



ANGLER NEWS

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Draft Tasmanian Inland Recreational Fishery Management Plan released for public comment

On October 17, Minister for Primary Industries and Water, David Llewellyn released a major plan that sets the direction for the recreational fishery in the State's inland waters for the next ten years.

The plan aims to establish additional opportunities for a broader range of angling experiences and to increase participation in trout fishing without compromising the important values that make the Tasmanian fishery so unique, particularly the wild brown trout fishery.

Since the final plan will guide future fishery management decisions, the Service is keen to obtain comments on the draft from key stakeholders including anglers, fishing clubs, community groups, industry and government organisations.

Those wishing to provide input to the plan will have four months to do so, as the period for public comment on the draft is from Monday 15 October 2007 until Monday 11 February 2008.

The Service will host a series of public forums to promote the plan in each region of the State in November.

Copies of the draft are available from Service Tasmania shops around the State and also from the IFS website.

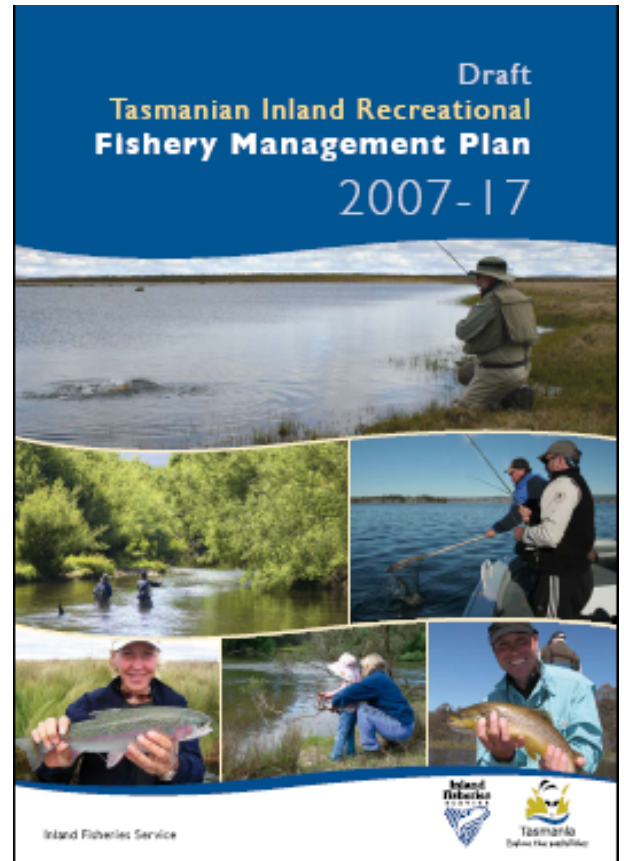
Key initiatives covered in the draft plan include the engagement of stakeholders, which the Service sees as fundamental to sustainable management of the fishery.

The draft plan establishes a comprehensive framework of fishery management planning that includes several levels and types of plans and encourages greater input from the community.

It ensures a strategic approach to trout stocking to enable development of specific fisheries and maximise the performance of others. For example, a general strategy for the Central Highlands region is to stock fisheries with wild brown and rainbow trout only.

Meanwhile, the natural values of waters located in conservation areas, reserves and national parks will be addressed when stocking and other fisheries will be sensitively managed to protect threatened species.

The Draft Plan can be found on a dedicated page of the IFS website within the News section of the main menu.



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.

Check the Service website at www.ifs.tas.gov.au in case of a change to the forum venues or dates, or contact the Service on 1300 INFISH or 6261 8050 during business hours or e-mail infish@ifs.tas.gov.au.

Everyone with an interest in the future management of the fishery should take this opportunity to have a say on the draft plan.

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.

Third trout released into Lake Meadowbank for FISH4CASH promotion

The third tagged trout worth \$1000 cash to a lucky licensed angler in the Inland Fisheries' FISH4CASH promotion was released at Lake Meadowbank on Friday October 19.

The trophy sized female rainbow trout weighed a hefty 7 kg prior to release.

The first trout, which was released into the Bradys chain of lakes, was caught within six days of its release while the second was caught within eight days of its release at Brushy Lagoon.

Stocking since September 2007

Water	Number	Species	Weight (grams)
Penstock	20 000	brown trout	0.50
Lake Chipman	5 000	brown trout	0.75
Emma Tarns	1 000	brown trout	0.75
Bradys Lake	510	rainbow trout	3 800
Brushy Lagoon	510	rainbow trout	3 800
Pioneer Dam	155	rainbow trout	1 500



Andrew Taylor with the \$1000 fish just prior to release into Lake Meadowbank.

This is the third of six fish to be released in the competition.

Lake Crescent boat ramp closure

Due to the very low water levels anglers are advised that it is now no longer possible to use the boat ramp or the canal at Lake Crescent. This is the only access for boats to the lake. When the situation changes there will be a notice on the IFS website.

FREE FISHING DAY Sunday November 11

Go trout fishing – for free – at any open inland water

This is one day of the year when YOU and YOUR FAMILY can catch a trout without needing to buy an angling licence.

Angling clubs will host events, including barbeques, displays and demonstrations at some easy to reach locations around the State, which the Service has stocked with adult trout especially for the day.

Come along and get some expert advice on how to catch a trout. A list of the waters and contacts is provided below.

Where	Who	Contact	Phone
Curries River Reservoir, George Town	George Town Fishing Club	Carl Hyland	0417 169652
Coffee Creek (Junior Water), Kingston	Kingston Anglers Club	Graham Davis	6229 2581 0428 292589
Brandy Dam, Beaconsfield	Beaconsfield Angling Club	Jason Roach	0417 300485
Robertsons Dam, Yolla	Wynyard Angling Club	Judy Peck	6442 3880 0427 423880
Pawleena Dam, Sorell	Clarence Angling Club	Norm Cribbin	0408 144587
Taylor's Dam, Elderslie	Taylor Family	Harley Taylor	6268 5233
Brumbys Creek	Longford Angling Club	Todd Lambert	63981336 0427 888591
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