



ANGLER NEWS

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Public forums for the draft Tasmanian Inland Recreational Fishery Management Plan 2007—2017

During the last week in November there will be a series of public forums held at three locations around the State to inform the public about the Service's draft Tasmanian Inland Recreational Fishery Management Plan. The Plan is currently in draft form and will remain open to public comment until February 11 2008.

The Service encourages anyone who is interested in providing comment or just has an interest in the State's inland fisheries to attend one of these forums.

Copies of the plan are available through Service Tasmania shops (at a nominal cost of \$5.50) as well as from the Inland Fisheries Service website (see bottom of the page for address).

Public forums venues, dates and times:

- Monday 26 November, 7.30-9.30 pm, Bellerive Yacht Club, 64 Cambridge Rd, Bellerive,
- Wednesday 28 November, 7.30-9.30 pm, Tamar Yacht Club, 7 Park St, Launceston,
- Thursday 29 November, 7.30-9.30 pm, Burnie Yacht Club, Bass Highway, Burnie.



Senior Inspector Viv Spencer, Longford Fishing Clubs' Travis Preece and a very happy young angler with her first fish taken at the Longford club's Free Fishing Day event at Brumbys Creek.

Fourth FISH4CASH release and Lake Burbury Fishing Competition

The next FISH4CASH release will be at Lake Burbury and will coincide with this weekend's Queenstown Anglers Club Lake Burbury Fishing Competition.

The fishing competition runs from 12 noon Friday November 23 till 12 noon Sunday November 25. The competition has 10 categories and 5 prizes in each of the categories, valued to \$200 for each prize. This is usually a popular competition and this year they already have 150 anglers registered. With Lake Burbury only a couple of metres below full supply and good weather forecast the conditions will be perfect for a top fishing weekend.

The FISH4CASH release is a rainbow trout and the \$1 000 prize money will be on offer till the end of the season for the lucky angler to catch it.

Changes in boat ramp parking arrangements at Pumphouse Bay

Due to low water levels at Arthurs Lake, new arrangements have been put in place to accommodate vehicle and trailer parking closer to the launching area.

The 'No parking below this point' signs have been removed and a designated parking area on the southern (Canal) side of the ramp has been cleared of rocks and signposted.

Boaters are encouraged to park appropriately and not to obstruct the launching area particularly at the end of the ramp. Leave plenty of room for a car and trailer to turn and launch or retrieve safely.

Please consider other users of the ramp – a short walk from the parking area to your boat is not too much of an inconvenience.

Anglers are reminded that it is an offence to obstruct a boat ramp with substantial penalties applying to offenders.

In addition, new signage has been installed warning anglers of the need to be vigilant when navigating around the lake with new navigation hazards being exposed. It is recommended that anglers observe a 5-knot speed limit at all times.

FISH4CASH

2007-08 Angling Season Promotion

Over the first six months of the season, six tagged fish will be released into waters around the State. Each fish is worth \$1000 cash to the angler who returns the tag together with the whole fish and current licence details to the Service before the end of July 2008.

Details of the timing and exact location of each fish release is published in **Angler News** and on the Service website (www.ifs.tas.gov.au) along with the latest results of the competition.

Risdon Brook Dam facilities re-open

The upgrade of the facilities for disabled angling at Risdon Brook Dam has been completed and is now open to angling for eligible persons. A formal opening ceremony will occur later in the season.

This facility is for those who have a current inland angling licence and are eligible for the Tasmanian Transport Access Scheme. Fishing is only permitted for disabled anglers and is strictly confined to the designated fishing bays.

For those that use the facility please remember that this is a privilege granted by Hobart Water and its rules must be respected. Please take all rubbish with you and dispose of it responsibly.

Maintenance works by Hydro Tasmania at Bronte-Bradys chain

Work will commence at the intake to the power tunnel at Tungatinah Lagoon on November 17. Prior to the commencement of works there will be a drawdown of Bronte Lagoon to 2 metres below full supply and Lake Binney, Tungatinah Lagoon and Bradys Lake to 4 metres below full supply.

The Tungatinah Power Station will be shutdown until December 21. During the shutdown period there will be a possibility of spill for these waters.

Those driving the Lyell Highway should note that speed limit changes will occur in the area adjacent to the Tungatinah intake from 100 km/h to 50 km/h.

Woods Lake Road problems

According to reports received through the STLAA towards the end of last season, anglers towing boats into Woods Lake are at times having difficulty coming back up the steep hill on the way out.

In response, the IFS will monitor the road for corrugations and undertake maintenance as necessary. The surface of the road has been graded for this season and a steep descent sign has been placed at the top of the hill to advise road users. Also the parking area at the boat ramp is to be assessed to see if it can be enlarged to cope with the increased popularity.

Stocking since October 2007

Water	Number	Species	Weight (grams)
Meadowbank	510	rainbow trout	3 800
Rostrevor	2 000	brown trout	2
Pawleena	1 200	brown trout	2
Pawleena	300	rainbow trout	300
Coffee Creek	200	rainbow trout	300
Beaconsfield	100	rainbow trout	300
Brumbys Creek	200	rainbow trout	300
Curries River	300	rainbow trout	300

Big rainbows at Meadowbank

Earlier this month, 510 large ex-broodstock rainbow trout were stocked into Lake Meadowbank. These fish weighed an average of 3.8 kg and were of great condition. Meadowbank has recently been yielding good condition brown trout for those that put in the time there and incase you needed another reason to fish there it is also home to the latest FISH4CASH tagged trout, which remains uncaught.

Whitebait season closure and

The 2007 whitebait season came to a close at sunset on the 11th of November. If you took out a licence this year please return your completed survey form by the end of the month to enter the prize draw. This year the prize is \$200. If you no longer have a survey form contact the Service on 6261 8050 to have one posted to you or email infish@ifs.tas.gov.au.

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