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NEW PREMISES TO BOOST ANGLING ON WEST COAST

The Minister for Inland Fisheries, Mr N. Robson, announced that Cabinet had agreed to the construction of an office, house and store at Tullah for use by the Inland Fisheries Commission. The premises would enable an officer to be based permanently on the coast. Further, there was provision for storing equipment and boats.

Mr Robson said that the Pieman River Power Development had created a number of major lakes on the west coast which would be successful trout fisheries.

Lake Mackintosh has already been stocked with both rainbow trout and brown trout. Lake Rosebery is expected to be an excellent fishery because of the low fluctuations in water level. In the long term, other fisheries in the Anthony-Upper Henty would be developed.

Mr Robson said that for some time anglers on the west coast had been concerned at poaching in west coast rivers and had requested that an officer be stationed on the west coast to look after the fisheries. Anglers were particularly concerned at alleged netting in major rivers, such as Henty, Gordon and Pieman Rivers. A resident bailiff will be able to give more attention to this area.

Mr Robson said that he expected tenders to be called early next month and that construction would begin in the summer months.

WHITEBAIT RUNS

Some pleasing improvements in the whitebait runs in a number of rivers have been noted but these runs have caused poachers to attempt

to harvest fish. Officers have been active in preventing the taking of whitebait and, in other instances, have apprehended some offenders. Illegal fishing gear has been confiscated.

LAKE BOTSFORD

A further tagged fish, 545 mm long and 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ lb in weight, was taken on 2 October 1982.

LAKE LEAKE

Reports of good fishing at Lake Leake have been received. One angler saw 22 fish in 300 metres of shore fishing recently.

LITTLE PINE LAGOON

The boat launching ramp at Little Pine Lagoon was inspected recently and was found to be suitable for launching small boats.

TOOMS LAKE

The release of brown trout fry in Tooms Lake was successfully carried out by ten boats organised by the Ross Branch of the Northern Tasmanian Fisheries Association.

IMPORTATION OF FISH

Consultations between the Veterinary Division of the Department of Agriculture and the Inland Fisheries Commission were held to draw up protocol for the importation of salmonids into Tasmania.

MEANDER RIVER

One angler took 30 brown trout from the Meander River in three visits recently.

LEVEN RIVER

Mr Ellis Kaine fished the Leven River at Gunns Plains on 3 September 1982 and caught 19 brown trout, 12 of which were not legal minimum size.

CORRECTION - BROWN TROUT FRY LIBERATION

In the last newsletter there was an error in the number of unclaimed brown trout fry which were liberated in Pet River Dam. The actual number of fry liberated was 5 000.

LITTER FROM BOATS

From time to time, anglers have shown a responsibility in organising drives to pick up litter left by unthinking people around lakes. The need for these drives would be reduced with the co-operation of some unthinking persons.

In order to reduce the litter from boats, the Department of the Environment has made litter stickers available through the Navigation and Survey Authority for boat owners to attach to their boats. It is hoped that anglers will use these stickers and to encourage others not to deposit litter, particularly drink containers, on rivers and lakes.

RAINBOW TROUT FRY STOCKING

A donation of rainbow trout eggs from surplus stocks held by Sevrup Fisheries were hatched at Corra Linn. It is proposed to liberate the fish in the following areas in October 1982.

Lake Kara	20 000
Little Blue Lagoon	5 000
St Helens Water Supply	20 000
Stieglitz Lagoon	10 000
Bruisers Lagoon	5 000
Lake Flanagan - King Island	20 000
Rostrevor Dam - Triabunna	50 000
McKays Dam	10 000
Lake Bellinger	20 000
Lake Strahan	20 000
Lake Gordon	100 000
Lagoon of Islands	remainder

The Commission is grateful to Mr A. Purves of Sevrup Fisheries for the generous donation of the ova.

AUSTRALIAN BROADCASTING COMMISSION FILM

The Australian Broadcasting Commission made a film for children based on activities at the Salmon Ponds and Liawenee.

OPEN DAY

A successful open day was conducted at Liawenee on 19 September 1982. An estimated 500 visitors saw rainbow trout ova being collected from wild fish and saw a demonstration of research work carried out by the Commission.

RAINBOW TROUT SPAWNING RUN, MOUNTAIN CREEK 1982

Despite the low flow of water in Mountain Creek, an estimated 500 plus rainbow trout moved up Mountain Creek.

PENSTOCK LAGOON

On 20 September 1982, Inland Fisheries Commission staff transferred 35 rainbow trout to Penstock Lagoon from No. 2 canal above Pulfords Bridge. Most of the fish were males. Nearly all the females had already spawned but staff collected 2 000 eggs from the spawners and placed them in gravel.

LAND RECREATION AREAS

1. Protected Areas:

A protected area is a large multiple use management area where land is reserved principally for land conservation and controlled resource utilisation, and where nature conservation values are maintained. Selected uses for primary, commercial and tourist industry purposes, public recreation and amusement activities are encouraged to the extent compatible with the primary or principal purposes of the reservation.

2. State Recreation Areas:

Areas generally in close proximity of urban populations which provide for the recreation, sporting activities, physical welfare and enjoyment of the public and controlled resource extraction, but where the management is consistent with the ideals of protection of the natural environment and nature conservation.

3. Coastal Reserves, River Reserves, Lakeside Reserves:

Reserves set aside to provide for public access to the coast, river or lake for recreation and amusement purposes and controlled resource extraction consistent with preservation of the natural environment and beauty of the coastline, river or lake.

FISH PASS ON PROSSER RIVER

On 1 September 1982, field staff constructed a fish ladder on the Prosser River near Orford. The ladder was built by erecting a pile of large rocks in order to provide an access route through a hole in a steel flood gate which has been cut on the northern side of the dam. The enlarged hole and rock ladder should enable lampreys, elvers and climbing galaxiids to surmount the dam. Inland Fisheries Commission staff propose to visit the site in October to assess the suitability of the ladder.

GIFT FOR SALMON PONDS

There is an interesting link between Canada and the Salmon Ponds. Mrs Joyce Chubb of Vancouver, Canada has donated three claret ash trees which were recently planted at the Salmon Ponds. The trees are to commemorate the first superintendent of the Salmon Ponds, William Ramsbottom, who is Mrs Chubb's great grandfather.

Several years ago Mrs Chubb visited Tasmania and inspected the site where the first atlantic salmon and brown trout were hatched in the southern hemisphere in May 1864. The trout fishery in Australian states and New Zealand developed from the stock at Salmon Ponds.

The Inland Fisheries Commission appreciates the generosity and interest of Mrs Chubb in donating the ornamental trees.

PROSECUTIONS

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

<u>COURT DATE</u>	<u>OFFENDER AND ADDRESS</u>	<u>NATURE OF OFFENCE</u>	<u>FINE</u>	<u>COSTS</u>	<u>PENALTY</u>
22.9.82	John FRENCH 34 Haywood Lake Somerset	Wilfully disturbing spawning fish. Take fish other than rod and line.	70-00	15-10	117-00


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