



The 2004—2005 Angling Season starts 7th August

The brown trout angling season kicks off on the 7th of August 2004.

Good winter rains have meant many waters are full which is a great way for the season to start.

The IFS has been busy during the winter months stocking various waters around the state with quality fish. In total 10500 brown trout have been transferred from Liawenee Canal with waters such as Bradys, Kara, Curries River Dam, Lake Crescent and the Mersey River all receiving a boost to their existing stocks.

Again brook trout have been provided by Sevrup Fisheries and used in waters such as Brady's, Brushy, Craighourne, and Bronte Lagoon. These fish are of takeable size and are additional to stocks provided early last year. Brook trout now have the potential to be integral part of our fishery.

Thanks again to SALTAS, adult Atlantic salmon are becoming a feature in some of our waters. Lake Meadowbank again received 200 of these ex-brood stock fish and Lake Barrington also received 200. On the 31st of July, Craighourne Dam was stocked with 30 salmon averaging 6 kg. At the time of writing this newsletter one fish of 6.8 kg has been reported. This fish was caught on a lure by a young boy who excitedly rang the IFS. Craighourne has received numerous stockings over the last 12 months of rainbow trout, brook trout and Atlantic salmon.

Probably the most exciting element of this season will be the much anticipated opening of Lake Crescent to angling.



IFS Technical Officer Alasdair Macdonald with a huge Atlantic to be stocked at Craighourne Dam

Recent stockings

Water Stocked	Size (grams)	Species	Number
Craighourne Dam	6000	Atlantic salmon	30
Lake Barrington	6000	Atlantic salmon	200
Lagoon of Islands	100	rainbow trout	2500
Dee Lagoon	60	rainbow trout	5000
Pawleena Dam	800	brown trout	300

Regulation changes for the 2004/2005 season

A couple of regulation changes will be introduced this season. These and existing regulations are outlined in the 2004-2005 Angling Code that is issued when you purchase a licence.

The introduction of the Great Lake Fishery Management Plan introduces a new bag limit and size limits for trout. Rainbow trout now have a minimum takeable length of 400 mm, whilst for brown trout it is now 300 mm. The bag limit for the lake is still 12 fish but no more than 3 rainbow trout can be included in this total.

Trolling with an electric motor is now permitted at Lake Leake.

Lake Crescent will be opened to fishing from 7th August and will be artificial methods only (i.e. lures and flies). A bag limit of 5 fish applies and the minimum size limit will be 220 mm. Fishing is only permitted during daylight hours (ie. 1 hour before sunrise to 1 hour after sunset).

If you are unsure of regulations consult the code.

Tight lines!!



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Angler catch information as collected by IFS compliance staff for August 2003 to May 2004

Lakes and Lagoon	Total number of anglers checked (or angler days)	Number of browns caught	Number of rainbows caught	Number of Atlantic salmon caught	Number of brook trout caught	% anglers bait fishing	% anglers spinning	% anglers trolling	% anglers fly fishing
Ada	16	8	0	0	0	0	25	0	75
Arthurs	746	1046	0	0	0	17	11	30	41
Binney	89	46	3	1	14	56	7	28	9
Bradys	139	58	8	0	6	51	21	20	7
Bronte	124	77	4	0	3	0	30	28	42
Brumbys Creek	73	15	1	0	0	52	19	0	29
Brushy	55	10	2	0	3	91	7	0	2
Burbury	158	123	91	0	0	2	8	84	6
Cluny	66	12	0	0	0	45	20	35	0
Craigbourne	36	0	1	0	1	54	19	11	16
Curries River	16	0	1	0	0	94	6	0	0
Dee	11	0	1	0	0	0	0	91	9
Double	12	2	0	0	0	0	30	0	70
Echo	16	4	0	0	0	24	6	41	29
Four Springs	118	12	58	0	0	73	16	5	6
Great	239	58	36	0	0	52	10	29	9
Kara	12	2	0	0	1	85	8	0	8
Lagoon of Islands	12	1	0	0	0	0	23	38	38
Laughing Jack	16	5	0	0	0	47	35	6	12
Leake	41	19	14	0	0	0	32	2	66
Little Pine	49	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	100
Meadowbank	133	8	0	25	4	22	12	60	5
Mikany	26	2	1	0	0	37	57	0	6
Pedder	18	43	0	0	0	0	56	44	0
Penstock	52	45	19	0	0	0	0	0	100
Pet	254	36	17	22	0	60	36	0	4
Pine Tier	47	5	2	0	0	55	23	0	23
Repulse	26	0	0	0	0	89	11	0	0
Rowallan	17	3	2	0	0	63	21	16	0
Tarraleah pump pond	13	13	4	0	0	72	14	0	14
Tooms	346	218	71	0	0	45	11	28	15
Trevallyn Tail Race	39	2	1	6	3	27	65	3	5
Tungatinah	148	58	1	0	8	50	17	29	4
Waratah	15	1	8	0	0	33	33	0	33
Wayatinah	19	6	0	1	0	65	24	12	0

107 waters were checked by compliance staff - the above table shows only where 10 or more anglers were checked

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Angler catch information continued

River or Creek	Total number of anglers checked (or angler days)	Number of browns caught	Number of rainbow caught	Number of Atlantic salmon caught	Number of brook trout caught	% anglers bait fishing	% anglers spinning	% anglers trolling	% anglers fly fishing
Cam	10	1	0	0	0	90	10	0	0
Derwent	68	12	0	0	0	73	25	0	1
Emu	23	4	0	0	0	80	20	0	0
Forth	16	7	0	0	0	65	30	0	5
Leven	39	2	0	0	0	81	19	0	0
Meander	12	7	0	0	0	92	8	0	0
Mersey	58	16	0	0	0	74	16	0	10
Nive	15	3	0	0	0	27	33	40	0
South Esk	18	6	0	0	0	94	6	0	0
Tyenna	25	4	0	0	0	48	39	0	13

Mersey River tagged fish

As mentioned in the last edition of Angler News ,730 adult brown trout were stocked at two locations on the Mersey River.

All of these fish were tagged with a small plastic tag near the dorsal fin of the fish. On each tag the letters IFS are printed along with a 5 digit number. Anglers are asked to please report all tagged fish they catch along with the following details:

tag number, location of capture, the number of untagged trout caught, trout length and trout weight.

All anglers who report catching tagged fish will go into the draw for a spinning rod and reel combo kindly donated by Shimano.

Boat "n Tackle at 13A Forbes St Devonport, 64247172 will gladly accept tag returns.

Remediation work for Fisheries Lane

On the 23rd of July 04 the Longford angling club, Tasmanian Fly Fishers Club, Northern Tasmanian Fisheries Association, Peter Hayes, Ted Whinnett, Cressy Research Farm and the Inland Fisheries Service supplied funding and or materials towards repairs of Fisheries Lane, Brumbys Creek.

The small group of labourers who included Ted Whinnett, Tony Ritchie, Kevin Littlejohn, Brian Wilson, Ivan Iles, Viv Spencer and four and a half year old Innes Ferrier brought along his grandfather Jim Ferrier, Innes did most of the work while his grandfather stood around talking about fishing.



Ted Whinnett, Tony Ritchie, Ivan Iles and Innes Ferrier hard at work preparing Fischeies Lane for early season traffic

Most conversation during the morning revolved around the 2004/2005 season and each person's plan of attack.

In all, \$900 of gravel was spread on the worst sections, unfortunately the extreme wet conditions has not helped and it was impossible to drain many wet areas.

Although some of the worst sections have been fixed anglers should still drive carefully and be patient.

When the weather improves, further touch up work will be undertaken by Research Farm employees, with their tractor and grader.