

Where can you get a copy?

You can obtain a copy of the draft plan from Service Tasmania shops (a nominal cost of \$5.50 applies). Alternatively, you can download a copy of the plan from the Service's website at www.ifs.tas.gov.au.

How can you have your say?

You can have your say on the draft plan by providing your comments in writing or e-mail. Send your submission to the Inland Fisheries Service, PO Box 575, New Norfolk, Tas, 7140, or e-mail infish@ifs.tas.gov.au.

How long have you got to comment?

The period for public comment on the draft plan is from Monday 15 October 2007 to Monday 11 February 2008.

Want to find out more information?

Public forums to explain the plan will be held in the State's South, North and North West in November 2007.

The planned venues and dates are:

- 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

Please check the Service website at www.ifs.tas.gov.au in case of a change to the public forum venues or dates. You are welcome to contact the Service on 1300 infish or 6261 8050 during business hours or e-mail infish@ifs.tas.gov.au.



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Draft Tasmanian Inland Recreational Fishery Management Plan

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The **Tasmanian Inland Recreational Fishery Management Plan** is an overarching plan that sets the direction for the fishery in inland waters for the next ten years. The primary focus of the plan is the recreational trout fishery but other important issues such as the co-management of native fish and threatened species conservation are also addressed.



Why have a plan?

The final plan will present an agreed approach for the future management of the fishery by the Inland Fisheries Service. The draft plan is to enable consultation and input by stakeholders.

Who's it for?

The plan is for anglers, key stakeholders and anyone with a particular interest in the fishery. It will also provide the Service with a blueprint for future management decisions.

What's in it?

The plan focuses on the management, development and sustainability of Tasmania's inland recreational fishery. It aims to establish additional opportunities for a broader range of angling experiences and to increase participation in trout fishing. This will be achieved without compromising the important values that make the Tasmanian fishery so unique, particularly the wild brown trout fishery.

Five important areas of the fishery are addressed in the plan.

Stakeholder Engagement

- The plan aims to harness the support of the angling community and enhance the strong sense of ownership of the fishery.
- Partnerships with key stakeholders are an essential element of fishery management. These will be strengthened and maintained.

Fishery Management Planning

- The plan establishes a comprehensive framework for fishery management planning, involving several types and levels of plans.

Recreational Salmonid Stocking

- A strategic approach will be taken to trout stocking to develop fisheries and ensure better fishery performance.

- A general strategy for the Central Highlands region is to stock fisheries with wild brown and rainbow trout only.
- Brook trout fisheries will be maintained and expanded.
- Wild adult and juvenile brown trout stock will be the mainstay for supplementing lake fisheries where there is poor natural recruitment.
- Triploid brown and rainbow trout will be used to supplement some designated fisheries.
- Fisheries near population centres will be developed to provide a variety of fish species that can be caught more readily so as to encourage new anglers and offer an alternate angling experience.
- The natural values of conservation areas, reserves and national parks will be addressed when stocking fisheries.

Development and Enhancement

- The fishery will be developed in partnership with stakeholders, private landowners and other government agencies to provide angling infrastructure and to develop angler access.
- Additional fishing opportunities will be created by opening selected river estuaries during the normal closed season.
- 'Wild Rainbow Trout Fisheries' within rivers will be recognised, designated and managed accordingly.
- Additional fisheries or sections of waters will be managed for young and disabled anglers.

Co-management of Salmonid and Threatened Species

- Fisheries will be sensitively managed to protect threatened species and other natural values.

Want to have your say on the draft plan?

The Service is seeking comment on the draft plan from all interested parties, including individual anglers, angling clubs, community groups, industry and government organisations.