



ANGLER NEWS

September 2007

Whitebait season opens October 1 2007

The recreational whitebait season opens on Monday October 1 2007. Each year the rivers are opened and closed on a rotational basis, for details see the Whitebait Fishery Management Plan (IFS website). This year the following rivers are open for fishing : Henty River, Pieman River, Deep Creek, Black River, Inglis River, Leven River, Forth River (Closed within 100 metres down stream of the weir), Don River, Franklin Rivulet, Tamar River (Including Trevallyn tailrace), Bird River (Closed within 50 metres down stream of the weir), Little Forester River, Derwent River and the Huon River.

Whitebait can only be taken between the hours from sunrise to sunset and only with specified gear (see the Tasmanian Inland Recreational Fishing Code 2007-08).

Licences are \$25.00 and available from all Service Tasmania shops and the following outlets.

Anglers are reminded that there are harsh penalties for fishing closed waters and exceeding bag limits.

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

Another lucky angler is \$1000 richer after second FISH4CASH caught

Congratulations to Roger Harris of Port Sorell. Mr Harris was lucky enough to catch the second fish in the IFS' FISH4CASH promotion.

The trophy sized female rainbow trout weighing 5.1 kg was released at Brushy Lagoon on the 28th of August and caught by Mr Harris on the evening of the 7th of September. Any angler would be pleased to catch such a fish but Roger is even happier as he gets a \$1000 for catching this trophy.

Mr Harris is a regular fisher of Brushy Lagoon but went along on the Friday with the chance of catching the prize winning fish in mind. The fish was caught using a wood grub. The fish was spotted moving and Mr Harris cast to it. A hectic fight ensued and after several attempts the fish was landed, much to Mr Harris's relief.

Mr Harris plans to use the money he got for catching the fish to fly his grand kids over to Tasmania from Victoria to go fishing with him.

The Fish4Cash promotion, which will run for the duration of the 2007-08 season, is designed to encourage more Tasmanians to have a go at trout fishing and to increase visits to the IFS website. Another fish will be released in the coming months, keep an eye on the IFS website for details.



Roger Harris pleased with his \$1000 fish - not frozen when he caught it

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 will be published in **Angler News** and on the Service website (www.ifs.tas.gov.au) along with the latest results of the competition.

Trial stocking of brown trout into Break O'Day River

During the first couple of weeks of November, the IFS will be undertaking a trial stocking of fin clipped fry and tagged adult brown trout into the Break O'Day River.

The Break O'Day River for many years now has been fishing well below its potential. An electrofishing survey undertaken by IFS staff back in April revealed only one small brown trout over several hundred metres of river.

The trout stocking(s) will be carefully monitored to assess capture rates of the stocked fish as well as determining recruitment into the system resulting from the adult stockings. The results of this study will be used to help determine if trout stockings of this type have potential for other under performing river fisheries.

Construction of new fishing platforms at Risdon Brook Dam

Due to construction of new platforms for disabled fishing at Risdon Brook Dam there will be no access to fishing there for the next two weeks.

The inconvenience will be worth it, with two new platforms replacing the four old ones. The new platforms will give disabled anglers better access to the water and make the fishing experience an easier one than it was from the old platforms.

Stocking since August 2007

| Water | Number | Species | Weight (g) |
|-----------------|--------|---------------|------------|
| Dee Lagoon | 7134 | rainbow trout | 14 |
| Great Lake | 80 350 | rainbow trout | 14 |
| Camerons Lagoon | 12 | brown trout | 2 000 |

\$720 000 for recreational fishing in Tasmania

Recreational fishing in Tasmania will be boosted through \$720,000 in Australian Government grants for 14 projects across the state.

Australian Government Minister for Fisheries and Conservation, Senator Eric Abetz, announced the funding at the Tasmanian Trout Expo in Cressy on the 24th of August.

The Minister also launched the Brumby's Creek Anglers Access Project which was funded \$16,030 through round 3 of the programme.

"This project – and the 14 more I have announced today - demonstrate the Australian Government's commitment to supporting recreational fishers and their communities to improve recreational fishing services and facilities." Senator Abetz said.

"The importance of recreational fishing should not be underestimated because it provides many benefits for regional communities," Senator Abetz said.

Further information can be found at www.daff.gov.au/recfishinggrants.

Three of the successful projects are listed below.

Macquarie and Meander Rivers Access Project

The Anglers Alliance Tasmania Incorporated will receive up to \$99,240 to provide access to major river fisheries for anglers across Crown Reserves and negotiated access across private land. Appropriate infrastructure such as stiles over fences and access signage will be installed at each location.

Leven River Access Project

The Anglers Alliance Tasmania Incorporated will receive up to \$92,610 to provide access to a major river fishery for anglers across Crown Reserves and negotiated access across private land. Appropriate infrastructure such as stiles over fences and access signage will be installed at each location.

Huon, Derwen and Tyenna Rivers Access Project

The Anglers Alliance Tasmania Incorporated will receive up to \$84,380 to provide access to major river fisheries for anglers across Crown Reserves and negotiated access across private land. Appropriate infrastructure such as stiles over fences and access signage will be installed at each location.



Senator Abetz tries out one of the new stiles, part of the Brumbys Creek Access Project.

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