



ANGLER NEWS

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Great Lake rainbow trout in excellent condition

Despite the low lake level at Great Lake rainbow trout arrived at the Liawenee fish trap in good numbers this year.

The fish were stripped of eggs and milt for growout of the fertilised eggs at the IFS hatchery at New Norfolk. While this has been the practise for some time, this is the first year in recent times that eggs from wild rainbow trout have been treated at Liawenee to produce triploid fish.

Once fertilised, the eggs are treated in a pressure vessel to produce offspring that are sterile (triploid) in the sense that they do not produce gonads (sex organs). The consequence of this process is that the fish do not stop feeding in winter and do not put any energy into reproduction. The end result that the fish have the potential to grow larger in a shorter amount of time.

The IFS thanks Ron Morrison for assisting with the triploidy process.

The resulting fingerlings once grown out will be stocked at fisheries that have minimal or no natural recruitment. This strategy will be used to reinstate the stocking of wild rainbow trout in Central Highland waters, particularly those that have populations of redfin perch.

Redfin perch predate heavily on fry that are migrating from nursery streams into lakes and lagoons. The aim of growing out these fish at IFS hatcheries is to get them to fingerling size where they will have an increased survival rate.



A female rainbow trout from this years' spawning run at Liawenee. Photo courtesy of the Tasmanian Sportsfisher Magazine.

Not all of the eggs collected from Liawenee undergo triploidy as normal diploid stock is vital to the restocking of Great Lake. Other waters where redfin predation is not a problem are also stocked to boost natural recruitment of wild rainbow trout.

Continuing with the monitoring program that has been going for 40 years, a sample of 200 fish from the spawning run were weighed and measured. This year the average size of the fish increased in terms of weight, from 1289 grams last year to 1300 grams this year. With the fish decreasing in average length from 490 mm to 485 mm the condition of the rainbows for this year has increased overall. The rainbows have been holding or improving condition for last five years, something that anglers will definitely appreciate.

Last chance to win \$10,000 worth of tackle! Buy a licence by this Friday to be in the draw

If you buy or renew a Full Season Angling Licence by the end of 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.

So suggest to your friends and family that they buy a full season licence by this Friday and they could be in the draw for a prize.

Fishing has been good at a number of waters early during the current season and now is the time to get out there and get amongst the fish.

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.

Vale Norman Victor Scott

31 July 1931 – 13 August 2008

The Inland Fisheries Service of Tasmania recently lost a friend and dedicated supporter of our state fishery.

Norm Scott was the type of chap that if he had something to say he would say it and if it was criticism it was always constructive.

Norm was an associate Commissioner with the Inland Fisheries Commission from 1984 to 1996 and a member of the Westbury Angling Club for around forty years.

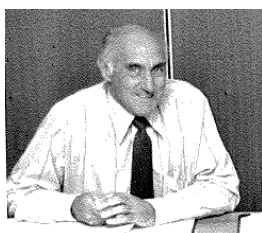
Norm was also the Treasurer of the Northern Tasmanian Fisheries Association from 1978 to 1984, a foundation member of the Fresh Water Anglers Council of Tasmania, he was actively involved in the Four Springs, Brushy Lagoon, Curries River Dam and Salmon Ponds Museum projects.

Norm was involved with the management of the 1988 World Fly Fishing Championship in Tasmanian Central Highlands.

He was a life member of the NTFA and the Westbury Angling Club. He was a member of the Melbourne Red Tag Fly Club and the Quamby Fly Fishing Club.

Norm was a competent fly fisherman and was always available to pass on his knowledge to other anglers.

The inland fishery of Tasmania is in debt to people like Norm Scott, who over so many years have fought for the rights of anglers and the betterment of our fishery.



The late Norm Scott during his time as an Inland Fisheries Associate Commissioner.

Senior Week fishing event

On Wednesday 1 October Inland Fisheries inspectors attended the Southern Fishcare Volunteers Seniors Week event on the Huon River at Huonville.

The event was run by Tess McNeill DPIW Fishcare Volunteer Coordinator – South.

The seniors were given some short talks on fishing. They were also given one on one advice, demonstrations and assistance with their fishing.

The best fish caught was a large Atlantic salmon, caught by Chez French on a worm. This fish had been feeding on Tasmanian whitebait, *Lovettia sealii*. Several other large fish were also seen to be chasing whitebait in the middle of the river.

The fine weather, barbeque lunch and good fishing made it an enjoyable day for all.

Stocking since August 2008

Water	Number	Species	Weight (grams)
Four Springs Lake	43	rainbow trout	1 000
Four Springs Lake	129	brown trout	2 500
Four Springs Lake	3 000	rainbow trout	200
Lake Barrington	7 000	rainbow trout	200
Lake Barrington	80	rainbow trout	2 500
Lake Barrington	250	Atlantic salmon	2 500
Meadowbank Lake	340	rainbow trout	4 000
Dee Lagoon	1 700	rainbow trout	45
Brushy Lagoon	20	rainbow trout	2 500
Brushy Lagoon	130	Atlantic salmon	2 500
Blackmans Lagoon	3 000	rainbow trout	270
Little Waterhouse Lake	221	rainbow trout	270
Pioneer Dam	150	rainbow trout	2 000
Rileys Creek Reservoir	1 000	brown trout	70

North East Rivers Festival Pioneer Dam fishing competition

On Saturday the 18 October the Pioneer community held a fishing competition in the Pioneer Mine Lake. Fifty men women and children entered the competition and a great day was had by all.

The weather was kind with a few misty showers before lunch but bright sunshine for the rest of the day.

The events' main supporters were St. Helens Bait and Tackle, Tassie Devil lures, Springfield Fishery and the Inland Fisheries Service.

Several one to two kilo rainbow trout were landed, mainly on soft plastics.



Daniel, Cory and Degen Nolane had great fun at the competition.

And the adult male winner was Michael Haley from St. Helens with a 2.53 kg rainbow trout; the Haley family had a very successful day because Michael's son Joel won the juvenile section with a 1.58 kg rainbow.

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