



ANGLER NEWS

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Some of the things to look forward to for the new season...

From midnight on Friday night (2 August 2008) the 2008/09 season starts, here are some good reasons to get a licence and fish this season. Some new opportunities and some improved ones.

A new fishery

The brand new fishery at Huntsman Lake, which was stocked with 1000 adult brown trout spawners in May will be open and ready to fish at the start of the season. There is also a good boat ramp, lots of parking and public toilets.

New Access

Access to the northern end of Lake Echo has been provided with the construction of a 3.5 km road and 60 m boat concrete boat ramp at Large Bay. Newly installed signage will help direct you there. (see IFS website for details)

Northern hotspots

Continuous stockings should pay dividends at Four Springs Lake, Curries River Dam and Brushy Lagoon. Brown and rainbow trout are available including stockings of adults in May. There have been improvements to the car park and access road at Four Springs.

Southern hotspots

High level stocking of all salmonid species (brown, rainbow and brook trout and Atlantic salmon) has been focused on waters in the Bronte-Bradys system and this will continue. In May alone, Bradys Lake received 3 050 adult brown trout and 850 adult Atlantic salmon.

Year round fisheries

The estuary sections of the Leven, Tamar, Derwent and Huon rivers are now open for all year trout fishing. Lake fisheries open all year are Craigbourne Dam, Great Lake, Lake Barrington, Brushy Lagoon, Lake Burbury, Lake Gordon, Lake Pedder and Meadowbank Lake.

Reliable

The premium Central Highlands' waters of Arthurs Lake, Great Lake, Woods Lake and Penstock and Little Pine lagoons are all expected to fish well again this year despite low water levels in some lakes.

Low level boatramps

The IFS is investigating options to improve low water level boating access at key waters this season. A new low level boating access at Pumphouse Bay, Arthurs Lake is now in place for the start of the season. See website for details.

Access Plan Signs

The Inland Fisheries Service (IFS) and Anglers Alliance Tasmania (AAT) have been busy over the last season implementing the Access Plan Signs and Brochures projects.

The projects have seen a number of initiatives completed or underway including:

Boat Ramp Signs:

IFS have installed 25 boat ramp signs at formal launching areas around the state. The new signs include the isometric symbol for angling promoting the availability of fishing at these locations. At lakes such as Great Lake the signs also include an open/closed feature which advises anglers whether lake levels allow for safe launching.



Directional signs:

With the support of local Councils and the Department of Infrastructure Energy and Resources new directional signage has been installed at 40 major intersections across the State. This will enable anglers to find the most convenient and safest access route to lakes and rivers. Examples are Four Springs, Brushy Lagoon, Woods Lake and the new access road to the northern end of Lake Echo (Large Bay). **Continued over the page.**

Win \$10 000 worth of tackle

If you buy or renew a Full Season Angling Licence by 30 October 2008, you will automatically go in the draw to win three prizes of \$5000, \$3000 and \$2000 worth of fishing tackle. This promotion is being sponsored by Tasmania's leading fishing tackle stores and industry partners - members of the Australian Fishing Trade Association (AFTA). The winners names will be drawn from the Inland Fisheries Service Licence holder database in November and announced in early December 2008.

Full Season Licence holders get Free Entry to the Salmon Ponds on presentation of their licence throughout the 2008-09 season (valid 1 August 2008 to 31 July 2009). This is being sponsored by the Salmon Ponds, Heritage Hatchery and Gardens.

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Interpretative Panels:

New interpretative panels have been installed at Brumbys Creek, Great Lake and Penstock Lagoon. These are the first in a suite of 80 panels that will be completed over the next six months covering the majority of our popular waters. Information will vary from water to water and may include angling notes and regulations, detailed maps, access rules and recreational information such as camping and safe boating.

Access brochures and maps:

The interpretative information and detailed maps included in the above panels will also be available in brochure form from tackle stores and the IFS or via the IFS or AAT websites. Currently the Brumbys Creek and Penstock brochures are available. Another 15 will be completed by the end of 2008.

Future projects:

AAT and IFS will be installing interpretative panels for visiting anglers at Haulage Hill and Miena in the central highlands. A separate project will see the implementation of new interpretative information for the Western Lakes. These projects should be completed during 2009. River access projects are in progress for the Huon, Derwent, Tyenna, Macquarie, Meander and Leven rivers.

Final version of Tasmanian Inland Recreational Fishery Management Plan 2008—2018 released 2 August

The Tasmanian Inland Recreational Fishery Management Plan 2008 - 2018 will be released in its' final version officially on August 2.

The draft version of the plan was closed for public comment after a six week consultation period on February 18. The IFS would like to thank everyone who provided comment on the draft plan. These comments provided useful feedback on the proposed document and have contributed to the plan in its' final form.

To view the final plan visit the IFS website or phone the IFS head office for a printed version.

Stocking since June 2008

Water	Number	Species	Weight (grams)
Curries River Dam	9 000	brown trout	20
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Second Lagoon	50	brown trout	1 000
Rocky Lagoon	100	brown trout	1 000
Bruisers Lagoon	105	brown trout	1 000
Lake Leake	9 900	rainbow trout	20
Lake Botsford	500	brown trout	30
Penstock Lagoon	250	brown trout	30
Carters Lake	300	brown trout	1 000
Camerons Lagoon	35	brown trout	1 100
Lake Paget	50	brown trout	1 000
Brumbys Creek	270	brown trout	1 000
Lake Leake	2 000	brook trout	200
Dee Lagoon	5 000	rainbow trout	20
Lake Repulse	2 500	rainbow trout	400
Brushy Lagoon	750	Atlantic salmon	750

Tagged fish in the River Derwent

The IFS and the Tasmanian Aquaculture and Fisheries Institute (TAFI) have tagged a number of trout and bream from the River Derwent with acoustic transmitters. The tagged fish carry a plastic **T-bar tag that has a pink-red collar of 50 mm in length with TAFI and a number printed on it.** These fish must be released unharmed as they will provide valuable information over the next 12 months.

There will be a tagged fish released for the New Norfolk Licensed Anglers opening day competition in the river as well, this will be a **white T-bar tag with a 50 mm collar with IFS and a number printed on it.** This fish can be kept.

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