



BACKGROUND OF THE FUND

A trust called the Fisheries Habitat Improvement Fund was founded in 2000 to provide independent support for freshwater habitat environmental improvements by funding projects that made contributions to freshwater ecology.

The first project supported by the Fund was the rehabilitation of Shannon Lagoon. An array of works were undertaken to reduce turbidity including the bitumen surfacing of the road to reduce sediment run off into the lagoon. The pumps at Mienna Dam were automated to use current irrigation flows to flush the lagoon in combination with maintaining water levels at the upper levels of management bands during autumn.

Whilst wind fetch and turbidity are still issues at the Lagoon due to its shallowness there are now certain times of the year that fishing opportunities can be optimised.

At the completion of this project the committee of the Trustee changed and the Fund lost some impetus, however the donations held were retained and maintained.

A new committee has been appointed with representatives from the Inland Fisheries Advisory Council, Anglers Alliance Tasmania, Trout Guides and Lodges Association and the Inland Fisheries Service. The committee is reinvigorating the operations of the Fund and is seeking project proposals from interested parties for projects that can support restoration or improvement of freshwater habitat. Project applications and guidelines are available from the Secretary/Treasurer. Applications that have co-funding partners or in kind support from other participants will have priority consideration. All grant recipients will be required to enter into a grant deed.

The Fund is seeking donations and contributions to support these objectives. Donations over \$2.00 are tax deductible. Please help support this valuable cause for the benefit of the environment and the future of angling in Tasmania.



The emblem of the Fisheries Habitat Improvement Fund is the Snowflake Caddis *Asmicridea grisea* which supported the once famous 'Shannon rise'.

The aquatic larva of this caddis builds a tiny net to trap passing food and so is dependent on clean free-flowing water for its survival.

Restoring water quality and protecting sensitive aquatic habitats are prime aims of this non-profit Fund.

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WHAT IS THE FISHERIES HABITAT IMPROVEMENT FUND?

The Fund has been established as a public, non-profit Trust to generate money for practical studies and works aimed at improving and restoring habitat for fish and other aquatic life.

WHY DO WE NEED TO SUPPORT AN INDEPENDENT FUND?

With increasing pressure on inland waters, we can no longer rely on Government funding alone to protect aquatic habitats. An independent Fund, administered by experienced and motivated individuals, and not governed by profits or political constraints, can help to increase awareness and protect and conserve our inland waterways.

WHAT ARE THE KEY AIMS OF THE FUND?

Although the focus of the Fund is on improving freshwater habitats, a key outcome is improved fishing for the angler. Ultimately the Fund aims to assist in the protection and rehabilitation of many of our inland waters, helping to ensure their sustainable management and striving to protect Tasmania's world class trout fishery.

HOW DOES THE FUND WORK?

Contributions to the Fund are being sought from corporations, government agencies, community organisations and private individuals with a special interest in recreational fishing. All donations are tax deductible.

Money from the Fund will then be used to support environment projects proposed by angling organisations, community groups, institutions and other interest parties.

Examples may include restoration of river flows, stream improvement, fish passage and the rehabilitation of fisheries, such as Lake Sorell.

HOW IS THE FUND ADMINISTERED?

The Fisheries Habitat Improvement Fund Inc is the trustee of the Fund. It has an independent committee that consists of a President (currently the Chairperson of the Inland Fisheries Advisory Council), Secretary/Treasurer and a Public Officer. The Committee are responsible for the administrative arrangements of the Fund, setting direction and approval of projects. The committee will seek external advice and assistance when required.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Tax deductible donations can be made directly to the Secretary/Treasurer PO Box 575 New Norfolk 7140 with cheques made payable to the Fisheries Habitat Improvement Fund Inc. Anglers can also support the Fund by donating money when they purchase an inland angling licence. For additional information refer to www.ifs.tas.gov.au and www.anglersalliance.org.au



The Shannon Rise on Shannon Lagoon



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