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BAIT SHOOTING IN ILLINOIS AND OREGON PUNISHED BY FEDERAL FINES

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The Federal Court at Portland, Oregon, and the Federal Court for the Southern District of Illinois both recently fined groups of hunters brought before them for shooting over baited ponds in violation of Migratory Bird Treaty Act regulations. The game law violators, seven in Oregon and twelve in Illinois, were assessed amounts ranging from \$15 to \$50.

All arrests were made during the early part of last November. The Oregon men were apprehended by Game Management Agents of the U. S. Biological Survey aided by an Oregon State Policeman. In Illinois a State Game Warden cooperated with the Federal Game Agents.

The shooting of waterfowl by means of bait or grain or any other food placed to attract them, is prohibited by Federal law.

"Successful prosecution of bait shooting in these widely separated cases demonstrates the excellent cooperation of State Game Law enforcement officials with our Federal Game Agents," says W. E. Crouch, Game Management Chief of the Survey.

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