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FISH EXPERT HERE TO STUDY PROBLEM OF SAVING SALMON

WILL TRY TO FIGURE OUT WAY TO GET FISH OVER BAKER RIVER DAM TO HATCHERY AT BAKER LAKE

Dr. Henry B. Ward, professor of zoology at the University of Illinois and who is known as the leading authority in the United States on the sockeye salmon is spending several weeks in this city and at Baker lake is trying to study out some feasible means of getting the salmon past the power dam of the Stone & Webster company on the Baker river to the spawning grounds at Baker lake, and of getting the small salmon fry from the government hatchery at the lake down the Baker on their way to salt water. Dr. Ward was here ten years ago and made an investigation and collected data at the Baker Lake hatchery and on this trip is also checking up the results of his investigation at that time.

Dr. Ward says that on account of the damming of the streams in various parts of the country for power projects, million of salmon are prevented from getting to their spawning grounds, and the small fish are prevented from going down stream, and that careful and scientific study must be given the problem of getting the fish over the dam. He believes that a solution is possible, but is not ready to announce what it may be.

According to Dr. Ward, the Baker river sockeyes are the best in the country, and the Baker Lake hatchery has been doing excellent work, but that the salmon in the river will be practically exterminated unless some means is devised to get the fish past the dam. In some places experiments have been made

to get the small fish down the river by having them go through the turbines, but the pressure is so great that nearly all the fish were killed.

Dr. Ward has been connected with government fisheries investigations for many years and is at present on the coast for the United States fisheries bureau. While in this city he is the guest of C. L. W... superintendent of the Superior Portland Cement company, who is a fraternity brother dating back to their college days at the University of Illinois.