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Staff

Mr. Ian Cameron is to take up his appointment as Manager of the Salmon Ponds on 6th June, 1977. Mr. Cameron has previously worked at the University of Tasmania and is experienced in the Central Highlands fishing for trout.

Senior Inspector Mr. M. Duncan has been transferred to the Salmon Ponds.

Acquisition of Land at Liawenee

The acquisition of land for the development of a field station at Liawenee has been completed and fencing of the property is now in course.

Tungatinah Lagoon and Pine Tier Dam

The Commission has received a suggestion that Pine Tier dam and Tungatinah Lagoon be restricted to artificial lures. The Commission is seeking the views of the three angling associations on this proposal.

Lake Leake

Recent letters to the Press from Lake Leake anglers indicated a lack of awareness that the Inland Fisheries Commission manages Lake Leake in accordance with a request made to it by the three angling associations. In effect, this is that the lake be managed as a brown trout fishery and that no artificial manipulation of stocks of fish in the lake be carried out.

From the 1900's Lake Leake has been the cause of considerable discussion by anglers who have, from time to time, not achieved the expectations which they would wish at this water. The Commission is continuing to monitor the spawning runs of trout in this water.

Large fish

One of the largest rainbow trout caught at Lagoon of Islands was 5.45 kg (12 lb) and 725 mm (28½ inches) long. It was caught on an artificial lure by Mr. Elwood Taylor on 9th May, 1977.

Lake Pedder fishery

An angler using fly gear at Lake Pedder has caught 100 brown trout and the fish averaged 4.5 kg (10 lb).

Bronte Lagoon

One angler at Bronte Lagoon recorded catching 108 fish for the season here. The fish were in good condition.

Purchase of boats

The Commission has acquired three boats for enforcement and investigation purposes. A 5.4 metre boat is stationed in the Lake Pedder/Lake Gordon area. A 4.8 metre boat is to be stationed at Great Lake and 3.6 metre boat is to be stationed in southern Tasmania.

Access road to Lagoon of Islands

Many favourable comments have been received about the improvements carried out by the Commission to the access road to Lagoon of Islands. The road is now in excellent condition. The Tasmanian Fly Tyers' Club held a successful working bee which is added to the work done by the Commission. The Club improved the launching site by removing obstructions below the low level mark and improved the parking area for cars.

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