

Comments:

Water colour conditions during this survey were similar to those observed in July. Muddy conditions still prevailed in the Broome-Cape Leveque area and it is assumed that these conditions were caused by strong tidal currents.

Current lines were similar in occurrence and areas to those observed in July.

Weather conditions were satisfactory for spotting except in the Carnarvon-Fremantle zone where winter weather conditions affected spotting adversely.

Fish school sightings on this survey were the lowest of all surveys to date. The disappearance of the large fish in July now seems to have been followed by the medium- and small- sized fish except for a few schools sighted in the offshore area between Port Hedland and Nickol Bay.

The charts (see Page 4) show the tracks flown and the numbers of fish schools sighted.

Table I summarises the sightings of schools by size and area; Table II gives an analysis of the size composition of the schools sighted; Table III summarises the number and size of bait schools sighted.

PROPOSED NATIONAL PARK TO INCLUDEPART OF DALES GORGE RESERVE.

A proposal to establish a national park at Dales Gorge has revealed that the reserve vested in the Fauna Protection Advisory Committee does not include the main part of the gorge or the tourist facilities.

Examination of aerial photographs has placed the Waterfall, Circular Pool, Garden Falls and nearby tourist features outside the 58,400 acre fauna reserve.

These features are intended to be included in the proposed National Park which will be contiguous with the Fauna Reserve.