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CALIFORNIA LAW DOES PROTECT BIGFOOT

All Bigfoot hunters, for their own protection as well as that of Bigfoot, should make themselves familiar with the laws, rules and regulations in the various states and provinces. This month we are printing what we hope will be the first of a series to acquaint the readers of the Bulletin with such laws.

Recently Mr. Loren E. Coleman of Carbondale, Illinois, wrote to the Director of the California State Department of Fish and Game inquiring about such laws that might protect Bigfoot. The reply came from Mr. B.E. Faist, Chief, Wildlife Protection Branch, Department of Fish and Game, 1416 Ninth Street, Sacramento, California 95814. With his kind permission, we reprint Mr. Faist's reply here :

"January 28, 1970

"Dear Mr. Coleman :

"Your recent letter to the Director, which expressed concern over the future indiscriminate killing of 'Big Foot', has been referred to me for reply.

"We are not concerned with the existence or non-existence of 'Big Foot', but assure you that the current California fish and game laws or Penal Code sections do fully protect this animal if such a creature does exist.

"First, any person who kills this alleged creature would be in violation of California fish and game laws if 'Big Foot' should be classified as an animal. Any taking of animals is prohibited in California unless such taking is authorized in the California Fish and Game Code or California Fish and Game Commission regulations. There is no provision for the taking of 'Big Foot' in our fish and game laws.

"Second, any person who kills this alleged creature would be prosecuted for murder under appropriate sections of the California Penal Code if 'Big Foot' is determined to be human.

"If we can be of further assistance, please contact us again."

-- B.E. Faist, Chief, Wildlife Protection Branch.

In reply to further inquiry, Mr. Faist wrote to your editor as follows :

"March 3, 1970

"Dear Mr. Haas,

"Thank you for the very interesting 'Bigfoot Bulletin', and for the inquiry about reprinting my letter to Mr. Coleman. We have no objection to your publishing the letter in one of your future bulletins.

"I am enclosing a copy of Section 2000 of the California Fish and Game Code which would provide protection to 'Bigfoot', if it does, in fact, exist in California. As indicated in the letter to Mr. Coleman,

the taking of a 'Bigfoot' is not authorized by any provisions of the Code or regulations made pursuant thereto ; consequently, Section 2000 would serve as an effective prohibition in the event a 'Bigfoot' is found and classed as a wild animal.

"Thank you again for the Bulletin."

-- B.E. Faist, Chief, Wildlife Protection Branch.

FISH AND GAME CODE

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DIVISION 3. FISH AND GAME GENERALLY

CHAPTER 1. TAKING AND POSSESSING IN GENERAL

2000. It is unlawful to take any bird, mammal, fish, or amphibian except as provided in this code or regulations made pursuant thereto. Possession of a bird, mammal, or fish in or on the fields, forests, or waters of this State, or while returning therefrom with fishing or hunting equipment, is prima facie evidence the possessor took the bird, mammal, or fish.

MORE ON BIGFOOT POPULATION DENSITY

JOHN GREEN writes, March 17, 1970, : "Nick Carter's approach to population estimating is interesting, but I challenge his first premise. I would call the basic range something like 400 miles wide by 1,500 long, with plenty of indication that it might be almost twice that area if you can go farther east, north and south than the search has been concentrated so far. Of course that makes the human population closer to 30 million or 40 but that matters little since most of them are in a few cities. I would also estimate the usable Sasquatch area at more like half the total than a quarter of it. Accepting the rest, that would give an adult population (not total, but presumably less that four young to a pair) of 9,000 -- plus the ones that live outside the blocked-off area. However, I think one Sasquatch might well occupy the range of half a dozen wolves, so my own guess would actually be something in the low thousands -- say two to four -- for western North America."

ANNOUNCEMENT

JOHN W. SMITH of Portland, Oregon, who claims personal encounters with Bigfoot - or "Humanus" as he calls the creature - has prepared a preliminary report on his experiences titled Humanus. In manuscript form, this consists of 11 pages of hand-printed preliminary text, 11 pages describing his sightings and contacts and 6 pages of rough illustrations and drawings. Material is copyrighted 1970 by John W. Smith. A copy of this report can be obtained from Lee Trippett, Flora-Fauna Research Inc., 2439 Marjorie Avenue, Eugene, Oregon 97401, for 50¢. A 5 X 7 color photograph of a small portion of one of Mr. Smith's paintings, showing a "Humanus" carrying a deer, may be had for \$1.00 additional when ordered with the report.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS OF INTEREST

FATE Magazine, April 1970. "Russia Searches For The Abominable Snowman" by Timothy Green Beckley. Also, "Yetis of Bhutan" by John J. Sanz. The latter describes the famous Yeti stamps put out by Bhutan in 1966.

WESTERN TREASURES Magazine, April 1970 (It says March 1970 on the inside contents page). "Bigfoot - Man Or Ape ?" by John Seginski. Slanted toward the treasure hunting buffs. The author has a good suggestion : that we spend more time looking for bones. (Credit : Jim McClarin, Lucius Farish)

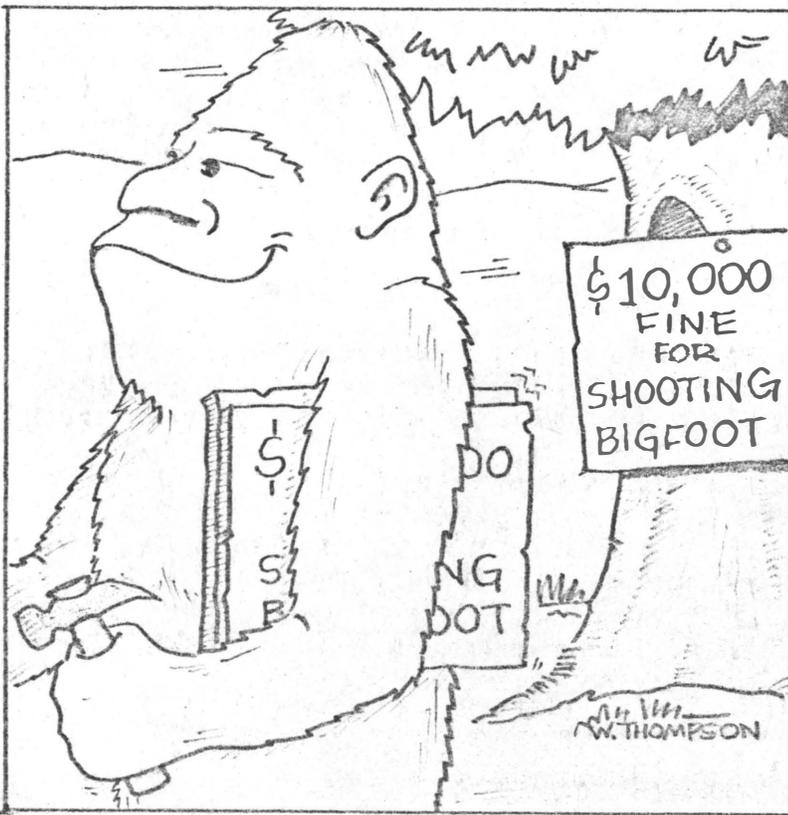
An AP report, apparently printed in numerous papers throughout the land, says that the Regina, Saskatchewan, Junior Chamber of Commerce is offering \$100,000 for a Sasquatch. It does not say whether dead or alive. (Credit : Gary Galbreath, George Manning, Warren Scott, Nick Carter)

SPOKESMAN - REVIEW SUNDAY MAGAZINE, Spokane, Washington, March 1, 1970. "Is There Really a Bigfoot ?" by Jack Pierce. (Credit : Russell Gebhart)

KLAM-ITY KOURIER, Willow Creek, California, March 25, 1970, prints "Chapter One" of a letter from Ray Wallace, to be continued.

As we go to press we hear that STRANGE ABOMINABLE SNOWMEN by Warren Smith, published by Popular Library, is out but we haven't seen it on our stands. Look for it on yours. (Credit : Lucius Farish)

Lake monster fans will be delighted to hear that THE GREAT ORM OF LOCH NESS by F.W. Holiday, is out in an Avon paperback edition @ 75¢.



SAVE OUR SASQUATCH bumper stickers may be obtained by postpaid mail from Payless Printers, Room 218, Rookery Building, Spokane, Washington 99201 for \$1.00 each. (Credit : Roger St. Hilaire)

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