



SUNDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2005 IS FREE FISHING DAY

This is the one day of the year when YOU and YOUR FAMILY can experience the enjoyment of trout fishing without the cost of buying an angling licence.

Angling clubs will host community events at a number of locations around the State, providing expert advice and support to novice and junior fishers, as well as demonstrations, displays, competitions, barbeques and prizes. For further information please contact Viv Spencer on 0408 145 768 or any of the contacts below.

| Where | Who | Contact | Phone |
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| Elderslie Dam, Pontville | Glenorchy Angling Club | Harley Taylor | 62 685 233 |
| Lake Dulverton, Oatlands | Oatlands High School | Gary Wilson | 0408 136 891 |
| Brumbys Creek, Cressy | Longford Angling Club | Phil Quill | 0427 804 528 |
| Curries River Dam, George Town | George Town Angling Club | Carl Hyland | 0417 169 652 |
| Robertson's Dam, Yolla | Wynyard Angling Club | Judy Peck | 64 4238 80 |

Last Chance To Go Into The Draw

The chance to go in the draw to win a prize package of a dinghy, trailer and outboard motor, plus fishing and safety equipment, worth a total of \$10,000, from the Inland Fisheries Service will end on Monday 31 October. The name of the lucky licence holder will be drawn and announced in December.

Want to win this Prize?



4.2 Seahorse Stacer Dinghy - 4.2 m Dunbier Trailer
30 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!



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Tasmania's Recreational Fishing Development Plan (RFDP)

This is an opportunity for all anglers to have input into a major plan for the future of the trout fishery in Tasmania.

The RFDP is being overseen by The Recreational Fishery Development Committee (RFDC) with representatives from major stakeholders including: recreational angling associations, Inland Fisheries Service (IFS), Hydro Tasmania, Tourism Tasmania, Trout Guides and Lodges Tasmania and Meander, Northern Midlands, Central Highlands, Huon Valley and Derwent Valley Councils together with the Cradle to Coast Authority

A key part of the consultation is a questionnaire and the RFDC is encouraging all anglers to complete and return it.

The questionnaire is available to all anglers from the IFS website www.ifs.tas.gov.au and is also being sent to all angling clubs and associations.

Research and writing of the RFDP commenced on 5 September 2005. It is anticipated that the draft plan will be available for comment early in 2006.

The necessity for a RFDP has been identified through a decline in inland waters angling licence sales from a peak of 31 176 in 1997/98 to a low of 22,500 in 2002/03 and the associated financial impact on fisheries management. Although figures have recovered somewhat to 26,805 in 2004/05, if this trend is to be continued anglers and angling associations must encourage all levels of Government to recognize the importance and potential of the trout fishery to Tasmania in both social and economic terms. The alternative is severely reduced resources for the IFS and an inevitable decline in the fishery.

The RFDP will provide recommendations for all stakeholders.

As part of the consultation process all anglers are invited to complete and return the questionnaire on aspects of the RFDP. This questionnaire provides an opportunity for all angling clubs/associations and individual anglers to have input and contribute to the RFDP that aims to:

1. Enhance all areas of the fishery through improved resource management.
2. Implement an "angler's access" program for improved access and public information.
3. Position Tasmania as a "must fish destination."
4. Develop a comprehensive marketing plan.

An example of an Anglers Access brochure is also available on the IFS website at www.ifs.tas.gov.au.

The RFDP is designed to accommodate 100% of all anglers and angling methods by:

- Raising the importance of trout fishing.
- Improving trout fishing for all Tasmanians and visitors.
- Establishing an environment that encourages and fosters investment and employment.
- Increasing local angler numbers through education and community participation.
- Exceeding local and visitor expectations in the qualities of the fishery.

The RFDP is being developed simultaneously but separately from the formation of a new peak freshwater angling body, Anglers Alliance Tasmania (AAT). AAT has succeeded FACT and will provide services for every angler holding an inland fisheries licence.

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In New Zealand signage is used extensively to identify access points for anglers.

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Waters stocked since September 2005

| Lake | Average Size (grams) | Species | Numbers |
|------------------------|----------------------|---------------|---------|
| Penstock Lagoon | 0.13 | brown trout | 20 000 |
| Tooms Lake | 0.13 | brown trout | 100 000 |
| Curries River Dam | 0.13 | brown trout | 100 000 |
| Mitchelton's Dam | 0.13 | brown trout | 5 000 |
| Bishopbourne Dams | 0.13 | brown trout | 2 500 |
| Beaconsfield Dams | 0.13 | brown trout | 5 000 |
| Lake Plimsoll | 2 | brook trout | 30 000 |
| Lake Selina | 2 | brook trout | 5 000 |
| Lake Rolleston | 2 | brook trout | 5 000 |
| Four Springs Lake | 2 000 | rainbow trout | 155 |
| Blackmans Lagoon | 90 | rainbow trout | 6 000 |
| Big Waterhouse Lake | 90 | rainbow trout | 2 000 |
| Little Waterhouse Lake | 90 | rainbow trout | 2 000 |
| Lake Rosebery | 200 | rainbow trout | 9560 |
| Lake Rowallan | 200 | rainbow trout | 9500 |
| Lake Dulverton | 750 | rainbow trout | 170 |

Whitebait Season Closes 31 October

Heavy rains during this years whitebait season has restricted recreational fishers. Many of the rivers showed good runs of fish early but these dissipated due to high river flows.

Some fishermen are still being apprehended being over their bag limit of 1 kg per day as well as fishing in closed waters.

Most fishermen appear to be happy with the present season structure of being open for the month of October.



Above: Ron Corino, of Scottsdale, on a rough windy day in early October, fishing the Great Forester River .

Left: The makings of a catch, this bucket only has few fish in it, well under the 1 kg bag limit.