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FISHING SEASON IN SKAGIT COUNTY TO OPEN NEXT FRIDAY

THE ANNUAL RUSH TO GRANDY LAKE NOW BEING PLANNED. NO CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE IN FISHING LAWS

There are some real fishermen in Concrete and also some would-be fishermen and all of them are getting ready for the official opening of the Skagit county fishing season, which is set for next Friday, April 1. The old rod and reel, which has been cached away since last November, have been dug out and are being oiled up and rigged up with new lines, hooks and sinkers, so as to be ready for action at daybreak on the opening day.

As usual, the large majority of local disciples of Izaak Walton will journey up the hill to Grandy Lake, where the annual contest to be the first to catch the limit will be staged. It is also likely that the general result will be the same-some lucky fishermen will return to town with a limit bag early in the forenoon, while others will stay until late in the evening and buy fish at the market for supper.

Grandy lake is one of the most popular fishing resorts in the state, and there will be several hundred fishermen on the shores of the lake early Friday morning and even on Thursday night. Seattle will be well represented and every town or city north of Seattle will have its quota. There are plenty of fish in the lake and early in the season they are usually easy to catch and are of fine size and quality.

No changes have been made in the fishing laws since last season, the bag limit and other restrictions remaining the same as last year. Deputy game wardens will be on

hand during the early season to look out for law violations and check up on licenses. The first essential on starting a fishing trip is to buy a fishing license, and the second is to take it along. The game wardens will be on the watch for game hogs, who use various means of trying to evade the bag limit, and will also strictly enforce the law against catching fish less than six inches long.