulations the proposed rulemaking was published in the Federal Register on March 3.

A 60-day public comment period extending through May 1, 1976, is provided. Comments should be addressed to the Director, FWS/MBM, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington, D.C. 20240.

This is the first in a series of proposed and final rule-making documents for migratory bird hunting regulations. It will be followed by more detailed proposals as additional information on the status of various species and populations becomes available.

In addition to these publications, two advisory committee meetings concerning migratory bird hunting regulations are scheduled during 1976 and the public is invited to attend and participate.

On June 22 at 9 a.m. in Conference Room 2008 of the New Executive Office Building, 726 Jackson Place, N.W., Washington, D.C., the Annual Regulations Conference for Migratory Shore and Upland Game Birds will be held.

This meeting will be primarily for the purpose of review-

ing the status of mourning doves, woodcock, band-tailed pigeons, white-winged doves, rails, gallinules and common snipe as well as for discussing the proposed hunting regulations.

On Aug. 5 at 9 a.m. in Conference Room 2010 of the New Executive Office Building, the Director's Waterfowl Advisory Committee will meet to discuss service recommendations for the 1976-77 waterfowl regulations.

Persons wishing to attend these meetings should write the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington, D.C. 20240, or call 202/343-8827.

Opportunity is provided at each meeting for comments or brief statements from the public about the topics under discussion. To facilitate inclusion in the record, it is requested that such statements be submitted in writing before or immediately after each meeting.

No major changes are proposed at this time for the 1976-77 hunting season. Minor changes may take place for goose hunting as well as for red-head and canvasback duck hunting.

A redefinition of "Commercial Preservation Facilities," and minor changes in the record keeping and wanton waste regulations are proposed.

Area closures to Canada goose hunting in California due to the presence of the endangered Aleutian Canada goose will be continued this year in cooperation with the state.

## Toxic Substance Control Act

The Senate recently passed the Toxic Substance Control Act, a bill authorized by Sen. John V. Tunney (D-Calif.), by a vote of 60 to 13.

A companion bill still is under consideration by the House.

Senator Tunney led off the Senate floor debate on his bill by denouncing the lobbying efforts of the chemical industry against the bill.

"It is indeed unfortunate that while the record of chemical dangers continues to grow, segments of the chemical industry have presented road blocks at every junction of this bill's development," Tunney said.

By requiring testing of chemicals before they are marketed, the act is intended to protect the public from the lethal dangers of many chemicals and other substances which subject the

American consumer to increased risks of cancer, birth defects and permanent genetic damage.

Hearings on the bill have demonstrated that asbestos in both consumer and industrial products; mercury in sponges, paint and floor waxes; freon in aerosol cans and refrigeration units; vinyl chloride and other chemicals both individual and in combination may have devastating health and environmental consequences.

Tunney pointed out that the National Cancer Institute has estimated that 60 to 90% of the cancers occurring in this country are a result of environmental contaminants.

He said many doctors and scientists now believe that cancer, which is expected to kill as many Americans in 1976 as all the battle deaths in Viet Nam, Korea and World War II combined, appears particularly susceptible to a preventative approach through control of toxic substances.

"There is no question in my mind that a statute would now be on the books providing effective protection against chemical hazards had it not been for the concerted effort of certain segments of the chemical industry to gut the essential provisions of this legislation," Tunney said.



JERRY RILEY, of Nenana, 1976 Iditarod champion, talks over the race with fellow mushers Rick Swenson of Manley and Joe Redington, Sr. of Knik. Jerry collected \$7,200 prize money for his 18-day, 22-hour, 58-minute, 17-second run from Anchorage to Nome. Rick finished tenth and Joe, the founder of the race, scratched in Elm and flew to Nome to greet the winners. Left to right are Rick Swenson, Jerry Riley and Joe Redington, Sr.

—Photo by MARILYN COGHILL

## Northwest educators plan bilingual fair

The first annual Bilingual Education Media Fair will be held April 23 and 24 at the Northwest Regional Educational Laboratory in Portland, Ore.

The fair, first of its kind in the Pacific Northwest, is sponsored by the Laboratory's Center of Bilingual Education, and will include display and demonstration of bilingual education materials from throughout the United States.

The Center for Bilingual

Education is operated at the laboratory under a contract with the U.S. Office of Education, and assists school districts in Alaska, Hawaii, Idaho, Oregon and Washington and the Pacific Territories in their efforts to provide over 63,000 non-native English speaking students with culturally and linguistically appropriate instruction.

While special invitations have been extended to Northwest educators, the fair is open to

anyone interested in bilingual education. There is no charge.

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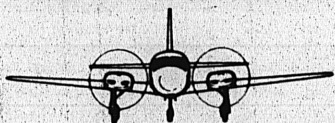
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