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FISH FARM LICENCES

A fish farm licence has been issued to Messrs R.O. & R.J. Doedens to raise rainbow trout and Atlantic salmon at Sykes Cove, Bruny Island. Stocks of Atlantic salmon are not yet available but are expected to be on hand by 1985 for farming in either freshwater or saltwater.

Further applications to farm rainbow trout in saltwater are expected to be received. In some countries, farming trout in the sea is now a common practice.

AUSTRALIAN BILLY BOILING CHAMPION

Congratulations to Senior Inspector, Mr Viv Spencer, who won the Australian Billy Boiling Championship at the Lake Leake Centenary celebrations on 12 November and was presented with a suitable trophy by the Governor, Sir James Plimsoll. A large crowd visited Lake Leake for the celebrations and a number of anglers took part in a fishing competition. The heaviest fish caught was a 1.25 kg perch. Many persons attending did not fish but just enjoyed the outing.

CRUELTY TO ANIMALS LEGISLATION

A Senate Committee has been set up to examine all aspects of cruelty to animals. Anglers are concerned that fish may be included on the list to be investigated.

LAKE MACKINTOSH

Fishing in Lake Mackintosh has yielded some brown trout of reasonable sizes. Two fish were 400 and 450 mm long respectively and weighed 700 and 1 850 g.

MARY CREEK

After no runs for two years of drought it is pleasing to report that the run of rainbow trout spawners up Mary Creek, Lagoon of Islands, was satisfactory. On one occasion staff handled 30 rainbow trout up to 2 kg in weight and put eggs down in the gravel for on site incubation.

LAGOON OF ISLANDS - RIPPLE CREEK DIVERSION

An environmental impact statement on the Ripple Creek diversion produced by the Hydro-Electric Commission is being evaluated. Should the evaluation be favourable, it is likely that work would commence in March 1984. About 650 cubic metres of gravel would be needed to provide spawning beds at the outlet of the diversion to Lagoon of Islands.

ATLANTIC SALMON

An important meeting with possible far reaching consequences was held in Hobart to consider arrangements necessary for the importation of Atlantic salmon from abroad to Tasmania. Officials from the Federal Department of Health, Victorian Department of Agriculture, Tasmanian Department of Agriculture, Inland Fisheries Commission, Tasmanian Fisheries Development Authority and the Savnoy Foundation in Norway attended the meeting. At present, there is a Commonwealth ban on the importation of live salmon into Australia.

NETTING IN RIVERS

Netting in rivers above the Tasmanian Fisheries Development Authority netting boundaries are the cause of concern. At present, many brown trout are located in rivers above these netting boundaries in waters under the jurisdiction of the Tasmanian Fisheries Development Authority. It is here that netting is of concern to the Commission and anglers.

Inland Fisheries Commission officers are not authorised to act in incidents where netting occurs in waters outside the Commission's jurisdiction.

The Commission recently reported details of a netting incident to the Tasmanian Fisheries Development Authority for its attention.

SNOWY RIVER, LAKE LEAKE

Inspections in October and November indicated that advanced brown trout fry were doing well in Snowy River, Lake Leake. However, on one occasion there was suspected predation by a 1 metre tiger snake.

OPENING OF RAINBOW TROUT SEASON, GREAT LAKE

The opening of the season was a successful one and many anglers were pleased with their catches.

An unfortunate incident occurred at the Haddons Bay area where there was conflict between shack owners and campers. A management plan for Great Lake is urgently needed to allocate separate areas for campers and shack owners. In modern society, Great lake is no longer a remote area due to increased mobility, leisure and affluence in the community.

GUNNS LAKE

During a weekend of fishing at Gunns Lake in early November, a party of three anglers caught 53 brown trout up to $1\frac{1}{2}$ lb (.7 kg).

The track from Cowpaddock is at four wheel drive vehicle standard only. There is a track through private property, known as "The Den", and permission is necessary to use this track.

ANTHONY-HENTY SCHEME

Mr W. Fulton, a biologist with the Commission, commenced field work on 8 November 1983 to investigate the fauna of the lakes near the scheme. An additional biologist is to be employed at the consultants expense to assist in the sorting of material collected on the field trip. Owing to unfavourable weather conditions, the biologist was based at Pencil Pine and flown by helicopter each day to the collecting sites.

BOAT ACCESS TO GREAT LAKE

In October, the Hydro-Electric Commission used a bulldozer to improve boat launching sites at three places at Great Lake namely, Cramps Bay, south of Reynolds Island and middle Brandum Bay. The Bothwell Council is understood to be providing gravel for improvements to these three sites.

THERMAL POWER STATION PROPOSAL

The Inland Fisheries Commission has discussed matters relating to a thermal power station with consultants engaged by the Hydro-Electric Commission. It is understood that 25 000 cubic metres of water per day would be needed at full load to meet cooling requirements at the station and much of the water would not be returned to the river.

FOUR WHEEL DRIVE VEHICLES AT LIAWENEE

On 7 November, four wheel drive vehicles became bogged on the north side of Liawenee Canal near the new zigzag channel. Unauthorised entry here is causing a problem to the Commission.

BRUMBY CREEK WEIR

On 3 November, two anglers caught seven brown trout at Brumby Creek weir ranging in size from 3/4 lb (.34 kg) to 2 lb (.9 kg) in two hours of fishing.

ACCESS TO WOODS LAKE FROM THE SOUTH

The Lands Department has advised that negotiations are continuing with Downie Pty. Ltd to secure access to Woods Lake from the Interlaken Road and it is hoped that the matter will be concluded shortly.

BOAT RAMPS AT ARTHURS LAKE

The boat ramp at the pump station was constructed over ten years ago with funds supplied by the then Minister for Tourism. At the time it was considered by the Hydro-Electric Commission as a temporary structure only. The ramp and its access is on Hydro-Electric Commission land. The Hydro-Electric Commission maintains the road access from the Poatina Highway to the pump house but does not maintain the immediate access to the boat ramp.

The Hydro-Electric Commission would be prepared to assist in refurbishing the ramp and its access if funds are provided by the Inland Fisheries Commission or by private fishing associations.

Arthurs Lake is one of the most popular lakes for trout fishing in the State and the boat ramps and other facilities are inadequate for the number of patrons using the lake.

It is possible to refurbish the boat ramp at the pump house but the adoption of an overall plan for the development of boat ramps, camping sites and access roads is the only desirable solution to overcome congestion and frustration.

The Inland Fisheries Commission would have limited funds for improvements to the pump house boat ramp in 1983-84.

The provision of a suitable boat ramp is part of the problem at Arthurs Lake which needs to be addressed.

There is a diversity of views regarding which site would be the best for development of boat ramps. There is angler support for boat ramps at four sites: below the south of the pump house, at the pump house itself, at Hydro Bay, and at Cowpaddock Bay.

In addition to boat ramps, there is urgent need to develop adequate camping facilities as distinct from shack sites close to boat ramps.

It is time for a concerted development plan to be drawn up for Arthurs Lake. Although Pump House Bay is a good site for boat ramp development, it leaves much to be desired as a camp site.

The ideal development for the area would appear to be provision for five boat ramps at the dam, shack area, pump house, Hydro Bay, and Cowpaddock with a camping area at Hydro Bay. Further, it would be desirable to upgrade the access roads to Hydro Bay and Cowpaddock.

BOAT RAMPS ON LAKES DEVELOPED BY THE HYDRO-ELECTRIC COMMISSION

Anglers may be interested to know the policy of the Hydro-Electric Commission with regard to boat ramps on the shores of its lakes which is to provide only those that are required for Hydro-Electric Commission purposes. In most cases these ramps are made available for public use.

There are several ramps that have been installed specifically for recreational purposes, but in each instance these have been financed from sources other than the Hydro-Electric Commission. For example, ramps on Lake Trevallyn, Lake Rosebery, and Lake Barrington fall in this category.

The Hydro-Electric Commission is prepared to consider requests for specific ramps if funds are available from other sources. Each application is considered and evaluated separately, taking account of possible effects on Commission structures and operations.

The Hydro-Electric Commission has been helpful to the Inland Fisheries Commission in drawing up plans for a boat ramp at Lake Pedder.

VALEDICTORY

On 12 February 1984 Messrs Bridges, Stephenson and French retire as Associate Commissioners after serving 13, 6 and 9 years respectively as members of the Commission. The Commissioner would like to publically record his gratitude for their co-operation and support in the running of the Inland Fisheries Commission.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Members of the Commission and staff would like to wish anglers an enjoyable Christmas and pleasant times angling during the coming holidays.

PROSECUTIONS

Listed are recent court cases. Further cases are pending for hearing.

COURT DATE	OFFENDER AND ADDRESS	NATURE OF OFFENCE	FINE	COSTS	PENALTY
25.10.83	Paul Edwin WALKER 79 Olive Street Newstead	Take fish from closed waters. Take fish by means other than rod and line.	25-00 25-00	15-10	15-00 15-00
19.9.83	David Keith SHEPHERD 4 Nelson Road Sandy Bay	Fishing without a licence. Using natural bait in artificial water.	50-00	10-10	Adjourned Sine Die
31.10.83	Peter VALLERINE 19 Casuarina Crescent Berriedale	Fishing without a licence.	50-00	15-10	
4.11.83	Terrence Gary THORPE Ranelagh	Fishing without a licence.	40-00	15-10	
8.11.83	David William WILSON 38 Reibey Street Ulverstone	Fishing without a licence.	50-00	15-10	
28.10.83	Ricky Ian FIELDING 39 Mission Hill Road Penguin	Fishing without a licence. Falsely representing to be licenced. Using a licence to deceive an officer.	50-00 50-00	15-10	
28.10.83	Rodney Lyall LYND 29 Mary Street Ulverstone	Fishing without a licence. Falsely representing to be licenced. Using a licence to deceive an officer.	50-00 50-00	15-10	
28.10.83	Craig Ross FIELDING 39 Mission Hill Road Penguin	Issuing a licence to LYND Issuing a licence to FIELDING. Both licences falsely dated.	100-00	15-10	Adjourned Sine Die
21.10.83	Garth Maxwell MUNDAY 75 Stirling Street Burnie	Attempt to take whitebait without a licence. Unidentified scoop net. Obstruct an officer.	145-00	46-10	Adjourned Sine Die Adjourned Sine Die

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