Albuquerque Game Association Enters Fishing Rights Debate

The controversy between the Quay County Game Protective Association, some citizens of Tucumcari, northeastern New Mexico and part of the Texas Panhandle, and the Bell Ranch interests, on whose lands most of the water backed up by the Conchas Dam is impounded, has come into the spotlight again. The Albuquerque Game Protective Association has passed a resolution endorsing and commending the stand of the state game commission and opposing the request of the Quay County organization that the governor force the commission to resign.

The Quay County organization and its supporters have requested the Bell Ranch interests to open a majority of the Conchas Dam Lake and shoreline for fishing and picnicking. The ranch owners refused. The Quay County group then petitioned Gov. J. J. Dempsey to file suit against the ranch owners and the governor ordered the state attorney to file the suit, which is pending.

Petition of the Quay County association included the phrase, "we request the Honorable John J. Dempsey, governor of the state of New Mexico, to immediately abolish the game refuge on the Canadian part of the Conchas Lake." The Albuquerque association claims the action would mean the dismissal of the game commission which has steadfastly refused the Quay County group's petitions.

The Albuquerque Game Protective Association recently appointed a committee composed of State Senator Don L. Dickerson, Hugh B. Woodward and Arthur L. Welch, to make a complete study of the questions involved in the contro-

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