

YEAR: 2002

Fishing team: Ron junior, Rod Frost, Greg Heberle, Brad Tindale. The following were present for part of the season: George Gilchrist, Andrew Heberle. Boats: 4.6m jetboat, 4.2m Stacer aluminium jetboat, 4.1m Brooker aluminium. Nets: 340m nylon, 320m nylon, 280m nylon, 300m herring net. Tractors: Chamberlain, Nuffield, Massey Ferguson. Trailers: 3t licenced, 1.5t licenced. Trucks: 1978 International 12t, 1976 Landcruiser 2t. Catch: 59.6t. Caught 43 schools, 20 February-12 April. Average school 1.4t. Bremer River bar not trafficable. Sold 52.2t salmon to Bremer Fish Processors and 7.4t to Austral Fisheries in Albany. Other fishermen: Colin Kennedy at Trigelow.

Salmon prices \$400-\$420/tonne. Permitted to set for herring but advice in writing not received until after season finished. Ron lined the main room in the house and fitted a fly screen door. Installed cold room (2.4mx2.4mx2.4m) in shed.

YEAR: 2003

Fishing team: Ron junior, Rod Frost, Greg Heberle, Brad Tindale. The following were present for part of the season: George Gilchrist, Jamie Frost, Phil Shephard. Boats: 4.6m jetboat, 4.2m Stacer aluminium jetboat, 4.1m Brooker aluminium, 3.6m row boat LFB A110C. Nets: 340m nylon, 320m nylon, 280m nylon, 280m nylon, 360m herring net. Tractors: Chamberlain, Nuffield, Massey Ferguson. Trailers: 3t licenced, 1.5t licenced. Trucks: 1978 International 12t, 1996 Hilux 1t. Salmon catch:15.1t, caught 16 schools 6 March-5 April, average school 0.9t. Herring catch:19.8t. Other fishermen: Colin Kennedy at Trigelow.

Bremer Bar trafficable. Replaced outside wall and roof on bathroom, toilet and workshop. Replaced Landcruiser with dark blue 1996 Toyota Hilux diesel. Removed crane from Nuffield tractor. Purple titled land Doubtful Bay to Peppermint to be auctioned in June 2003. Used DVD player for first time. Salmon \$420-\$430/tonne, herring \$400/tonne. Made up extra net for row boat, on wooden frame, to facilitate loading into boat by front end loader forks. Thousands of tonnes of salmon sighted in Fosters-Reef Beach area June 2002-February 2003. Aluminium rowing boat 34842 registered as LFB A110C. Toilet installed at House Beach. Second worst salmon season ever (15.1t), after 15.0t in 1978. Best herring season on this beach (19.8t).

YEAR: 2004

Fishing team: Ron junior, Rod Frost. The following were present for part of the season: Greg Heberle, Alan Murdoch, Brian Heberle, Andrew Heberle, Don Phillips, Jamie Frost, Patricia Heberle. Boats: 4.6m Jetboat LFB A110, 4.2m Jetboat LFB A110B, 4.1m Brooker LFB A110A, 3.6m row boat LFB A110C. Nets: 340m nylon, 320m nylon, 280m nylon, 280m nylon, 300m nylon, 400m herring net. Chamberlain tractor, Nuffield tractor, Massey Ferguson tractor. Trucks: 1978 International 12t, 1996 Hilux 1t. Trailers: 3t licenced, 1.5t licenced. Catch: 21.2t, caught 14 schools, 10 March-4 April, average school 1.5t. Other fishermen: Colin Kennedy at Trigelow.

Bremer Bar trafficable. Location 1307 (adjoining Reef Beach) passed in at auction 22.8.2003, sold soon after for c\$400,000. Salmon \$400/tonne. Nine sperm whales stranded on the reef in September 2003. Thousands of tonnes of salmon sighted at Fosters Beach until February 2004. A 200 tonne school of salmon sighted on Bremer Beach 11-12 March. About 1km of new track put in to replace track being covered by sand hill near Peppermint Beach. Fitted red tractor with rear mounted capstan winch. Set the herring net once 25-26 March, caught about 10t of Herring, which could not be sold, so were released. Sighted about 10 schools of sea mullet and about 10 schools of herring during the season. On 10.4.2004, Ron Heberle commenced work as manager of Albany Bait Producers (previously owned by Colley, now owned by a syndicate of local fishermen). This could be Heberles last fishing season.

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