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Lake Crescent

In the current Winter Programme, 400 brown trout (300 of which were tagged) from the Central Plateau were transferred to Lake Crescent. The tagging programme is to test the growth rate of adult trout transferred to this water.

Great Lake

In order to review the growth rate of brown trout at Great Lake, 409 adults from the spawning run at Liawenee and 89 adults from the spawning run at Hydro Creek, Arthurs Lake, were tagged and then liberated at Little Lake.

Anglers are requested to return the tags of any fish caught to the Commission, together with details of length, weight, sex and place of capture of tagged fish. The information so gained will assist in determining a stocking programme for various waters and for the current programme of management of Great Lake.

Development at Liawenee

The land acquired for the development at Liawenee has been fenced and construction of a field station is in course.

Regulations

Following discussions with eel fishermen, regulations are in the process of being made to specify the type of gear used for eel fishing in various waters. The regulations are being made after considering regulations in other States and the inspection carried out by the Commissioner of overseas eel fisheries.

Eel research

The Commission proposes to discuss with the Hydro-Electric Commission the installation of elver passes at Trevallyn and Meadowbank Dams. The Commission has encouraged a Ph.D. student of the University of Tasmania in a programme to study the life history of eels in Tasmania. It is proposed to build a small eel trap on the Plenty River.

Penstock Lagoon

In the course of the Winter Programme, Commission staff put down 63,000 brown trout ova in the spawning beds above Pulfords Bridge, No. 2 Canal, leading to Penstock Lagoon. The ova came from brown trout spawners at Liawenee and it is hoped that the hatch from the ova would supplement natural spawning which occurred here.

The Commission had further discussions with the Hydro-Electric Commission on the water level in Penstock Lagoon. After consideration of all aspects of water usage at this lagoon it is proposed that, as far as possible, the water level of the lagoon be kept at about 3116.5 ft. during the period November to the end of February. At this time most angler usage occurs at the lagoon.

Access roads and development at Strathgordon

The Commission noted that the Government has accepted the Inter-Departmental Commission's proposal for the upgrading of facilities for anglers and other visitors in the Strathgordon area and it welcomes the funding of the construction of these facilities.

Boat launching sites

A number of complaints have been received of careless anglers parking trailers and vehicles on access to launching sites. The Commission staff has been instructed to enforce

the provisions of its regulations concerning access to launching sites in the coming angling season.

Newsletter

The Newsletter is made available free-of-charge to members of angling associations. Branch Executives are requested to make sure that their members are familiar with the contents of the Newsletter.

Non-affiliated bodies

A number of non-affiliated angling groups are sending requests direct to the Commission and the attention of such groups is drawn to the fact that there are recognised angling associations set up to consider matters relating to inland fisheries and these associations provide a forum of debate for matters of interest to anglers. Submissions through the Associations receive more consideration than submissions from other sources. The Commission, as a policy, consults with angling associations on matters relating to inland fisheries.

"The Mercury" newspaper

The Commission has been concerned that, for some time, "The Mercury" newspaper gave poor coverage to the sport of angling and its reports tended to bring the sport into disrepute. The Commission proposes to take the matter up with the management of "The Mercury".

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Commissioner

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