



# What's At Stake

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The Clackamas is one of the small mountain rivers which give the Portland area so much of its beauty. The Sandy, the Washougal, and the Lewis are the others. What will happen to them as our thirst for land grows—especially land which has so much appeal? The questions of environmental policy raised in this issue can be summed up by the fate of the Clackamas. Which combination of regulations and tax incentives is most likely to save this river from the sterile fate which approaches? The Clackamas still has native salmon and steelhead! It still provides drinking water for a few of our cities. But for how long?



One of the small tributaries along the Clackamas which are so important for spawning (between Barton and Carver).



The boat ramp at Barton Park on the lower Clackamas, about 15 miles from downtown Portland. (above)



A shallow rapid on the Clackamas.



Another new upscale subdivision—this one just down the road from Carver, less than a quarter mile from the river, near the industrial-commercial strip on Highway 224-212.





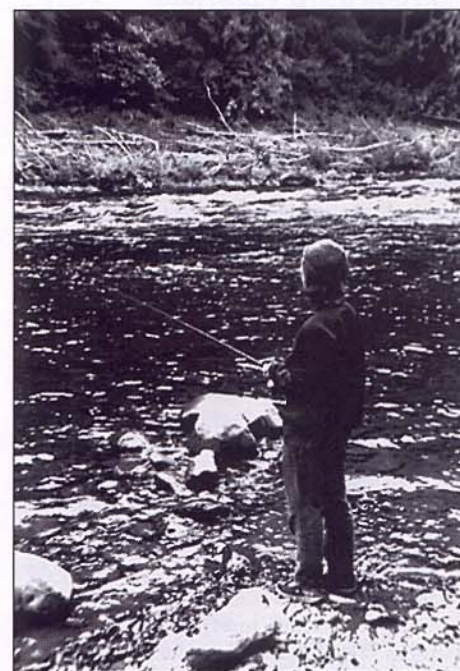
*Looking up the Clackamas toward Mount Hood, a view that has attracted a lot of new houses on the river's shores. (above)*



*The Clackamas between Barton and Carver. (above and middle)*



*A small but growing subdivision on the north shore, between Barton and Carver, with a view of Mount Hood. (below)*



*Fishing for brook trout on the upper Clackamas, just down stream of Big Eddy, in early Fall. (below)*

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