

Patrol Over The Rivers

The inspectors of the fish protection service in Magadan Oblast have begun air patrols over the rivers where fish spawn.

It was not so very long ago that poachers pushed their way along animal trails into remote areas, secluded from the eyes of strangers, partitioned off the rivers with nets, and enjoyed the fruits of their illegal acts. Helicopters have enabled the inspectors of "Okhotskrybvoda" to bring the most inaccessible spawning grounds under their observation.

During the season when fish of the salmon family are spawning in the rivers, quiet conditions rule and there is a prohibition order in effect on the use of motor boats and on fording water obstacles with trucks, tractors, or cross-country vehicles. From now until the coming of the frosts, only the shadow of a helicopter can disturb the schools of fish in the water, as clear as a teardrop, as they go to spawn at the sources of the taiga rivers.

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