

FIRST BATCH OF FISH FOR LAKE ARRIVES SOON

Bass From New Mexico Expected Here on June 17, Report

The first fish to be planted in Boulder lake, are expected to arrive in Las Vegas shortly after June 15, according to word received here today by Harold Case, chairman of the fish and game organization of Clark county.

A batch of 30,000 bass will start from the Dexter, New Mexico, fish hatchery on that date and they are expected to arrive in Las Vegas either late on June 16 or early the following day.

THE SHIPMENT which will arrive here this month is the first of a consignment of 180,000 which, eventually, will find their way into the lake.

The largest consignment is expected to leave the Dexter hatchery on June 20 and, following that, 30,000 will be shipped out every five days until the entire batch is completed.

ACCORDING TO Case, the lake will be closed to fishing for two years as the bass are rather slow growing fish and will not provide the anglers with much sport until they are at least two years old.

During the interim, however, croppie and bream will also be planted in the lake and it is expected, when the waters of the lake are finally thrown open to the fishermen, they will provide one of the best game fish areas in the southwest, outside of the Pacific ocean.

IN CONNECTION with the stocking of the water below the dam it has been suggested that no stocking be done until sufficient head of water has accumulated in the lake so that the water temperatures in the river below the dam will not go above 70 degrees. It was also suggested that the organization wait until early in July and then take the temperatures below the dam on hot days to see if they were suitable.

The fish and game organization in this area has an elaborate program of objectives outlined at the present time, the stocking of Boulder dam lake being the foremost to be accomplished. With this item out of the way, probably by the middle of September, the organization will set out on its other objectives, according to Case.