

## Good news from Licensing Project



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# Angler News – June 2005



Tasmania

### Licence sales up

Latest figures show that the Service's recreational licence revenue for the financial year 2004/2005 to May 2005 was up 9% on 2003/2004 figures. This indicates an upward turn in licence sales over the past two years, halting the previous trend of declining sales of the past decade, and it goes against a national trend away from angling in inland waters towards marine fishing.

### Licence changes for 2005-06

A list of proposed changes to the angling licence was discussed with angling groups and stakeholders over the past few months. Of these, the Service has implemented a "rounding down" of the licence fees and an extension of the time period for short term licences for this year. The previous 14 day licence has been extended to a 28 day licence, the 3 day licence has been extended to a 7 day licence and the previous 1 day licence is now a 24 hour licence from the time of issue. The previous feedback on these changes was positive, and their achievement signals that the Service is genuinely listening to anglers and stakeholders within the industry.

### Renewal forms to go out

Renewal forms will be sent to approximately 22,000 2004-05 Annual Licence holders at the beginning of July 2005. A range of simple payment options will be provided again this year, including payment over the phone or internet, or in person at Service Tasmania shops or through one of the many private agents (eg tackle stores) throughout the State.

### Boat Prize Promotion

So as to inspire more people to buy an angling licence this year, the Service is giving away a \$10 000 prize of boat, trailer, motor and fishing gear to a lucky angler who purchases an Annual Licence before 31 October 2005. Anglers will automatically go in the draw to win, and the winner will be announced in December. The Service is grateful for the support of its sponsors for this promotion, including Eastern Shore Marine, Yamaha, Dunbier and Stacer, as well as the Tasmanian Branch of the Australian Fishing Tackle Association.

## Want to win this Prize?



4.2 Seahorse Stacer Dinghy - 4.2 m Dunbier Trailer  
50 hp Yamaha Outboard - 2 Year Warranty Boat Motor Trailer  
Boat & Trailer Registration - \$2,200 of fishing tackle

Valued at \$10,000  
You can!

Just buy or renew your 2005-06 Annual Angling Licence before  
October 31, 2005 and you are automatically in the draw!



See back page for conditions of prize draw

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## Compliance creel survey results for season 2004-2005

| Water        | Number of anglers checked | % bait fishers | % spin fishers | % trollers | % fly fishers | Number of browns caught | Number of rainbows caught | Number of Atlantic salmon caught | Number of brook trout caught | Catch rate fish per day |
|--------------|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|------------|---------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Arthurs      | 875                       | 19             | 14             | 29         | 38            | 1025                    | 0                         | 0                                | 0                            | 1.75                    |
| Craigbourne  | 340                       | 30             | 22             | 42         | 7             | 4                       | 5                         | 83                               | 5                            | 0.52                    |
| Great        | 245                       | 41             | 16             | 22         | 21            | 85                      | 37                        | 0                                | 0                            | 0.65                    |
| Tooms        | 200                       | 42             | 15             | 28         | 15            | 142                     | 47                        | 0                                | 0                            | 1.24                    |
| Bradys       | 176                       | 39             | 31             | 14         | 15            | 37                      | 95                        | 11                               | 4                            | 1.44                    |
| Brushy       | 151                       | 64             | 28             | 2          | 6             | 8                       | 21                        | 32                               | 7                            | 0.94                    |
| Penstock     | 139                       | 0              | 0              | 0          | 100           | 44                      | 16                        | 0                                | 0                            | 0.73                    |
| Tungatinah   | 136                       | 51             | 11             | 30         | 7             | 90                      | 14                        | 0                                | 10                           | 0.79                    |
| Burbury      | 121                       | 9              | 2              | 71         | 18            | 123                     | 74                        | 0                                | 0                            | 2.24                    |
| Crescent     | 121                       | 0              | 69             | 12         | 19            | 45                      | 0                         | 0                                | 0                            | 1.00                    |
| Meadowbank   | 104                       | 15             | 16             | 63         | 6             | 15                      | 0                         | 14                               | 0                            | 0.43                    |
| Four Springs | 95                        | 61             | 26             | 5          | 8             | 10                      | 39                        | 0                                | 0                            | 0.89                    |
| Brumbys      | 94                        | 42             | 21             | 0          | 37            | 22                      | 2                         | 0                                | 0                            | 0.70                    |
| Binney       | 87                        | 55             | 3              | 22         | 20            | 23                      | 7                         | 1                                | 5                            | 0.62                    |
| Bronte       | 67                        | 0              | 26             | 19         | 55            | 28                      | 6                         | 0                                | 0                            | 0.85                    |
| Mersey       | 63                        | 53             | 37             | 0          | 11            | 45                      | 2                         | 0                                | 0                            | 1.75                    |
| Curries      | 56                        | 82             | 13             | 0          | 5             | 4                       | 3                         | 0                                | 0                            | 0.39                    |
| Little Pine  | 54                        | 0              | 0              | 0          | 100           | 39                      | 0                         | 0                                | 0                            | 1.34                    |
| Pedder       | 54                        | 0              | 24             | 71         | 5             | 64                      | 0                         | 0                                | 0                            | 1.71                    |
| Barrington   | 53                        | 31             | 44             | 15         | 9             | 0                       | 0                         | 3                                | 0                            | 0.12                    |
| Pine Tier    | 39                        | 62             | 21             | 0          | 18            | 13                      | 1                         | 0                                | 0                            | 0.40                    |
| Leake        | 38                        | 0              | 44             | 25         | 31            | 30                      | 11                        | 0                                | 0                            | 2.20                    |
| South Esk    | 31                        | 71             | 21             | 0          | 9             | 11                      | 0                         | 0                                | 0                            | 1.15                    |
| Botsford     | 30                        | 0              | 39             | 0          | 61            | 21                      | 0                         | 0                                | 0                            | 1.91                    |
| Woods        | 21                        | 13             | 17             | 9          | 61            | 27                      | 0                         | 0                                | 0                            | 2.12                    |
| Dee          | 20                        | 0              | 12             | 50         | 38            | 3                       | 9                         | 0                                | 0                            | 1.31                    |
| Huon         | 19                        | 25             | 35             | 40         | 0             | 3                       | 0                         | 2                                | 0                            | 0.91                    |
| Macquarie    | 18                        | 39             | 28             | 0          | 33            | 2                       | 0                         | 0                                | 0                            | 0.50                    |
| Repulse      | 17                        | 82             | 12             | 6          | 0             | 3                       | 3                         | 0                                | 0                            | 0.77                    |
| Augusta      | 16                        | 24             | 18             | 0          | 59            | 5                       | 0                         | 0                                | 0                            | 0.76                    |
| Pet          | 16                        | 75             | 13             | 0          | 13            | 5                       | 2                         | 0                                | 0                            | 0.68                    |
| Rowallan     | 16                        | 29             | 6              | 59         | 6             | 6                       | 0                         | 0                                | 0                            | 0.53                    |
| Nive         | 14                        | 29             | 71             | 0          | 0             | 4                       | 0                         | 0                                | 0                            | 0.91                    |
| Ada          | 13                        | 0              | 15             | 0          | 85            | 1                       | 0                         | 0                                | 0                            | 0.35                    |
| Echo         | 13                        | 69             | 8              | 23         | 0             | 8                       | 0                         | 0                                | 0                            | 0.76                    |
| Kay          | 13                        | 21             | 14             | 7          | 57            | 12                      | 0                         | 0                                | 0                            | 2.15                    |
| Sorell       | 13                        | 0              | 50             | 0          | 50            | 0                       | 0                         | 0                                | 0                            | 0.00                    |
| Duncan       | 12                        | 17             | 8              | 0          | 75            | 0                       | 0                         | 0                                | 0                            | 0.00                    |
| Guide        | 12                        | 33             | 50             | 0          | 17            | 7                       | 0                         | 0                                | 0                            | 1.68                    |
| Meander      | 12                        | 57             | 21             | 0          | 21            | 9                       | 1                         | 0                                | 0                            | 3.24                    |

**NB. A total of 111 waters were fished by anglers who participated in the survey, only waters where 12 or more anglers were checked are shown.**

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## Waters stocked since May 2005

| Lake         | Average Size (grams) | Species         | Numbers |
|--------------|----------------------|-----------------|---------|
| Bradys       | 1000                 | brown trout     | 2000    |
| Curries      | 1000                 | brown trout     | 1000    |
| Brushy       | 1000                 | brown trout     | 410     |
| Bradys       | 7000                 | Atlantic salmon | 150     |
| Mersey River | 1000                 | brown trout     | 500     |

## FACT Meeting June

The Freshwater Council of Tasmania (FACT) will be holding their quarterly meeting in Devonport on the 19<sup>th</sup> June 2005.

A Forum will be open to all anglers who wish to bring concerns before the meeting for discussion, this will commence at 11 Am

The venue is yet to be confirmed but most likely in the Government offices.

If you are unable to come along but would like your feelings aired please get in contact with your local Association who will ensure their delegates table your item.

With the sad news that Mr Peter Richards, after many years of dedicated service to FACT, will not seeking re-election at the September AGM due to health reasons. Nominations for President will be sought to fill this important position which services all freshwater anglers in Tasmania.

For further information contact David Driver on 62444 228.

## Jonah Bay access to Arthurs Lake

The boom gate to Jonah Bay, Arthurs Lake will be locked with Hydro Tasmania and Inland Fisheries Service locks from 10 Am 20 June 2005.

The gate will be open again just prior the trout season opens.

For further information please contact Parks and Wildlife Services on 62 598 148 or Inland Fisheries Service on 0428 598 160.

## Promotion conditions for boat prize draw

1. Entry is automatic to all full season licence holders who purchase a 2005-06 Annual licence prior to 31 October 2005.
2. Employees and immediate families of Inland Fisheries Service are ineligible.
3. Promotion commences 01/07/2005 and closes 12 midnight EST on 31/10/2005.
4. The winning entry will be drawn on 16/12/05 using a random selection process from the licence database. The winner will be notified by mail and telephone. The decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
5. Total prize value is \$10 000 and consists of boat, trailer, motor and fishing gear package. Any costs in excess of the value of the prize (including GST) and all ancillary costs associated with redeeming the prize are the responsibility of the winner.
6. The Service shall not be liable for a prize that is lost, stolen, damaged or tampered with in any way.
7. The Service collects entrant's personal information so as to issue a licence under the *Inland Fisheries Act 1995* which is used to conduct the promotion.
8. The promoter is the Inland Fisheries Service, Tasmanian Government.

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