



## Cressy trout expo again a success

The second annual Trout Expo was held at Cressy on the weekend of the 2nd and 3rd of September. Once again the event was popular with a couple of thousand people attending the event over the two days.



IFS staff were busy fielding questions

The Inland Fisheries Service tagged a trout that if caught would win the lucky angler \$10 000. The IFS had a display in the hall at Cressy District School where many exhibitors displayed all things relating to trout fishing.

The weekend was a credit to the Cressy Fishing Expo Committee. With all sections of the local and surrounding community working in together, it could have only be a success.

Weather conditions on Saturday were a little cold but the rain held off and on Sunday it was cold and overcast which caused numbers to be down but all in all it was a very successful weekend.

The tagged trout eluded anglers and some spent hours sitting in the cold wind but when a fish was caught it increased the blood circulation considerably.



Fishing for the \$10 000 tagged trout was a very popular activity



Three very happy anglers proudly show off their catch

## Didymo now a declared pest

Didymo is a freshwater algae that is spreading rapidly in New Zealand where massive blooms can have a significant impact on the aquatic insect life that fish rely on for food.

Didymo has recently been declared a 'List A Pest' under the *Plant Quarantine Act 1997*. 'List A Pest' are pests of significant quarantine concern not currently known to be present in Tasmania.

There is a very real risk that Didymo may inadvertently be transported into Tasmania by people returning from New Zealand via the reuse of contaminated equipment such as all fishing gear (reels, flies, nets etc) and clothing such as waders, footwear and wet clothes. Didymo can spread from a single drop of water.

**All anglers planning to return or enter Tasmania from New Zealand should disinfect their fishing gear, material and clothing.**

Cleaning can be effectively done can be done by soaking and scrubbing in hot water in a 2% solution of household bleach or a 5% solution of either salt or dishwashing detergent for 2 minutes.

If disinfection is not a practical option, after cleaning and complete drying, allow a minimum of 48 hours before using in another waterway.



Didymo is an algae that spreads quickly and has a negative affect on the ecology of waterways

The Inland Fisheries Service encourages the distribution of Angler News and the information contained therein. When distributing this material the IFS requests that the source be acknowledged as being Angler News.

## The 2006 Whitebait season

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This year's recreational whitebait fishing season opens 1 October 2006 and will remain open till the 11 November 2006. Some of the rivers open in previous years will be closed and others that were previously closed will now be open.

These changes to the recreational whitebait season relate to the release of the Whitebait Fishery Management Plan. To view the plan and to see specific regulations regarding the fishery go to <http://www.ifs.tas.gov.au/ifs/goingfishing/whitebait-fishing>

On the back of the whitebait licence are details relating to when, where and how you may fish for whitebait. Whitebait licences are not available online but can be purchased at Service Tasmania outlets and the following agents.

Inland Fisheries Service	Derwent Park	Somerset Newsagency	Somerset
Gunns Ltd	Statewide	Tassie Tackle & Outdoor	Burnie
Charlton's Sports Store	Launceston	Ultimate Fishing & Outdoors	Ulverstone
Devonport Boat 'n' Tackle	Devonport	Wm L Wells & Sons	Latrobe
Corbs' Servo	Turners Beach	Wynyard Sports & Toy Kingdom	Wynyard
Forth Village Store	Forth	Trophies Sport n More	Huonville
Mountain Designs	Devonport	Wigstons's Sports	New Norfolk
Smithton Sports	Smithton	J J 's General Store	Zeehan
Big Fin Sports Fishing	East Devonport		

### Season, Fishing Times and Fee

- The season is open from the 1 October 2006 to the 11 November 2006.
- Whitebait can only be taken between the hours from sunrise to sunset.
- Licence Fee for 2006 season is \$24.00

### Waters Open to Whitebait Fishing

Some rivers open to whitebait fishing are now on an open/close seasonal rotation. Whitebait fishers will need to ensure that the river they are proposing to fish is open for that season.

The following waters are open for the **2006 whitebait season**:

<b>Derwent River</b>	<b>Forth River (except within 100 m below the weir),</b>
<b>Huon River</b>	<b>Inglis River</b>
<b>Great Forester River</b>	<b>Duck River (except within 50 m below the weir),</b>
<b>Pieman River</b>	<b>Montagu River</b>
<b>Franklin Rivulet</b>	<b>Tamar River including Trevallyn Tailrace</b>
<b>Big Henty River</b>	<b>Mersey River (upstream of the B19 highway),</b>

A survey will be conducted after the season to gather information relating to **dates**, **waters fished** and **catch data** to help with the sustainable management of the fishery.

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## Waters stocked since August 2006

Lake	Average Weight (g)	Species	Numbers
Great Lake	23	rainbow trout	2 000
Bradys Lake	20	brown trout	15 000
Craigbourne Dam	20	brown trout	3 000
Brumbys Creek	1 500	rainbow trout	100

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## New juvenile angling ponds established in southern Tasmania

The Southern Tasmanian Licensed Anglers Association (STLAA) has recently established some juvenile waters to promote juvenile development with the Association.

Two farm dams have been stocked and will enable practical help and tuition to budding anglers within the Association. Each dam will be sponsored by an STLAA club which will take on an ownership role in co-ordinating juvenile angling activities within each area. The dams will be regulated as Juvenile Waters only to assist in ensuring that the landowners are supported in restricting the dams to their intended use.

STLAA President Terry Byard said at least one other dam is also proposed and that these facilities will provide a great opportunity for "hands on" experiences by children wishing to learn about freshwater angling. Periodic clinics are also proposed to enable participation by children not necessarily living in proximity to these waters.

## Penstock FMP released

The Minister for Primary Industries David Llewellyn has announced the release of the Fisheries Management Plan for Penstock Lagoon. Mr Llewellyn said "Penstock Lagoon was a small but significant trout fishery and was worthy of a high priority within the planning scheme for the State's recreational trout fishery".

Mr Llewellyn also highlighted how the Inland Fisheries Service and Hydro Tasmania were working together to realise the objectives of the plan which would ensure it remain an iconic fishery for both local anglers and the many tourist anglers that visit the State each year.

## Anglers urged to take care launching boats at Great Lake

As a result of the falling water level in Great Lake, Hydro Tasmania urges lake users to take particular care when launching boats.

Hydro Tasmania's storages overall are 31.8 percent full and Great Lake is only 18.9 percent full.

Hydro Tasmania, Inland Fisheries Service and Marine and Safety Tasmania are moving forward plans to install a new low level boat ramp at Great Lake. The supplementary ramp can be used if existing ramps are unable to provide access to the lake.

Hydro Tasmania Manager Energy Market and Analysis, Michael Connarty, said the decision to construct the ramp was based on a commitment made to anglers last year.

"We made a commitment last year when we were required to close boat ramps because of very low water levels in Great Lake that we would invest in the low water ramp," Dr Connarty said.

"The new ramp will be constructed at Boundary Bay with work commencing when conditions allow. The boat ramp is expected to be completed in September.

"Any decision we need to make to close the boat ramps will be based on ensuring the safety of anglers and protecting the environment in the lake."

Hydro Tasmania will keep anglers informed of the availability of boat ramps through public notices in local newspapers and on [www.hydro.com.au](http://www.hydro.com.au).

**Visit the NEW Inland Fisheries Service Website to find out information about stocking, waters and fish around the State. Also buy a licence on-line.**

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