



MUSKIES ARRIVE SAFELY

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Some 1,535 muskellunge fry were delivered to the Decorah trout hatchery June 7 by pilot-officer Bob Rollins. In their new home in specially prepared rearing ponds the young savages will be hand fed with suckers and shiner-minnows a little smaller than the muskies. Later on (they really grow fast) brood minnows will be put in with them to supply fresh food. By the end of the summer they'll be six to nine inches long and ready for stocking in larger waters. Results in Ohio, whose waters are similar to ours, indicate a fair chance of success for

our experimental program. In any event, the muskies take three years to mature and reproduce. If all goes well it will be several years before the Commission could ask the state legislature to put the muskellunge on the list of game species.



Jim Sherman Photo.
 Mail muskies were delivered to the Decorah trout hatchery early in June for expert care and rearing. Two bags of fish were sent, one containing the muskies and the other with suckers to feed them. Next fall they'll be stocked in lakes.



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Before the muskies and suckers are released, the water in the plastic bags is allowed to come to the same temperature as that of the rearing pond. This cuts mortality.