

# Tasmanian Inland **Fishing Code** 2020-21

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## Minister's Message

As a keen angler, I am delighted to introduce the 2020/21 Tasmanian Inland Fishing Code.

The Tasmanian Liberal Government is a strong supporter of the state's world class inland fishery, which attracts over 20 000 recreational anglers each year and generates an estimated \$90 million for the economy.



Tasmania enjoys some of the best trout fishing in the world, and recently played host to the 2019 World Fly Fishing Championships. As we enter the recovery phase from COVID-19, there has never been a better time to explore our inland waterways, stay healthy and support local businesses and jobs.

The Government is committed to growing our inland fishery and has delivered key projects including providing \$300 000 to freeze inland fishing licences at 2017-18 prices for four years and providing another \$500 000 towards improving facilities and access for those who enjoy our rivers and lakes. Excitingly, Lake Sorell was also reopened for angling following more than 25 years of carp eradication work from the Inland Fisheries Service (IFS). The IFS has worked hard to prepare the fishery for the 2020-21

season, with fisheries management activities such as fish transfers continuing during the pandemic.

The outlook has improved but the situation is changing. I encourage all anglers to be vigilant with their own personal hygiene and to keep up to date with the latest information from the IFS website ([www.ifs.tas.gov.au](http://www.ifs.tas.gov.au)) and the Tasmanian Government coronavirus website ([www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au](http://www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au))

Thank you for supporting our inland fisheries and tight lines!

*Minister responsible for Inland Fisheries, the Hon Guy Barnett MP releasing a brown trout at Craighourne Dam in preparation for the 2020-21 Inland angling season*



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## Season dates

Saturday 1/8/20	Opening of most waters
Saturday 3/10/20	Opening of designated rainbow trout waters
Sunday 18/10/20	Gone Fishing Day
Saturday 28/11/20	Opening of Canal Bay, yingina / Great Lake
Sunday 28/3/21	Closure of Canal Bay, yingina / Great Lake
Sunday 2/5/21	Closure of most waters
Sat 15 and Sun 16/5/21	Trout Weekend, Liawenee
Sunday 30/5/21	Closure of <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• designated rainbow trout waters.</li><li>• extended season waters of;<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• lakes Mackintosh and Rosebery; and</li><li>• the lower section of Brumbys Creek, Macquarie, Meander and South Esk rivers.</li></ul></li></ul>



## COVID-19

There may be changes to when, where and how you can fish in inland waters due to COVID-19.

These changes may occur at short notice.

Always remember to practice personal hygiene. Wash your hands or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer. Cough or sneeze into a tissue, or flexed elbow and keep 1.5 metres from others.

Please keep up to date at [www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au](http://www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au) or [www.ifs.tas.gov.au](http://www.ifs.tas.gov.au)

## Regulation changes

Camden Dam is now included in the table on pages 27 to 34.

Landing nets are not permitted for the taking of live bait from inland waters, however the definition of a landing net now includes fine mesh types.

The boundaries have been updated for the following rainbow trout waters:

- The Weld River (in the north of the State at Harridge Falls) from an imaginary straight line drawn between the opposite shores of the river located approximately at grid reference 575751E 5443429N and grid reference 575760E 5443419N upstream to its source.
- The Weld River (in the south of the State at the confluence of the Huon River) from an imaginary straight line drawn between the opposite shores of the river located approximately at grid reference 481068E 5232960N and grid reference 481033E 5232964N upstream to its source.

## Licence information

### When and where you need an angling licence

Each person must have a current angling licence to fish with a rod, reel and line at any inland water in Tasmania. This includes farm dams on private property.

Most inland waters have an angling (or 'open') season. You can only fish that water during the open season that applies to it. Open season dates are on page 8 and 27-34 of this booklet.

You must have a separate licence for whitebait fishing.

You do not need an angling licence to fish:

- at a registered private fishery
- for indigenous fish (including bream) in the specified indigenous fish waters listed in the *Inland Fisheries Regulations 2019*.
- with a single rod at an open inland water if the person is under 14 years old.

## Licence type and cost

Page 12 shows the angling licence types and costs for the 2020-21 licence period, which runs from 1/8/20 to 31/7/21.

Full-season adult angling licences are discounted for:

- Department of Human Services (DHS) or Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) Pensioner Concession Card holders.
- Seniors Card holders – issued by states and territories.
- People between 14 and 17 years.

You must show your Seniors Card or Pensioner Concession Card when you buy your licence.

Please note that a Health Care Card does not qualify a person as eligible for a Pensioner licence.

## Buying or renewing a licence

You can buy or renew an angling licence online at [www.ifs.tas.gov.au](http://www.ifs.tas.gov.au)

Licences are also available at all Service Tasmania shops and many tackle, outdoor and sports stores throughout Tasmania.

## Angling licence conditions

When you go fishing, you must comply with the *Inland Fisheries Act 1995*, *Inland Fisheries Regulations 2019* and subsequent Orders.

We summarise these rules and regulations in this Tasmanian Inland Fishing Code. You can view complete versions of the legislation at [www.thelaw.tas.gov.au](http://www.thelaw.tas.gov.au)

Angling licence type	Cost \$
One Junior (14-17 yrs) full season	12 .00
One Person 48 hours	23 .00
One Person 7 days	38 .50
One Person 28 days	60 .00
One Pensioner full season	41 .50
One Senior full season	60 .00
One Adult full season	75 .50
5 Season Licence - One Pensioner 1 Rod	200 .00
5 Season Licence - One Pensioner 2 Rod	237 .00
5 Season Licence - One Senior 1 Rod	290 .00
5 Season Licence - One Senior 2 Rod	327 .00
5 Season Licence - One Adult 1 Rod	360 .00
5 Season Licence - One Adult 2 Rod	435 .00
Same Person 2nd Rod (Pens/Sen/Jnr)	7 .70
Same Person 2nd Rod (Adult)	15 .50
Replacement licence	3 .10

## Recreational species

The recreational fishing regulations focus on the following species:

- Salmonids (introduced)
  - brown trout (*Salmo trutta*)
  - rainbow trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*)
  - brook trout (*Salvelinus fontinalis*)
  - Atlantic salmon (*Salmo salar*)
- Native (indigenous)
  - black bream (*Acanthopagrus butcheri*)
  - river blackfish (*Gadopsis marmoratus*)
  - short finned eel (*Anguilla australis*)
  - long finned eel (*Anguilla reinhardtii*)

Separate regulations apply to the recreational whitebait fishery, which covers several species of small native fish.

### Whitebait fishing licence

The run of whitebait occurs throughout the State between spring and early summer. The runs consist of small transparent fish migrating from the sea into rivers and streams. Several species are involved in this phenomenon and most are similar in appearance.

To fish for whitebait you need a separate whitebait licence.

Whitebait licences are available online at [www.ifs.tas.gov.au](http://www.ifs.tas.gov.au) and from Service Tasmania shops, selected tackle, outdoor, and sports stores.

In 2020, the rivers Derwent, Forth and Kamanaluka / Tamar, the Duck, Great Forester, Henty, Huon, Inglis, Mersey, Montagu, Pieman

and Rubicon rivers are open for recreational whitebait fishing from 1 October 2020 to 11 November 2020.

Fishing is not allowed in the Duck or Rubicon rivers 50 metres above and below the water-gauging weir.

All other waters are closed to whitebait fishing. Serious penalties apply for fishing in closed waters.

There is a daily catch limit of 2 kg and total catch limit of 10 kg for the season.

Whitebait nets cannot have a circumference of greater than 120 cm and must not be used with any devices capable of diverting fish into the net or stopping their escape.

It is an offence to sell or buy whitebait. It is an offence to possess whitebait without a whitebait licence.

A whitebait licence costs \$32.00

## **Rules and regulations**

Angling rules and regulations, including seasons, dates and times, bag and size limits, and angling methods apply to all Tasmanian inland waters and can change from water to water.

We summarise these rules and regulations in this Tasmanian Inland Fishing Code. You can view complete versions of the legislation at [www.thelaw.tas.gov.au](http://www.thelaw.tas.gov.au)

A database of inland waters and their regulations is available at [www.ifs.tas.gov.au](http://www.ifs.tas.gov.au) or by downloading the Infish App.

## **Bag and size limits**

The bag limit is the number of fish you can keep at a water in any one day.

The size limit is how big, or small, the fish must be for you to be allowed to keep it.

Any fish in your possession at a water counts towards the limit for that water.

## **Bag limits for salmonids**

- Atlantic salmon: a daily bag limit of five (5) fish.
- Brook trout: a daily bag limit of two (2) fish.
- Brown and rainbow trout: the daily bag limit can change from water to water; see pages 22-34.

## **Bag and size limits for native fish in inland waters**

- Black bream: a daily bag limit of 10 fish with a minimum length of 250 mm.
- Eels: a daily bag limit of 12 fish and a possession limit of 24 fish with a minimum length of 300 mm.
- River blackfish: a daily bag limit of 12 fish with a minimum length of 220 mm.

## **Bag and size limits for pest fish in inland waters**

- Redfin perch and tench: there is no bag, possession or size limits.

## **Measuring fish**

Measure fish, other than black bream, from the tip of the snout to the fork of the tail.

Measure black bream from the tip of the snout to the end of the tail.

You should measure fish as soon as you catch them and immediately return them to the water if undersized or exceeding the upper size limit.

## **Closed waters**

Waters always closed to fishing include:

- All waters flowing into Lake Crescent excluding that section of the canal connecting lakes Crescent and Sorell below Interlaken Road (C527).
- All waters flowing into Talbots Lagoon.
- Brushy Rivulet, flowing into Brushy Lagoon.
- Craigbourne Dam, from the dam wall and associated infrastructure.
- Curries River Reservoir, within a 400 m radius of the dam intake structure.
- Dogs Head Creek, Silver Plains Creek and Mountain Creek flowing into Lake Sorell and for a radius of 50 m below where that water flows into Lake Sorell.
- Lake Fenton and its tributaries.
- Waters flowing into Arthurs Lake, Dee Lagoon, yingina / Great Lake and Lake Leake and for a radius of 50 m below where that water flows into Arthurs Lake, Dee Lagoon, yingina /Great Lake and Lake Leake.
- Penstock Lagoon Numbers 1 and 2 canals above two white posts on opposite banks of those canals.



- McPartlans Canal between lakes Gordon and Pedder.
- Within 100 m of a fish trap maintained by the IFS.

## **Special closures**

There may be closures at short notice due to COVID-19. Please check [www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au](http://www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au) or [www.ifs.tas.gov.au](http://www.ifs.tas.gov.au)

Lake Sorell may be closed from time to time at short notice due to the Carp Management Program. Please check [www.ifs.tas.gov.au](http://www.ifs.tas.gov.au).

Lake Mikany is closed for maintenance until further notice by TasWater.

## **Waters reserved for anglers with a disability**

Risdon Brook Reservoir and the Plenty River adjacent to the Salmon Ponds are reserved for anglers with eligible disabilities for the purpose of the Transport Access Scheme.

## **Junior Angling Development Fisheries**

Junior Angling Development Fisheries are waters reserved for junior anglers.

Only people under 18 can fish at Junior Angling Development Fisheries.

The following rules apply:

- a daily bag limit of two (2) fish
- a minimum size limit of 300 mm
- only one (1) fish over 500 mm
- open to all fishing methods
- a season of 1/8/20 - 2/5/21

The following waters are regulated as Junior Angling Development fisheries:

- Bushy Park Estate Dam
- Frombergs Dam
- Hiscutt Park Pond
- Lake Waverley
- Taylors Dam

## Inland waters and seaward limits

The 'seaward limit' is the boundary between marine and inland waters.

The Inland Fisheries Service has jurisdiction over fish and fisheries in all inland waters in Tasmania. This means all waters on the inland side of the seaward limit. Seaward limits are marked by ADG 94 map coordinates and are defined in the *Inland Fisheries (Seaward Limits) Order 2004*.

Some of the common seaward limits are:

- Great Forester River – the point where that river enters Anderson Bay delineated by a straight line between grid references 537659E 5461043N and 537000E 5460780N.
- Huon River – delineated by a straight line between grid references 498484E 5224284N and 500623E 5224284N next to the southern extremity of Castle Forbes Bay
- River Leven – the downstream side of the bridge carrying the National Hwy 1 across that river at grid reference 428952E 5442853N.
- Mersey River – a straight line across that river between grid references 448089E 5435279N and 448507E 5436286N (intersection of the B19 Road and Tarleton Road on the western shore to the boat ramp on the eastern shore).
- Scamander River – the downstream side of the bridge carrying the A3 road across that river at grid reference 605469E 5409338N.

- Swan River – delineated by a straight line between grid references 592571E 5341270N and 592532E 5341134N, near where it enters King Bay.
- Kanamaluka / River Tamar – a straight line across that river between grid references 508939E 5416893N and 509631E 5416893N (extending from Haystack Point).
- River Derwent – a straight line across that river between grid references 523162E 5262466N and 523944E 5262466N (extending from the eastern extremity of Dogshear Point).

Please note that an 'Excepted waters' boundary extends across the River Derwent from Dowsings Point to Store Point. Although this Excepted water is defined as a marine water, you must have an inland fisheries licence to take trout upstream of this boundary.

## **Rods and lines**

Legal angling methods are fishing with a rod and line using either bait, artificial lure or fly.

There are inland waters where only one or two of the legal angling methods are allowed. Please see the River and Lake Fishery exceptions on pages 27-34.

Only one rod and line is allowed per person – unless that person is licensed to fish with two rods at the same time (except for lakes Mackenzie and Augusta, which are restricted to one handheld rod and line when bait fishing).

Anyone may use two rods at the same time fishing for indigenous fish (including bream) in the specified indigenous fish waters listed

in the *Inland Fisheries Regulations 2019*.

A single line must have no more than:

- two lures; or
- one lure and one bait; or
- two baits; or
- three artificial flies.

You must be within eight metres of your set rod and able to see it at all times.

It is illegal to look after another person's rod and line at any time, even if you have a current licence.

### **Use of a landing net**

You may use a landing net to land a fish hooked on a rod and line.

The landing net must have:

- a handle length of less than two metres
- an opening of not more than one metre in diameter.

### **Bait fishing**

Bait fishing includes natural, artificial or manufactured baits (for example 'Powerbait') or similar.

It is an offence to use or possess bait in waters reserved for artificial lure or fly fishing, National Parks and the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area (TWWHA) (except lakes Mackenzie and Augusta where a single, handheld rod is allowed).

It is an offence to use frogs, freshwater crayfish or ground bait (berley) at any inland water. You may not use fish or fish products as bait in any inland waters other than those sections of rivers subject to tidal movement.

## Collecting bait

You may use a seine net to catch live bait, other than whitebait, in those sections of rivers subject to tidal movement from 25/7/20 to 2/5/21.

The seine net must:

- not be more than six metres long and one metre deep
- have a mesh size between 12 and 30 mm.

## Strike indicators

Only a purpose-built strike indicator can be used to warn of movement in the rod or line while set rod fishing.

Plants such as willow, a noxious weed, should not be used, as it can propagate. Bottles, jars, cans or similar objects made of plastic, glass, aluminium or any other metal are not permitted.

## Illegal equipment

Includes:

- Use or possession of nets other than a whitebait, seine or landing net.
- Unattended set rods or deadlines.
- Use of spears or firearms.
- Use of electrical, electronic, sonic or ultrasonic devices capable of influencing fish movement.

Illegal activities not only affect fish populations but can also affect other wildlife.

We encourage you to please report any suspected cases of illegal activity to **1300 INFISH** as soon as possible.

## River and Lake Fishery rules

### River fisheries rules

- a daily bag limit of five (5) fish
- a minimum size limit of 220 mm
- open to all fishing methods
- a season of 1/8/20 - 2/5/21

**Unless listed in the table** on pages 27-34.

### Lake fisheries rules

- a minimum size limit of 300 mm
- a daily bag limit of 12 fish
- open to all fishing methods
- a season of 1/8/20 - 2/5/21

**Unless listed in the table** on pages 27-34.

Examples: Arthurs Lake, Lake Echo, Laughing Jack Lagoon, Pine Tier Lagoon, Wayatinah Lagoon.

### Remember:

- A daily bag limit of five (5) fish applies to Atlantic salmon.
- A daily bag limit of two (2) fish applies to brook trout.

Even if the total bag limit for the water you are fishing is 12, it can only include five (5) Atlantic salmon and two (2) brook trout

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## River and Lake Fishery Exceptions

KEY: Fishing method: A-Artificial lure, B - Bait, F - Fly

Water	Open season	Fishing method	Size limit (mm)	Bag limit
Big Lagoon (Bruny Island)	1/8/20 – 2/5/21	A B F	300 (only 2 over 500)	5
Big Waterhouse Lake	1/8/20 – 2/5/21	A B F	300 (only 2 over 500)	5
Blackmans Lagoon	1/8/20 – 2/5/21	A B F	300 (only 2 over 500)	5
Bradys Lake	1/8/20 – 2/5/21	A B F	300 (only 2 over 500)	5
Briseis Hole	1/8/20 – 2/5/21	A B F	300 (only 2 over 500)	5
Bronte Lagoon	1/8/20 – 2/5/21	A F	300	12
Bruisers Lagoon	1/8/20 – 2/5/21	F	400 (only 1 over 500)	2
Brumbys Creek - upstream from Weir 1	1/8/20 – 2/5/21	A F	220	5
Brumbys Creek - downstream from Weir 1 to the junction with the Macquarie River	1/8/20 – 30/5/21	A B F	220	5
Brushy Lagoon	All year From 1hr before sunrise to 3hrs after sunset	A B F	300 (only 2 over 500)	5
Camden Dam	1/8/20 – 2/5/21 From 1hr before sunrise to 3hrs after sunset	A B F	300 (only 2 over 500)	5
Camerons Lagoon	1/8/20 – 2/5/21	A B F	400 (only 1 over 500)	2
Craigbourne Dam	All year From 1hr before sunrise to 3hrs after sunset	A B F	300 (only 2 over 500)	5

Water	Open season	Fishing method	Size limit (mm)	Bag limit
Curries River Reservoir	1/8/20 – 2/5/21 From 1hr before sunrise to 3hrs after sunset	A B F	300 (only 2 over 500)	5
Dee Lagoon	3/10/20 – 30/5/21	A F	300 (only 2 over 500)	5
Four Springs Lake	1/8/20 – 2/5/21 From 1hr before sunrise to 3hrs after sunset	A B F	300 (only 2 over 500)	5
yingina/Great Lake – except Canal Bay and Tods Corner	All year	A B F	300 brown trout/400 rainbow trout	12 (only 3 rainbow trout)
yingina/Great Lake – Canal Bay enclosed by grid ref. 47605 E 5362584N & 475072E 5361781N	28/11/20 - 28/3/21	A F	300 brown trout/400 rainbow trout	12 (only 3 rainbow trout)
yingina/Great Lake – Tods Corner enclosed by grid ref. E 481761 N 5354650 & E 481847 N 5356012	All year	A F	300 brown trout/400 rainbow trout	12 (only 3 rainbow trout)
Guide Reservoir	1/8/20 – 2/5/21	A B F	300 (only 2 over 500)	5
Gunns Lake	1/8/20 – 2/5/21	A B F	300 (only 2 over 500)	5
Huntsman Lake	All year From 1hr before sunrise to 3hrs after sunset	A B F	220	20
Huon River, downstream of the Huonville Bridge	All year	A B F	220	5
Lake Barrington	All year	A B F	300 (only 2 over 500)	5
Lake Binney	1/8/20 – 2/5/21	A B F	300 (only 2 over 500)	5
Lake Burbury	All year	A B F	220	20

Water	Open season	Fishing method	Size limit (mm)	Bag limit
Lake Crescent	1/8/20 – 2/5/21 From 1hr before sunrise to 3hrs after sunset	A F	400 (only 1 over 500)	2
Lake Dulverton	1/8/20 – 2/5/21	A B F	300 (only 2 over 500)	5
Lake Duncan	1/8/20 – 2/5/21	A B F	300 (only 2 over 500)	5
Lake Gordon	1/8/20 – 2/5/21	A F	220	20
Lake Isandula	1/8/20 – 2/5/21	A B F	300 (only 2 over 500)	5
Lake Kara	1/8/20 – 2/5/21	A B F	300 (only 2 over 500)	5
Lake King William	All year	A B F	220	20
Lake Leake	1/8/20 – 2/5/21	A F	300 (only 2 over 500)	5
Lake Lynch	1/8/20 – 2/5/21	A B F	300 (only 2 over 500)	5
Lake Mackintosh	1/8/20 – 2/5/21	A B F	300	12
Lake Mikany	Closed (due to TasWater maintenance works)			
Lake Pedder	All year	A F	220	20
Lake Plimsoll	1/8/20 – 2/5/21	A B F	300	2
Lake Rolleston	1/8/20 – 2/5/21	A B F	300	2
Lake Rosebery	1/8/20 – 2/5/21	A B F	300	12
Lake Rowallan	3/10/20 – 30/5/21	A B F	300	12
Lake Selina	1/8/20 – 2/5/21	A B F	300	2
Lake Skinner	3/10/20 – 30/5/21	A F	300 (only 2 over 500)	5
Lake Sorell	1/8/20 - 2/5/21	A F	300	12
	Lake Sorell may be closed from time to time at short notice - check <a href="http://www.ifs.tas.gov.au">www.ifs.tas.gov.au</a>			
Lake St Clair	1/8/20 – 2/5/21	A F	300	12
Lamberts Dam	1/8/20 – 2/5/21	A B F	300 (only 2 over 500)	5

Water	Open season	Fishing method	Size limit (mm)	Bag limit
Lauriston Reservoir	1/8/20 – 2/5/21	A B F	300 (only 2 over 500)	5
Little Lake	1/8/20 – 2/5/21	A B F	300 (only 2 over 500)	5
Little Pine Lagoon	1/8/20 – 2/5/21	F	300 (only 2 over 500)	5
Little Waterhouse Lake	1/8/20 – 2/5/21	A B F	300 (only 2 over 500)	5
Macquarie River - downstream from its junction with Brumbys Creek to the South Esk River	1/8/20 – 30/5/21	A B F	220	5
Meadowbank Lake	All year	A B F	300 (only 2 over 500)	5
Meander River - downstream from the bridge on Selbourne Road to the South Esk River	1/8/20 – 30/5/21	A B F	220	5
Mersey River; upstream of Lake Rowallan to TWWHA boundary at 432004E 5368027N	3/10/20 – 30/5/21	A B F	220	5
Mersey River; upstream of TWWHA boundary at 432004E 5368027N	3/10/20 – 30/5/21	A F	220	5
National Parks - all rivers (except the upper Mersey and Weld (south) rivers)	1/8/20 – 2/5/21	A F	220	5
kanamaluka / River Tamar; downstream of the South Esk River (A7) and North Esk River (A8) road bridges	All year	A B F	220	5

Water	Open season	Fishing method	Size limit (mm)	Bag limit
Penstock Lagoon	1/8/20 – 2/5/21	F	400 (only 1 over 500)	2
Pet Reservoir	1/8/20 – 2/5/21	A B F	300 (only 2 over 500)	5
Pioneer Lake	All year	A B F	300 (only 2 over 500)	5
Plenty River; next to the Salmon Ponds, reserved for anglers with eligible disabilities	1/8/20 – 2/5/21	A B F	220	1
Risdon Brook Reservoir; reserved for anglers with eligible disabilities	1/8/20 – 2/5/21	A F	300 (only 2 over 500)	5
River Derwent, downstream of the New Norfolk Bridge	All year	A B F	220	5
River Leven, downstream of Whisky Creek	All year	A B F	220	5
River Leven, upstream of the Loongana Road Bridge	3/10/20 – 30/5/21	A B F	220	5
Rossarden Dam	1/8/20 – 2/5/21	A B F	300 (only 2 over 500)	5
Rostrevor Reservoir	1/8/20 – 2/5/21	A B F	300 (only 2 over 500)	5
Shannon Lagoon	1/8/20 – 2/5/21	A B F	300 (only 2 over 500)	5
South Esk River - downstream from the bridge on Storys Creek Road at Avoca to Beams Hollow upstream of Lake Trevallyn, delineated by a straight line between grid reference 506358E 5406426N and 506467E 5406414N	1/8/20 – 30/5/21	A B F	220	5

Water	Open season	Fishing method	Size limit (mm)	Bag limit
South Riana Dam	1/8/20 – 2/5/21 From 1hr before sunrise to 3hrs after sunset	A B F	300 (only 2 over 500)	5
St Clair Lagoon	1/8/20 – 2/5/21	A F	300 (only 2 over 500)	5
Talbots Lagoon	1/8/20 – 2/5/21 From 1hr before sunrise to 3hrs after sunset	A B F	300 (only 2 over 500)	5
Tooms Lake	1/8/20 – 2/5/21	A B F	300 (only 2 over 500)	5
Tungatinah Lagoon	1/8/20 – 2/5/21	A B F	300 (only 2 over 500)	5
TWWHA - all rivers except the upper Mersey River and the Weld River- South upstream of grid reference 473359E 5238592N	1/8/20 – 2/5/21	A F	220	5
Weld River – North, upstream of grid reference 575769E 5443349N	3/10/20 – 30/5/21	A B F	220	5
Weld River – South, upstream of grid reference 473359E 5238592N	3/10/20 – 30/5/21	A F	220	5
Weld River – South, upstream of grid reference 479455 E 5234171N	3/10/20 – 30/5/21	A B F	220	5
Woods Lake	1/8/20 – 2/5/21	A B F	300 (only 2 over 500)	5



## Western Lakes

The Western Lakes is defined as the Central Plateau Conservation Area west of the A5 Lakes Road and the Walls of Jerusalem National Park.

Water	Open season	Fishing method	Size limit (mm)	Bag limit
Western Lakes - all <b>lakes</b> (except the Nineteen Lagoons area, Clarence Lagoon and lakes Junction, McKenzie, Meston and Youd).	1/8/20 – 2/5/21	A F	300 (only 2 over 500)	5
Western Lakes - all <b>rivers</b> (except the upper Mersey River)	1/8/20 – 2/5/21	A F	220	5
Upper Mersey River and tributaries (upstream of TWWHA boundary at 432004E 5368027N)	3/10/20 – 30/5/21	A F	220	5
Clarence Lagoon	1/8/20 – 2/5/21	AF	300	2
Junction Lake	3/10/20 – 30/5/21	AF	300 (only 2 over 500)	5
Lake Mackenzie	1/8/20 – 2/5/21	AF Bait fishing handheld rod only	300 (only 2 over 500)	5
Lake Meston	3/10/20 – 30/5/21	AF	300 (only 2 over 500)	5
Lake Youd	3/10/20 – 30/5/21	AF	300 (only 2 over 500)	5



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### Western Lakes – Nineteen Lagoons

Water	Open season	Fishing method	Size limit (mm)	Bag limit
Carter Lakes	1/8/20 – 2/5/21	A F	420	2
Double Lagoon	1/8/20 – 2/5/21	A F	420	2
East Rocky Lagoon	1/8/20 – 2/5/21	F	n/a	0
Emma Tarns	1/8/20 – 2/5/21	A F	420	2
First Lagoon	1/8/20 – 2/5/21	A F	500	1
Howes Lagoon Bay	1/8/20 – 2/5/21	F	420	2
Lake Ada (including Ada Lagoon)	1/8/20 – 2/5/21	A F	300 (only 2 over 500)	5
Lake Agnes	1/8/20 – 2/5/21	A F	420	2
Lake Augusta	1/8/20 – 2/5/21	A F Bait fishing 1 handheld rod only	300 (only 2 over 500)	5
Lake Baillie	1/8/20 – 2/5/21	A F	420	2
Lake Botsford	1/8/20 – 2/5/21	A F	500	1
Lake Chipman	1/8/20 – 2/5/21	A F	420	2
Lake Dudley	1/8/20 – 2/5/21	A F	500	1
Lake Flora	1/8/20 – 2/5/21	A F	420	2
Lake Kay	1/8/20 – 2/5/21	F	300 (only 2 over 500)	5
Lake Paget	1/8/20 – 2/5/21	A F	420	2
Little Blue Lagoon	1/8/20 – 2/5/21	A F	420	2
O'Dells Lake	1/8/20 – 2/5/21	A F	420	2
Rocky Lagoon	1/8/20 – 2/5/21	F	420	2
Sandy Lake	1/8/20 – 2/5/21	A F	420	2
Second Lagoon	1/8/20 – 2/5/21	F	420	2
Talinah Lagoon	1/8/20 – 2/5/21	A F	420	2
Third Lagoon	1/8/20 – 2/5/21	A F	420	2
Tin Hut Lake	1/8/20 – 2/5/21	A F	500	1

## Boating information

A boat is a motorised boat or manually propelled vessels such as: kayaks, canoes, sit-on-tops and float-tubes.

### Boating in the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area (TWWHA)

Motorised boating is only allowed on Pillans and Julian lakes, Double Lagoon, lakes Ada, Augusta, Fergus (electric only), Mackenzie, Pedder, St Clair and the Gordon River.

### Fishing from a boat

The rules for fishing from a boat include the following:

- You cannot fish from a boat within 100 m of an angler fishing from the shore unless the boat is securely moored.
- You may only fish from a non-motorised boat at lakes Ashford, Bantic, Bellinger, Garcia, Lea, Camden Dam, and Ada and Talbots lagoons.
- You may not troll from a boat at Penstock and Little Pine lagoons.
- You may take fish from Weir No. 1 and Weir No. 3 on Brumbys Creek from a boat only propelled manually or by an electric motor.
- You may not fish from a boat in East Rocky Lagoon, Guide Reservoir, Howes Lagoon Bay, Lake Botsford, Carter Lakes, Lake Dudley, Pet Reservoir, Rocky Lagoon, above Weir 2 at Brumbys Creek and any tailrace, impoundment or tributary flowing into Weir 1 at Brumbys Creek.

- Only a boat propelled manually or by an electric motor can be used at Curries River Reservoir.

## **Responsible boating**

Anglers must:

- Make sure everyone is wearing a life jacket.
- Have up-to-date safety and emergency equipment.
- Obey speed limits.
- Not obstruct access to a boat ramp.

Anglers should:

- Take care, particularly in shallow water.
- Check their wash and 'if it's white, it's all right – if it's brown, slow down'.
- Use an appropriate size boat and low emission motor.
- Avoid using a drogue in shallow weedy areas.
- Check for and remove weed, mud and other debris from your boat and trailer between waters.

## **Boating on Penstock and Little Pine lagoons**

To protect the environment, please follow these regulations and recommendations.

Penstock Lagoon:

- Stay within the 5-knot speed limit regulation.
- Use outboard motors only in the designated central corridor.
- Use rowed/paddled or boats powered by electric motors outside the central corridor.
- Observe the non-motorised boating zone in Beginners Bay.

Little Pine Lagoon:

- Stay within the 5-knot speed limit regulation.
- Use electric motors, row or paddle north of a line running from the northern end of Bertrams Island to the western shore of the lagoon.

## Angling Safety

Fishing is not dangerous but safety around water is essential. Learn how to swim and practice wader safety. Fish with a friend and supervise junior anglers.

Check for emergency warnings.

Be prepared for the weather. Head to [www.bom.gov.au](http://www.bom.gov.au) or phone 1900 955 364.

Check the lake levels and river flows by heading to;

- Hydro Tasmania at [www.hydro.com.au/water](http://www.hydro.com.au/water)
- Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Waters and Environment at [www.dpipwe.tas.gov.au/water/water-data](http://www.dpipwe.tas.gov.au/water/water-data)
- The Bureau of Meteorology at [www.bom.gov.au](http://www.bom.gov.au)

## Inland Fisheries Officers

Fisheries Officers regularly patrol inland waters throughout Tasmania. Officers check that anglers are complying with the requirements of the *Inland Fisheries Act 1995*. They also collect important information about your catch and angling effort that helps guide fisheries management and planning.

## Report illegal fishing

If you suspect or see illegal fishing, report it on **1300 INFISH (1300 463 474)** or **0438 338 530** (Manager (Compliance)) as soon as possible. Let us know:

- the location, date and time of activity;
- description of activity and people involved;
- car/boat registrations; and
- Equipment being used.

You may remain anonymous and all information is confidential.

## Native fish species

Tasmania has 25 species of native freshwater fish. Twelve of these are wholly protected under the *Threatened Species Protection Act 1995*, including the Australian grayling and 11 species of galaxiid.

All species of freshwater crayfish including the giant freshwater crayfish (*Astacopsis gouldi*) are protected from fishing.

Heavy penalties apply for taking threatened or protected species.

## Protecting the fishery and the environment

We all have a responsibility to help protect the natural environment and the fishery through our actions, attitude and behaviour. Please:

- Respect other anglers and freshwater users.
- When wading, avoid soft sediments, weed beds and fragile plants.

- Do not use motorcycles, 4WD or ATV vehicles in wet, boggy or sensitive ecological areas.
- Do not litter – take your rubbish with you.
- Camp in designated camping areas.
- Light fires only in permitted areas. Make sure you completely extinguish all fires.
- Do not fell trees for firewood or destroy vegetation when making camp or collecting wattle grubs.
- Dispose of fish waste responsibly.
- Use toilets where provided. Otherwise, walk 100 m away from any water body, dig a 15 cm hole and bury your waste including the toilet paper.

## **Pest fish species**

Pest fish have the potential to cause significant environmental harm. Pest fish include European carp (*Cyprinus carpio*), all species of mainland yabby (*Cherax* spp.) and Eastern gambusia (*Gambusia holbrooki*). You cannot have any of these fish in your possession.

Goldfish (*Carassius auratus*), redfin perch (*Perca fluviatilis*) and tench (*Tinca tinca*) are also unwanted introduced pests and it is important to prevent any further spread of these species.

It is an offence to transport and release live fish into any inland water in Tasmania.

## **Keep out didymo**

To help prevent the introduction of the invasive algae didymo,

commonly known as rock snot, we ask anglers visiting or returning to Tasmania not to bring used fishing equipment that is damp, wet or contains water into the State.

It takes only a single cell of didymo in a drop of water to transfer this highly invasive pest. 'Check, Clean, Disinfect and Dry' anything used in freshwater.

## **River Derwent seafood warning**

Before eating fish caught from the River Derwent Estuary, including Browns River, check

[www.derwentestuary.org.au/fishing-and-seafood-safety/](http://www.derwentestuary.org.au/fishing-and-seafood-safety/)

## **Accessing waters across private land**

An Angling Licence does not provide right of access to rivers and dams in Tasmania.

If in doubt, obtain the landholder's permission and observe all safety warnings and directions.

We have negotiated foot access to some rivers and dams with private landowners.

Anglers using these formal access points should not:

- light fires,
- shoot,
- camp,
- litter,
- be accompanied by a dog,
- enter paddocks or trample crops,
- climb fences,
- cut timber,
- damage trees,
- disturb stock,



- leave gates other than as they find them (open or closed),
  - enter poppy crops, which are strictly enforced licensed areas.
- Anglers may only walk along the perimeter of crops.

## **Anglers Alliance Tasmania**

Anglers Alliance Tasmania (AAT) is the peak body for freshwater anglers. They seek to represent the interests of all Tasmanian and visiting licensed anglers.

Anglers are invited to visit the AAT website at [www.anglersalliance.org.au](http://www.anglersalliance.org.au) for more information or to view their webcams located at many popular waters.

## **Trout guides**

The use of an experienced and accredited guide can make the difference between success and failure for the visiting or novice angler. Tasmania offers professional guiding services from one- day fly fishing lessons for beginners through to fully guided expeditions.

Trout Guides and Lodges Tasmania Inc (TGALT) is the industry body whose members meet certified and audited accreditation standards, including the Tourism Council of Tasmania endorsement. For further information, assistance and bookings refer to [www.troutguidetasmania.com.au](http://www.troutguidetasmania.com.au).

## Disclaimer

This fishing code is not a comprehensive account or precise statement of the law. The legislation covering inland fisheries is contained within the *Inland Fisheries Act 1995* and subordinate legislation, which can be accessed at [www.thelaw.tas.gov.au](http://www.thelaw.tas.gov.au).

We make every attempt to ensure the accuracy and reliability of information published in this fishing code, but it should not be relied on as a substitute for formal advice from the originating bodies or Departments.

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# Tasmanian Tagged Trout Promotion

## Terms and Conditions:

**1** The Tasmanian Tagged Trout Promotion (Promotion) is being conducted by the Inland Fisheries Service (IFS) ABN 33 294 522 909.

**2** Entry is open to holders of a current angling licence under the *Inland Fisheries Act 1995*. Licenced junior anglers under 18 and children aged under 14 must have the permission of their parent or guardian to participate (Eligible Entrants).

**3** Employees and contractors of the IFS (including their immediate families) are ineligible to enter.

**4** The Promotion commences at 00:00, 1 August 2020 and ends at 23:59, 2 May 2021.

**5** The IFS will release five tagged brown trout, one each into Arthurs Lake, Lake Burbury, yingina / Great Lake, Lake Pedder and Lake Rowallan. The tags are blue and have unique identifying details.

**6** To win, Eligible Entrants must catch the tagged fish from the designated Promotion waters and contact the IFS to claim a prize within 72 hours of capture and no later than 17:00, 3 May 2021.

**7** Fish caught in the Promotion must be kept with tag intact for verification.

**8** Prizes will only be awarded for fish caught using a rod and line and in compliance with the *Inland Fisheries Act 1995* and subordinate legislation.

## Prizes

**9** Eligible Entrants that submit a fish with a valid tag will be able to claim a prize of \$10,000.

## Claiming a Prize

**10** To claim a prize an Eligible Entrant must:

- a. at the time the fish is caught:
  - o i. record the location, time and date that the fish was caught;
  - o ii. measure the length of the fish;
  - o iii. photograph the fish with the tag still in place; and
- b. phone 1300 IN FISH (1300 463 474) between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday, or email [infish@ifs.tas.gov.au](mailto:infish@ifs.tas.gov.au), within 72 hours of capture and no later than 17:00, 3 May 2021 to report your catch.

**11** IFS will provide Eligible Entrants with a Prize Claim Declaration Form. **12** The Prize Claim Declaration Form will require Eligible Entrants to confirm the date, time and location of the catch, tag unique identifying details and their compliance with these Terms and Conditions.

## Prize Verification

**13** Before awarding a prize, the IFS will verify the validity of entries and eligibility of entrants. The IFS may refuse to award a prize to any individual who the IFS reasonably believes has breached any of these terms or engaged in any unlawful or other improper conduct in participating in the Promotion.

**14** Prize winners will be notified within 14 days of the IFS receiving and verifying a Prize Claim Declaration Form.

**15** Winners agree to their details and image(s) being published by the IFS for non-commercial promotion and/or publicity purposes.

**16** Prize money will be paid to winners by electronic funds transfer within 28 days of the IFS notifying the winner that the Prize Claim Declaration Form has been verified.



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