

OREGON LAKES AND RESERVOIRS

LINCOLN COUNTY

**MASTER PLAN
FOR ANGLER ACCESS AND
ASSOCIATED RECREATIONAL
USES**



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This report details a plan that we hope can be followed to solve the access problems of the Lincoln County Lakes and Reservoirs. Too, we hope that all agencies that are interested in retaining existing water access as well as providing additional facilities, whether they be municipal, county, or state will all join in a cooperative effort to carry out this plan in an orderly manner. It is probable that Land and Water Conservation Funds will be available on a 50-50 matching basis. In order to acquire these funds, it will be necessary to apply through the Oregon State Highway Department.

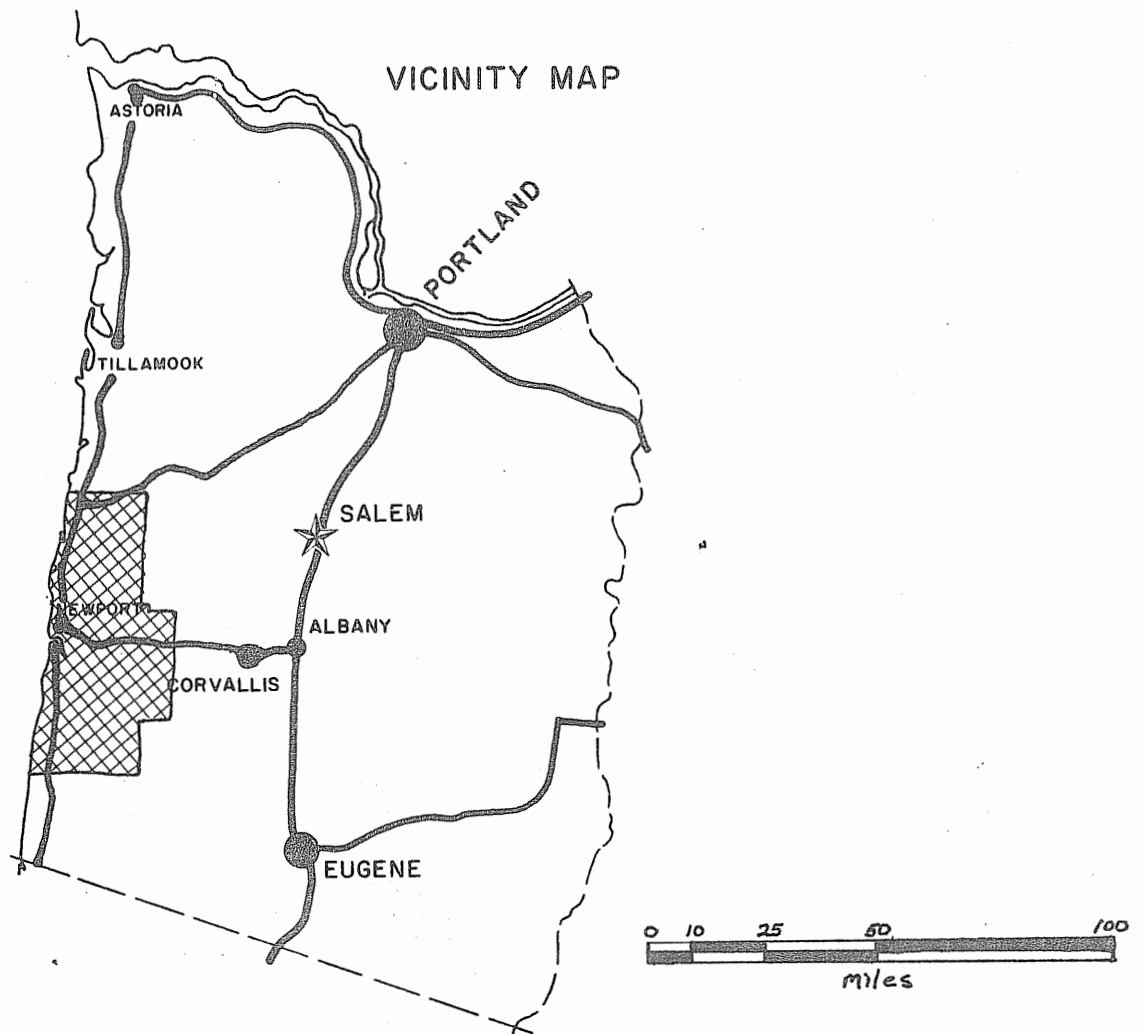
Lincoln County, one of the central coast counties, encompasses an area of approximately 980 square miles. The terrain varies, from relatively flat along the coastline and the narrow valleys extending inland, to quite steep areas in the coast range mountains along the eastern boundary of the county. Most of the county is affected by the coastal marine climate. Annual rainfall averages may range from near 60 inches along the coast to over 100 inches in the interior. Temperatures are quite moderate throughout the year.

There are only two lakes and three reservoirs in the county that provide angling to the public. Two reservoirs under construction will provide additional angling waters if a use agreement can be obtained from the municipalities constructing them. One proposed reservoir site has been recommended to provide additional recreation within the county.

The fishery in these lakes and reservoirs consists mainly of planted rainbow and native cutthroat trout. Devils Lake, in addition, has a substantial warm-water fishery on largemouth bass, yellow perch, crappie, brown bullhead and channel catfish. The angling season opens in April and closes at the end of October, except for Devils Lake which remains open the entire year.

We realize in writing a plan of this type that we have not covered all of the potential impoundment sites available. What we have attempted to include are those existing and potential bodies of water that provide or could be developed to provide significant recreation at economically feasible costs. New sites or modifications of existing sites that fit this criteria may be added to this report by supplement in the future.

In this report, 13 sites have been considered and evaluated. Recommendations of development to meet the present and future needs of the public are presented on the following evaluation sheets.



Lincoln County is one of the coastal counties in Northwest Oregon. Major north to south routes include U. S. Highway 101 which parallels the coastline throughout the county, and state route 229 from Kernville to Toledo. U. S. Route 20 and State Route 34 cross from east to west linking the county to the mid-Willamette valley area. There are also many secondary highways and improved gravel roads throughout the county.

LAKE AND RESERVOIR ACCESS EVALUATION

Name Big Creek Reservoir #1 Priority A
County Lincoln

Location 1/2 mile northeast of Newport
Township 11 S Range 11 W Sec. 33 Tax Lot No. _____
Ownership City of Newport Number of owners 1

DESCRIPTION

Terrain Moderate to steep slopes around reservoirs
Cover type Fir, alder and deciduous brush
Existing access Gravel county and private road
Surface acres 20 Water quality Good Levels Stable
Present stage of development City water storage reservoir

ANGLER NEEDS

Acquisition: Cooperative agreement for recreational use of this reservoir.

Development:

Boat ramp: Type Gravel Number of lanes 1
Toilets X Trails _____ Roads _____
Parking area x; for 25 cars or _____ car-trailer units

This reservoir receives moderate angling pressure from residents of Newport
throughout the spring and summer, but is heaviest when the trout season
opens in the spring.

LAKE AND RESERVOIR ACCESS EVALUATION

Name Big Creek Reservoir #2 Priority A
County Lincoln

Location 1 mile northeast of Newport
Township 11 S Range 11 W Sec. 33 & 34 Tax Lot No. _____
Ownership City of Newport Number of owners 1

DESCRIPTION

Terrain Moderate to steep slopes around reservoir
Cover type Fir, alder and deciduous brush
Existing access Gravel county and private road
Surface acres 30 Water quality Good Levels Stable
Present stage of development Under construction

ANGLER NEEDS

Acquisition: Cooperative agreement for recreational use when reservoir
is completed.

Development:

Boat ramp: Type Gravel Number of lanes 1
Toilets X Trails _____ Roads _____
Parking area X; for 25 cars or _____ car-trailer units

This reservoir is scheduled for completion during the summer of 1969. The
reservoir will be filled and ready for angling in the spring of 1970.

POTENTIAL FISHERY: Planted rainbow trout

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Heavy				
Medium				
Light				

(Sa - Salmon, Tr - Trout, Ww - Warm Water Fishes)

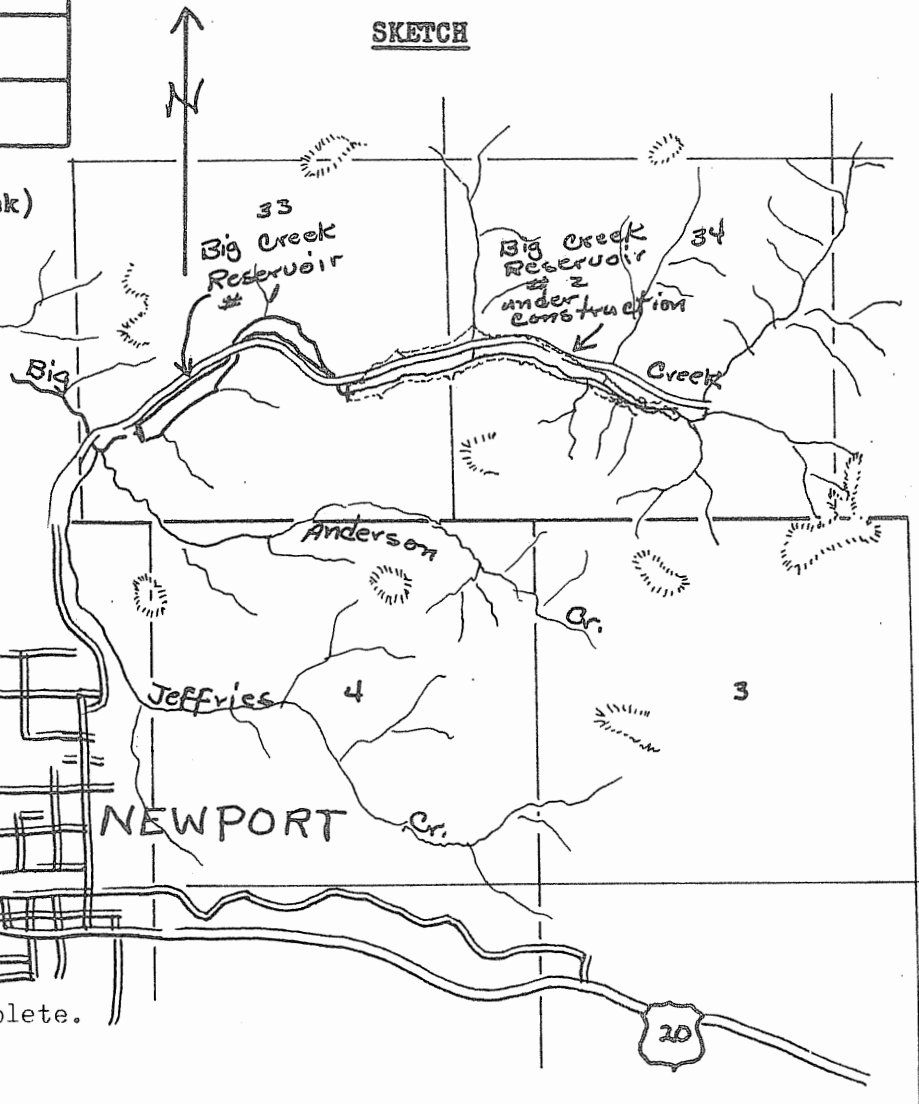
SKETCH

Seasons (Check)

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Boating, motor				
Boating, non-motor	X	X	X	
Camping, tent				
Camping, trailer				
Fishing, boat	X	X	X	
Fishing, shore	X	X	X	
Hiking				
Horseback riding				
Hunting, big game				
Hunting, upland game				
Hunting, waterfowl				
Nature study				
Picnicking	X	X	X	
Sightseeing				
Skin and scuba diving				
Swimming				
Water skiing				

* RECREATION
(Check)

- Boating, motor
- Boating, non-motor
- Camping, tent
- Camping, trailer
- Fishing, boat
- Fishing, shore
- Hiking
- Horseback riding
- Hunting, big game
- Hunting, upland game
- Hunting, waterfowl
- Nature study
- Picnicking
- Sightseeing
- Skin and scuba diving
- Swimming
- Water skiing



* Available when reservoirs is complete.

OTHER

Safety Problems:

Group Facilities:

REMARKS A boat ramp should be included in the area of the dam when it is constructed.

DEVILS LAKE

Devils Lake is located in northern Lincoln County adjacent to the coast. The lake covers an area of approximately 650 surface acres and water levels remain relatively stable throughout the year.

The lake is open to angling the entire year, however, the heaviest angling pressure occurs in the spring and fall. The primary fishery is for trout, although there is a substantial fishery for warm-water game fish. Other forms of recreation include boating, water skiing and swimming.

Three of the six access sites on the lake are adequate at this time and three need additional facilities. These sites are covered in more detail on the following evaluation sheets.

LAKE AND RESERVOIR ACCESS EVALUATION

Devils Lake Area Priority Complete

Name Calkins Ramp County Lincoln

* Location Near outlet on west end of the lake.

Township 7 S Range 11 W Sec. 15 Ownership Private

DESCRIPTION

Terrain Flat

Cover type Paved parking lot and ramp

Elevation 10 Surface acres 648 Water quality Fair

Existing access Paved city street

ANGLER NEEDS

Adequate at this time.

FISHERY

Rainbow trout, cutthroat trout, largemouth bass, yellow perch, black crappie, white crappie, brown bullhead, channel catfish and salmon.

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Heavy				
Medium	Rb,Ct,Ww		Rb,Ct	
Light		Rb,Ct,Ww	Ww Sa	Rb,Ct,Ww

(Ct - Cutthroat trout, GT - Golden trout, LT - Lake trout, BT - Brook trout, Rb - Rainbow trout, Br - Brown trout, K - Kokanee, Ww - Warm water game fish, Sa - Salmon)

- Recreation
- Camping
 - Fishing, boat
 - Fishing, shore
 - Hiking
 - Horseback riding
 - Hunting, big game
 - Hunting, upland game
 - Nature study
 - Picnicking
 - Sight-seeing
 - Swimming
 - Water skiing

	S	S	F	W
Camping				
Fishing, boat	X	X	X	X
Fishing, shore	X	X	X	X
Hiking				
Horseback riding				
Hunting, big game				
Hunting, upland game				
Nature study				
Picnicking				
Sight-seeing				
Swimming				
Water skiing	X	X	X	

REMARKS:

* See location map on page 16

LAKE AND RESERVOIR ACCESS EVALUATION

Devils Lake Area Priority A

Name Devils Lake Landing County Lincoln

* Location West end of the lake

Township 7 S Range 11 W Sec. 15 Ownership Oregon State Game Commission

DESCRIPTION

Terrain Flat

Cover type Cleared parking area surrounded by willows.

Elevation 10 Surface acres 648 Water quality Fair

Existing access Graveled city street

ANGLER NEEDS

Improvement of the existing boat ramp.

FISHERY

Rainbow trout, cutthroat trout, largemouth bass, yellow perch, black crappie, white crappie, brown bullhead, channel catfish and salmon.

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter	<u>Recreation</u>			
					S	S	F	W
Heavy								
Medium	Rb, Ct, Ww		Rb, Ct		x	x	x	x
Light		Rb, Ct, Ww	Ww Sa	Rb, Ct, Ww				
	(Ct - Cutthroat trout, GT - Golden trout, LT - Lake trout, BT - Brook trout, Rb - Rainbow trout, Br - Brown trout, K - Kokanee, Ww - Warm water game fish, Sa - Salmon)				Camping			
					Fishing, boat			
					Fishing, shore			
					Hiking			
					Horseback riding			
					Hunting, big game			
					Hunting, upland game			
					Nature study			
					Picnicking			
					Sight-seeing			
					Swimming			
					Water skiing	x	x	x

REMARKS:

The gravel boat ramp at this site gets torn up with use during the summer and fall. Maintenance of the ramp would be desirable during heavy use.

* See location map on page 16

LAKE AND RESERVOIR ACCESS EVALUATION

Devils Lake Area Priority A

Name East Side State Park County Lincoln

* Location Southeast side of the lake

Township 7 S Range 11 W Sec. 14 Ownership Oregon State Highway Dept.

DESCRIPTION

Terrain Flat along lakeshore

Cover type Alder, Fir & deciduous brush

Elevation 10 Surface acres 648 Water quality Fair

Existing access Paved county road.

ANGLER NEEDS

Construction of a 50 ft. fishing pier on each side of the present boat ramp.

FISHERY

Rainbow trout, cutthroat trout, largemouth bass, yellow perch, black crappie, white crappie, brown bullhead, channel catfish and salmon.

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter	<u>Recreation</u>			
					S	S	F	W
Heavy								
Medium	Rb,Ct,Ww		Rb,Ct					
Light		Rb, Ct,Ww	Ww, Sa	Rb,Ct,Ww				
	(Ct - Cutthroat trout, GT - Golden trout, LT - Lake trout, BT - Brook trout, Rb - Rainbow trout, Br - Brown trout, K - Kokanee, Ww - Warm water game fish, Sa - Salmon)				Camping			
					Fishing, boat	x	x	x
					Fishing, shore	x	x	x
					Hiking			
					Horseback riding			
					Hunting, big game			
					Hunting, upland game			
					Nature study			
					Picnicking	x	x	x
					Sight-seeing			
					Swimming		x	
					Water skiing	x	x	x

REMARKS:

This is a complete day use park with a large boat ramp. There is no place to moor a boat. The construction of a combination dock and fishing pier on each side of the ramp would provide moorage as well as a place for people without boats to fish.

* See location map on page 16

LAKE AND RESERVOIR ACCESS EVALUATION

Devils Lake Area Priority Complete

Name Ocean Lake City Park County Lincoln

* Location Northwest end of the lake

Township 7 S Range 11 W Sec. 11 Ownership Lincoln City

DESCRIPTION

Terrain Moderate slope from shoreline

Cover type Fir and alder with cleared park area.

Elevation 10 Surface acres 648 Water quality Fair

Existing access Paved city street

ANGLER NEEDS

This site is adequate at this time.

FISHERY

Rainbow trout, cutthroat trout, largemouth bass, yellow perch, black crappie, white crappie, brown bullhead, channel catfish and salmon.

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter		<u>Recreation</u>			
						S	S	F	W
Heavy					Camping				
Medium	Rb,Ct,Ww		Ct,Rb		Fishing, boat	X	X	X	X
Light		Rb,Ct,Ww	Ww, Sa	Ct,Rb,Ww	Fishing, shore	X	X	X	X
					Hiking				
					Horseback riding				
					Hunting, big game				
					Hunting, upland game				
					Nature study				
					Picnicking	X	X	X	
					Sight-seeing				
					Swimming		X		
					Water skiing	X	X	X	

(Ct - Cutthroat trout, GT - Golden trout, LT - Lake trout, BT - Brook trout, Rb - Rainbow trout, Br - Brown trout, K - Kokanee, Ww - Warm water game fish, Sa - Salmon)

REMARKS:

* See location map on page 16

LAKE AND RESERVOIR ACCESS EVALUATION

Devils Lake Area Priority A

Name Regatta Grounds County Lincoln

* Location West side of lake in Lincoln City.

Township 7 S Range 11 W Sec. 11 Ownership Lincoln City

DESCRIPTION

Terrain Small flat at lakeside with moderate slopes.

Cover type Grass in park area surrounded by alder and brush

Elevation 10 Surface acres 648 Water quality Fair

Existing access Paved city street

ANGLER NEEDS

Construction of a fishing pier 10 to 12 feet wide extending out into the lake 50 feet.

FISHERY

Rainbow trout, cutthroat trout, largemouth bass, yellow perch, black crappie, white crappie, brown bullhead, channel catfish and salmon.

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter		<u>Recreation</u>			
						S	S	F	W
Heavy					Camping				
Medium	Rb,Ct,Ww		Ct,Rb		Fishing, boat	x	x	x	x
Light		Rb,Ct,Ww	Ww, Sa	Ct,Rb,Ww	Fishing, shore	x	x	x	x
					Hiking				
					Horseback riding				
					Hunting, big game				
					Hunting, upland game				
					Nature study				
					Picnicking	x	x	x	
					Sight-seeing				
					Swimming		x		
					Water skiing	x	x	x	

(Ct - Cutthroat trout, GT - Golden trout, LT - Lake trout, BT - Brook trout, Rb - Rainbow trout, Br - Brown trout, K - Kokanee, Ww - Warm water game fish, Sa - Salmon)

REMARKS:

The park area and boat ramp are adequate at this time. Due to the weed beds along the shoreline, bank angling is limited. A fishing pier extending out into the lake would create a better fishing place for the bank angler.

* See location map on page 16

LAKE AND RESERVOIR ACCESS EVALUATION

Devils Lake Area Priority Complete

Name Sand Point County Lincoln

* Location North end of lake on sand point

Township 7 S Range 11 W Sec. 1 Ownership Lincoln County

DESCRIPTION

Terrain Small flat peninsula

Cover type Douglas fir

Elevation 10 Surface acres 648 Water quality Fair

Existing access Paved city street

ANGLER NEEDS

Adequate at this time.

FISHERY

Rainbow trout, cutthroat trout, largemouth bass, yellow perch, black crappie, white crappie, brown bullhead and channel catfish.

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter		<u>Recreation</u>			
						S	S	F	W
Heavy					Camping				
Medium					Fishing, boat				
Light	Rb,Ct,Ww	Rb,Ct,Ww	Rb,Ct,Ww	Rb,Ct,Ww	Fishing, shore	X	X	X	X
					Hiking				
					Horseback riding				
					Hunting, big game				
					Hunting, upland game				
					Nature study				
					Picnicking				
					Sight-seeing				
					Swimming		X		
					Water skiing				

(Ct - Cutthroat trout, GT - Golden trout, LT - Lake trout, BT - Brook trout, Rb - Rainbow trout, Br - Brown trout, K - Kokanee, Ww - Warm water game fish)

REMARKS:

This area is used primarily as a picnic and swimming area. There is some bank angling in conjunction with the swimming.

* See location map on page 16

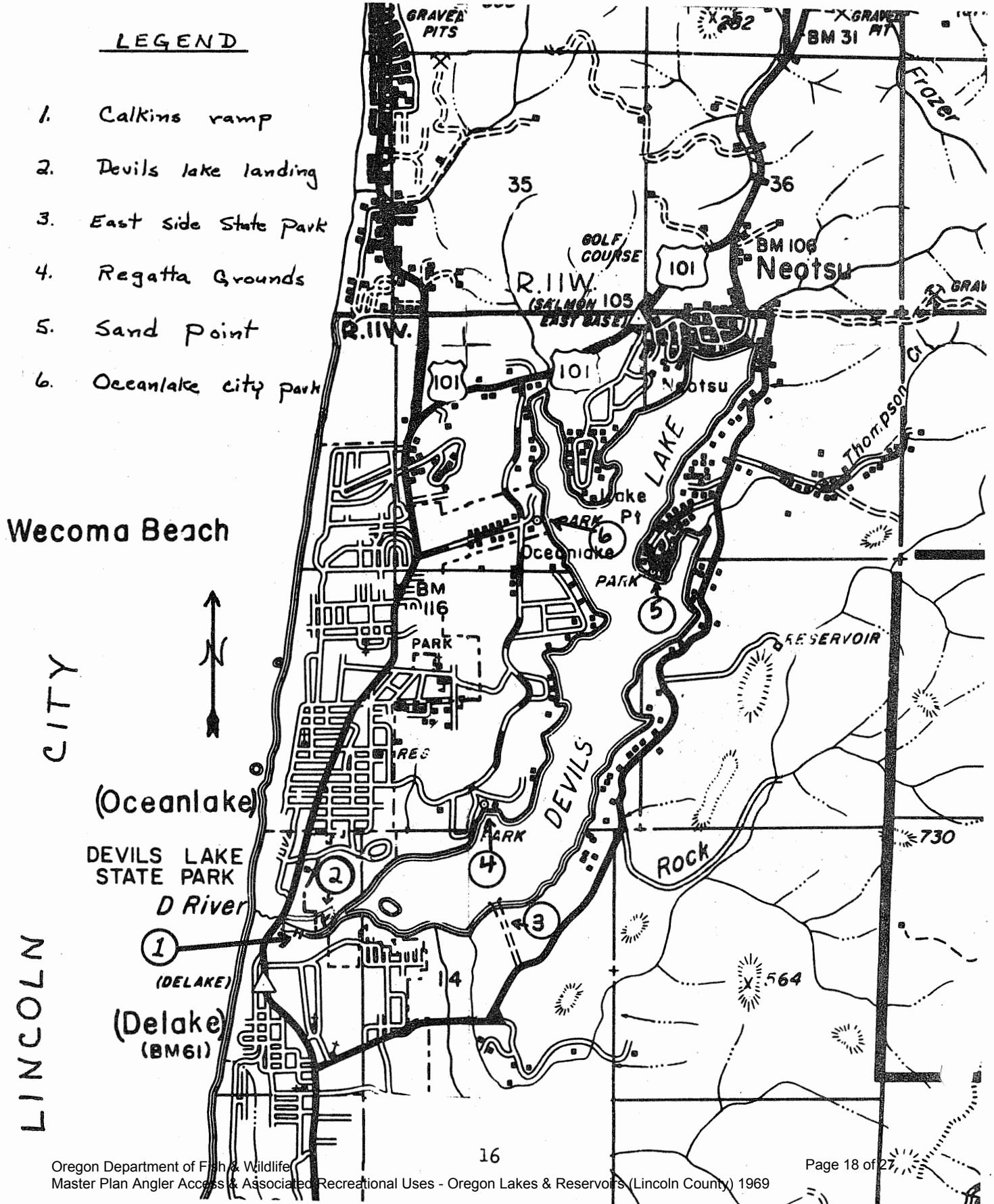
Location map

DEVILS LAKE ACCESS POINTS

Scale 2 inches = 1 mile

LEGEND

1. Calkins ramp
2. Devils lake landing
3. East side State Park
4. Regatta Grounds
5. Sand Point
6. Oceanlake city park



LAKE AND RESERVOIR ACCESS EVALUATION

Priority Complete

Name Eckman Lake

County Lincoln

Location Two miles east of Waldport.

Township 13 S Range 11 W Sec. 28 Ownership Public and private

DESCRIPTION

Terrain Gentle to moderate slope around lake

Cover type Fir, alder and deciduous brush

Elevation 10' Surface acres 40 Water quality Fair

Existing access State Highway and county road.

ANGLER NEEDS

Adequate at this time.

FISHERY

Rainbow and cutthroat trout.

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Heavy				
Medium	Rb, Ct			
Light		Rb, Ct	Rb,Ct	

(Ct - Cutthroat trout, GT - Golden trout, LT - Lake trout, BT - Brook trout, Rb - Rainbow trout, Br - Brown trout, K - Kokanee, Ww - Warm water game fish)

Recreation

	S	S	F	W
Camping				
Fishing, boat	X	X	X	
Fishing, shore	X	X	X	
Hiking				
Horseback riding				
Hunting, big game				
Hunting, waterfowl			X	X
Nature study				
Picnicking	X	X	X	
Sight-seeing				
Swimming		X		
Water skiing	X	X	X	

REMARKS: There is a small State Highway wayside park on the north side and a public boat ramp on the south side of the lake.

LAKE AND RESERVOIR ACCESS EVALUATION

Priority B
Name Gopher Creek Reservoir County Lincoln

Location 5 miles west of Harlan and 15 miles southeast of Toledo.
Township 12 S Range 9 W Sec. 17 Tax Lot No. 4000
Ownership U. S. Forest Service Number of owners 1

DESCRIPTION

Terrain Small valley with steep slopes
Cover type Fir, alder and deciduous brush
Existing access Forest Service road
Surface acres _____ Water quality Good Levels Stable
Present stage of development Proposed site

* ANGLER NEEDS

Acquisition: 5 acres, _____ of frontage
Type of conveyance Use agreement

Development:

Boat ramp: Type Concrete Number of lanes 1
Toilets X Trails _____ Roads _____
Parking area X; for 50 cars or _____ car-trailer units

* This site is proposed by the Forest Service as a potential recreation site.
If this area is developed, these angler needs should be included.

POTENTIAL FISHERY: Rainbow and cutthroat trout

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Heavy				
Medium				
Light				

(Sa - Salmon, Tr - Trout, Ww - Warm Water Fishes)

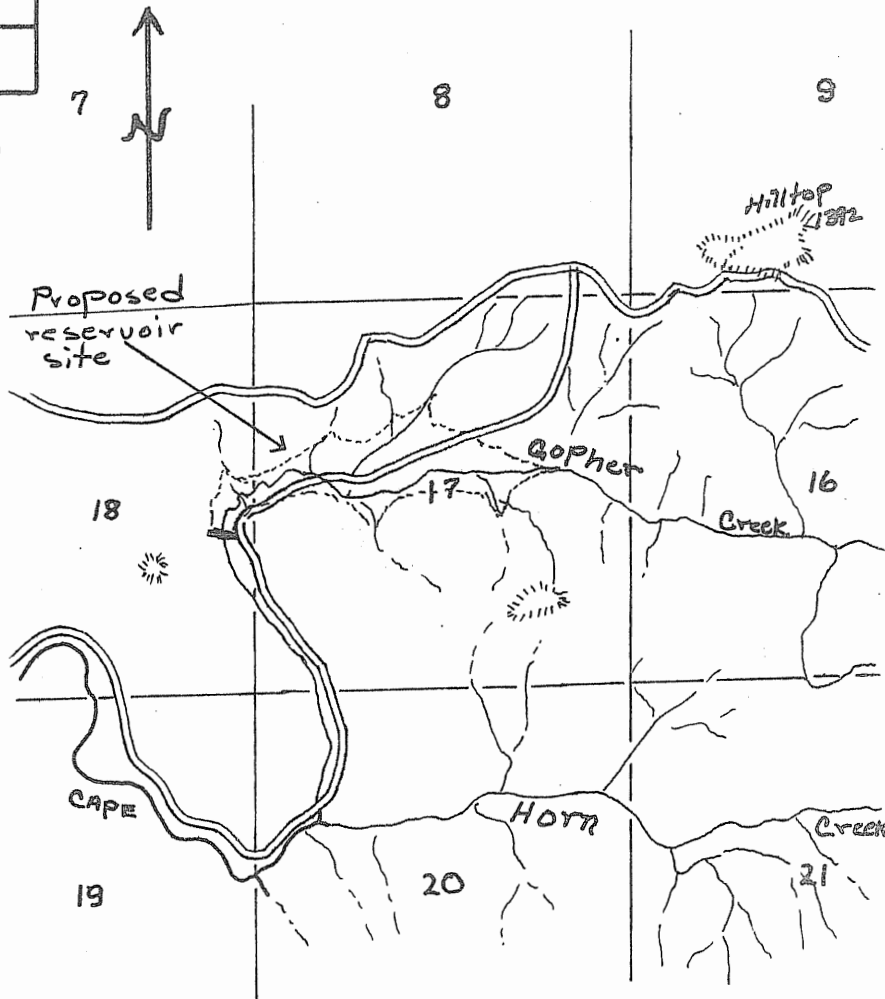
SKETCH

Seasons (Check)

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Boating, motor	X	X	X	
Boating, non-motor	X	X	X	
Camping, tent	X	X	X	
Camping, trailer				
Fishing, boat	X	X	X	
Fishing, shore	X	X	X	
Hiking				
Horseback riding				
Hunting, big game				
Hunting, upland game				
Hunting, waterfowl				
Nature study				
Picnicking	X	X	X	
Sightseeing				
Skin and scuba diving				
Swimming		X		
Water skiing	X	X	X	

* RECREATION
(Check)

- Boating, motor
- Boating, non-motor
- Camping, tent
- Camping, trailer
- Fishing, boat
- Fishing, shore
- Hiking
- Horseback riding
- Hunting, big game
- Hunting, upland game
- Hunting, waterfowl
- Nature study
- Picnicking
- Sightseeing
- Skin and scuba diving
- Swimming
- Water skiing



* Potential if developed

OTHER

Safety Problems:

Group Facilities:

REMARKS Recreational areas should be constructed wherever feasible along the reservoir.

LAKE AND RESERVOIR ACCESS EVALUATION

Name Klickitat Lake Priority A
County Lincoln

Location 6 miles southeast of Harlan
Township 12 S Range 8 W Sec. 33 Tax Lot No. 7700
Ownership Private Number of owners 1

DESCRIPTION

Terrain Moderate slopes around lake with some small flat areas.
Cover type Fir, alder and deciduous brush
Existing access Private dirt road
Surface acres 5 Water quality Good Levels Stable
Present stage of development None

ANGLER NEEDS

Acquisition: 5-acre lake and 2 miles road right of way
Type of conveyance Purchase

Development:

Boat ramp: Type _____ Number of lanes _____
Toilets X Trails _____ Roads Improve 2 miles
Parking area X; for 25 cars or _____ car-trailer units

This lake was formed by a slide and log jam combination. The lake is quite shallow, but very productive.

LAKE AND RESERVOIR ACCESS EVALUATION

Name Clalla Reservoir Priority A
County Lincoln

Location 4 miles north of Toledo
Township 10 S Range 10 W Sec. 20 & 21 Tax Lot No. Many
Ownership Georgia Pacific Number of owners 1

DESCRIPTION

Terrain Steep banks along reservoir
Cover type Fir, alder and deciduous brush
Existing access County and private gravel road
Surface acres 125 Water quality Good Levels Water drawdown
Present stage of development Water storage reservoir

ANGLER NEEDS

Acquisition: _____ acres, _____ of frontage
Type of conveyance _____

Development:

Boat ramp: Type Gravel Number of lanes 1
Toilets _____ Trails _____ Roads _____
Parking area _____; for _____ cars or _____ car-trailer units

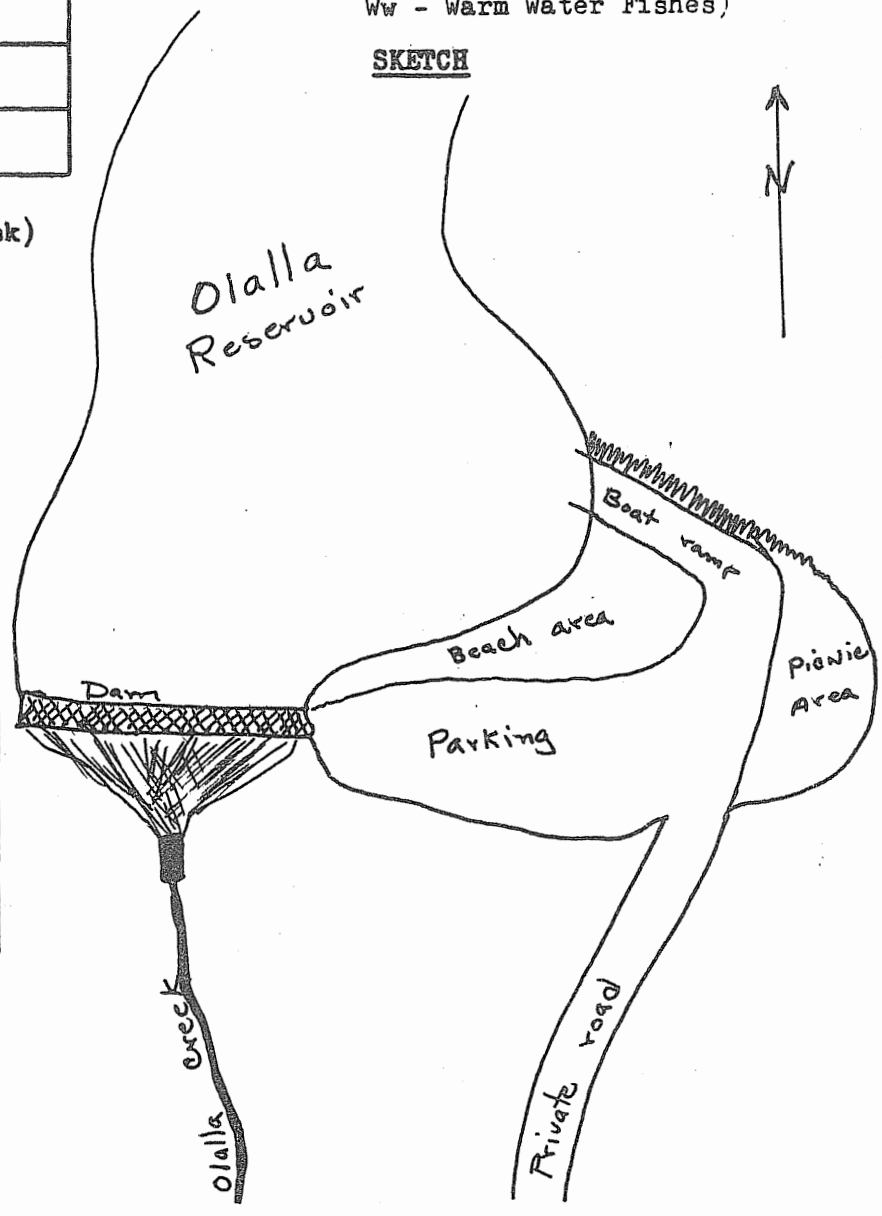
The reservoir capacity was increased by enlarging the dam thus eliminating the existing boat ramp. A new ramp is needed to accommodate the anglers.

FISHERY: Rainbow trout, cutthroat trout and brown bullhead

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Heavy	Tr			
Medium				
Light		Tr	Tr	

(Sa - Salmon, Tr - Trout, Ww - Warm Water Fishes)

SKETCH



Seasons (Check)

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
	X	X	X	
	X	X	X	
	X	X	X	
	X	X	X	
		X		

RECREATION (Check)

- Boating, motor
- Boating, non-motor
- Camping, tent
- Camping, trailer
- Fishing, boat
- Fishing, shore
- Hiking
- Horseback riding
- Hunting, big game
- Hunting, upland game
- Hunting, waterfowl
- Nature study
- Picnicking
- Sightseeing
- Skin and scuba diving
- Swimming
- Water skiing

OTHER

Safety Problems:
Group Facilities:

REMARKS

LAKE AND RESERVOIR ACCESS EVALUATION

Name Mill Creek Reservoir Priority C
County Lincoln

Location 4 miles southeast of Toledo
Township 11 S Range 10 W Sec. 27 Tax Lot No. Many
Ownership Public and private Number of owners Many

DESCRIPTION

Terrain Small canyon with moderate to steep slopes
Cover type Fir, alder and deciduous brush
Existing access Private road
Surface acres * 15 Water quality Good Levels Fluctuations

* Present stage of development City water storage reservoir which is to be enlarged this summer.

ANGLER NEEDS

Acquisition: Access to reservoir and cooperative agreement for recreational use when the reservoir is completed.

Development:

Boat ramp: Type Gravel Number of lanes 1
Toilets X Trails _____ Roads _____
Parking area X; for 30 cars or 15 car-trailer units

This reservoir has been closed to the public, but should be considered for public use when the reservoir is enlarged.

Name Mill Creek Reservoir

Potential fishery Rainbow trout and cutthroat trout

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Heavy				
Medium				
Light				

(Sa - Salmon, St - Steelhead, Tr - Trout, Sg - Sturgeon, Ww - Warm Water Fishes)

Seasons (Check)

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Boating, motor				
Boating, non-motor	X	X	X	
Camping, tent				
Camping, trailer				
Fishing, boat	X	X	X	
Fishing, shore	X	X	X	
Hiking				
Horseback riding				
Hunting, big game				
Hunting, upland game				
Hunting, waterfowl				
Nature study				
Picnicking	X	X	X	
Sightseeing				
Skin and scuba diving				
Swimming				
Water skiing				

* RECREATION
(Check)

- Boating, motor
- Boating, non-motor
- Camping, tent
- Camping, trailer
- Fishing, boat
- Fishing, shore
- Hiking
- Horseback riding
- Hunting, big game
- Hunting, upland game
- Hunting, waterfowl
- Nature study
- Picnicking
- Sightseeing
- Skin and scuba diving
- Swimming
- Water skiing

* Potential if developed for recreation.

OTHER

Safety Problems:

Group Facilities: Parking and picnicking

REMARKS Recreational areas should be considered for development wherever feasible along the reservoir when it is constructed.

