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And The Winner Is.....

Fred Oliver of Bracknell, in the State's north, was the lucky winner of the IFS Licence promotion prize draw.

Fred's name was randomly drawn from a pool of 17 729 full season licences that were bought by anglers to the end of October.

The Minister for Primary Industries and Water, Steve Kons, presented Mr Oliver with the prize package, which is valued at over \$10 000 on Monday 19 December.

The prize package included a Stacer 420 Seahorse aluminium dinghy, a 4.2 m Dunbier trailer, a 30 hp Yamaha outboard motor, all supplied by Eastern Shore Marine, plus \$2 200 worth of fishing gear donated by Tasmanian members of the Australian Fishing Tackle Association, as well as safety equipment and boat registration from Marine and Safety Tasmania.

All anglers who bought or renewed their full season licence before 31 October went into the prize draw. The 17 729 licences represent 82% of the total full season licences bought (or renewed) for the whole of last season. With nine months remaining from November to the season's end it is quite likely that the total licence sales this season will be well up on the last few seasons

The IFS has backed up the promotion of licence sales with further improvements to the State's inland fisheries. Over 63 tonnes of rainbow, brown and brook trout and Atlantic salmon close to or greater than takeable size have been stocked by the Service this year. These stockings greatly improve the chances of catching fish giving anglers better value for money when buying a licence.



Minister Steve Kons presents Fred Oliver with the boat and fishing package he won in the licence promotion prize draw.

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Waters Stocked Since November 2005

| Lake | Average Size (grams) | Species | Numbers |
|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|---------|
| Echo | 6 | rainbow trout | 230 000 |
| Rowallan | 200 | rainbow trout | 7 000 |
| Brushy | 30 | rainbow trout | 15 000 |
| Lagoon Of Islands | 20 | rainbow trout | 20 000 |
| Bradys | 20 | rainbow trout | 20 000 |
| Meadowbank | 20 | rainbow trout | 20 000 |
| Leake | 20 | rainbow trout | 15 000 |
| Craigbourne | 20 | rainbow trout | 15 000 |
| Bradys | 2 700 | Atlantic salmon | 120 |
| Brushy | 2 700 | Atlantic salmon | 100 |
| Barrington | 2 700 | Atlantic salmon | 260 |
| Meadowbank | 2 700 | Atlantic salmon | 330 |
| Craigbourne | 2 700 | Atlantic salmon | 330 |
| Bronte | 500 | brook trout | 850 |
| Big Lagoon (Bruny Is.) | 1 | brown trout | 5 000 |

**Penstock Lagoon Fishery
Management Plan Draft**

The draft Penstock Lagoon Fishery Management Plan is now available for public distribution and comment.

A limited number of copies will be available at \$5.50 from Service Tasmania shops at Hobart, Launceston, Burnie and Devonport as well as from IFS Head Office early in the new year.

The plan will also be posted on the IFS website early in the new year.

**New Penalties For
Whitebait Offences**

Taking whitebait illegally has now become more expensive. Previously a person taking whitebait outside of season times or in closed waters has been liable for a fine but the amount of fine has not been dependant on the quantity of fish taken.

Recent changes to the Inland Fisheries Act has boosted efforts to protect whitebait stocks by introducing a fine based on the quantity of whitebait taken.

Now poachers face a fine for the illegal taking of whitebait as well as fine for each kilogram of whitebait taken.