

# Inland Fisheries Service

## *Report to anglers*



## March to May 2019

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### Hot topics

#### **Regulation changes to support the World Fly Fishing Championship 2019**

The World Fly Fishing Championship 2019 is coming to Tasmania this year between 30 November and 7 December. Teams from up to 30 countries will compete bringing an estimated 800 anglers and support crew. Competitors will fish in three lakes and two rivers.

The Government is supporting the event, to ensure it is one to remember. This support includes temporary regulation changes for the competition waters that aim to keep any disruption to a minimum.

We are progressing the following temporary legislative changes:

- The lake venues of Little Pine Lagoon, Penstock Lagoon and Woods Lake, will be closed to recreational fishing for the duration of the event from midnight on Sunday 1 December to midnight on Friday 6 December 2019 inclusive.
- The competition sections of the river venues will be closed to recreational fishing, from midnight on Sunday 24 November to midnight on Friday 6 December 2019 inclusive.
- The Mersey River downstream of the Olivers Road (on the C 138) bridge to Hoggs Bridge (on the C 153).
- The Meander River downstream from the Huntsman Lake dam to Barretts Bridge, Long Ridge Road (on the C 166).

You can read more information about the temporary regulations on this website or phone us on 1300 INFISH (463474).



### **Carp update**

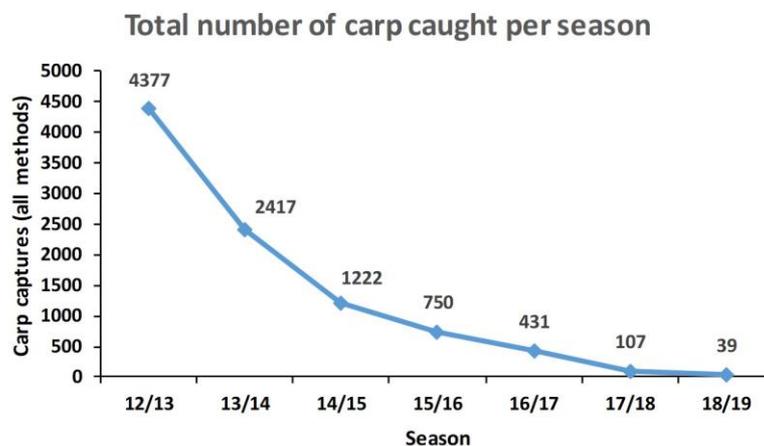
The Carp Management Program held its yearly Workshop on 9 May. We looked over the past year's work and started planning for the coming year.

The Workshop provided an update for the Minister responsible for Inland Fisheries, the Hon. Guy Barnett. The Minister offered his support and the team appreciated his words of encouragement.

The day involved presentations and discussions of different aspects of the data collected during 2018-19. This gave an understanding of how the carp removal is progressing, the findings for the season and what can be done to complete the eradication of carp from Tasmania.

Key findings were:

- No carp were found in Lake Crescent or downstream in the River Clyde.
- Carp are contained to Lake Sorell.
- No spawning or small carp were found in Lake Sorell.
- The fishing effort was more than last year but we caught less than a half of the number of carp. This shows that the carp population is being fished out.
- Studies of the "jelly gonad" disease which causes sterility is now affecting 50% of male carp caught.
- 41 491 carp have been removed from Lake Sorell since 1995.
- We now estimate that less than 20 carp remain in Lake Sorell.



### **New Trout fish Tasmania sticker**

The Trout fish Tasmania sticker has been very popular and can be seen widely within the angling community. We recently had well known artist, Trevor Hawkins, do concept work. We then worked with our design unit to come up with the great new sticker.

Get the new sticker and continue to show you are a proud member of our trout fishing community.



### **Trout Weekend 2019**

Trout Weekend 2019 was again very popular community event. The weather could not be better with 3167 people attending and enjoying the activities. The Minister responsible for Inland Fisheries attended on the Saturday and inducted Ken Orr into the Angling Hall of Fame. Congratulations Ken.

The event raised for the \$4860.40 Fisheries Habitat Improvement Fund which has now been reinvigorated.

### **Tasmania Trout Fishing Photo Competition winners announced**

On Saturday, at Trout Weekend, the Minister responsible for Inland Fisheries Hon. Guy Barnett announced the winners of the Tasmanian Trout Fishing Photo Competition for 2019. The judges found it difficult to choose from a range of high quality photos. The winners were:

- 1st Shaun Cooper
- 2nd Arnie Zinnoegger
- 3rd David Green
- 4th Nicholas Spencer

We would like to thank the sponsors - Fly 'n Dry Waders and Huey Lures.

### **1st Place - Shaun Cooper, Lake Fergus**



### **Anglers Access**

#### **River Access**

A working bee at Lanoma Estate on the Tyenna River was held on Saturday 23 March. A small area of dense willow infestation was targeted with drill and fill and frill cutting by the small number of volunteers who attended.

Anglers Access infrastructure inspections and maintenance has commenced on the Huon, Derwent, Tyenna, Lake and Macquarie Rivers and Brumbys Creek. All river access projects are to be inspected prior to the influx of anglers anticipated for the WFFC 2019.

The IFS conducted Anglers Access presentations to landowners at two Tamar Action Grant workshops held by NRM North at Deloraine and Launceston to provide information to landowners on the Anglers Access program.

#### **Brushy Lagoon**

The IFS recently completed works at Brushy Lagoon including placing large rocks on the dam wall to stop vehicles driving on, and damaging the dam, placing stepping stones from the dam crest to water level at a number of locations to provide enhanced foot access for anglers, removing sediment from the eastern boat ramp and re-gravelling the ramp and carpark. The road to the eastern ramp has been slashed and potholed.

#### **Four Springs Lake**

Maintenance to the accessible angling platform and canoe launch area was completed at Four Springs. Some settling and erosion of the angling platform has been stabilized and repaired. Vehicle access to the canoe launch slide has been improved following feedback from anglers.

#### **Camden Dam**

We recently inspected the Camden Dam construction site to check on progress with the dam and discuss plans for infrastructure and access for anglers with Tasmanian Irrigation. The dam construction is well under way and should be completed in June 2019. It is likely that the dam will fill in 2020 and become an important regional fishery being only 40 minutes drive from Launceston. Surveys of Camden Rivulet upstream of the dam indicate there should be good recruitment of both brown and rainbow trout into the fishery. IFS are working with Tasmanian Irrigation regarding vehicle parking, foot access, kayak access and installation of safety buoys within proximity of the spillway and dam structure to facilitate safe kayaking.

#### **Bushfire damaged signs**

IFS has replaced signage at popular waters damaged in the recent bushfires. Signs at Lake Echo, Great Lake, Huon River, Little Pine Lagoon and Penstock Lagoon have been repaired and or replaced.

### **Lake Leake**

IFS has contributed a further \$1000 to the upgrade of the Kalangadoo boat ramp. This work has been completed by Paul Evans and Mick Byrne and has included the removal of stumps, additional gravel donated by Sustainable Timber Tasmania placed on the ramp and clearing the channel next to the ramp.

### **Yingina/Great Lake**

IFS has completed a number of maintenance projects around yingina/Great Lake boat ramps including gravelling and grading the Swan Bay ramp access road, grooming and widening the Haddens Bay ramp on both sides of the rock groyne and gravelling the sides of the Brandum Bay ramp to eliminate the drop off.

### **Little Pine Lagoon**

The car parks at both boat ramps at Little Pine Lagoon have also received some much needed attention. The 'shack' ramp carpark has had the surface levelled, graveled and graded and the main ramp has been graded graveled and extended.



Improvements to Little Pine Lagoon shack boat ramp.

### **Lake Rowallan**

IFS has been assisting Hydro Tasmania and MAST to re-develop the launching area at Lake Rowallan. Site works commenced on 22nd May 2019 and should be complete by Friday 31st May. The intention is to create a launching area that will operate from full supply level down to -13m below full supply level. It is great to see this project underway as it has been on our wish list since 2013.

## **Native Fish Conservation**

### **Saddled Galaxias at Woods Lake**



We did a survey for the saddled galaxias at Woods Lake in early April 2019. This was a follow up on two previous surveys during October and December 2018, as the population of this fish has declined greatly over the past year.

Unfortunately, we found only 16 saddled galaxias, where we would normally find 80 – 90. This result confirms the population numbers remain extremely low. The reasons for this are likely to be a combination of factors, including improved water clarity and interaction with the trout and eel populations. We did not find any of the Arthurs Lake galaxias, however this species was present in the previous two surveys. We will be examining our management options for this water to assist in the recovery of the saddled galaxias.

### **Penstock Lagoon – galaxiids**

At Penstock Lagoon we monitored the populations of the galaxiids. Three species of galaxiids were found during the survey that included the two threatened species, the Shannon paragalaxias and the Great Lake paragalaxias, along with the common spotted galaxias. The results from the survey were similar to the past few years, with 47 Shannon paragalaxias, 17 spotted galaxias and one Great Lake paragalaxias captured.

### **Swan galaxias monitoring**

During February 2019 we surveyed nine sites in the eastern region of the State for the Swan galaxias. Just two out of the nine sites held any Swan galaxias, with these two sites holding good numbers of fish across a range of sizes. At the Cygnet River, the climbing galaxias has become well established and has displaced the Swan galaxias population. The long term translocated Swan galaxias population at the upper Blue Tier Creek appears to have been lost. This absence is most likely due to a large flood event causing downstream dispersal of fish below an instream barrier, therefore preventing any recolonisation of the original site.

## **Trout Management**

### **Fisheries Performance Assessment – Bradys Lake System**

With the River Derwent fish trap at Lake King William capturing good numbers of brown trout, we have been busy weighing, measuring, tagging and fin-clipping thousands of fish. A total of 7,000 fish are destined for the Bradys Lake system with 3,500 tagged fish to be released into Bradys Lake, with a further 2,800 fin-clipped fish released into Lake Binney and 700 fin-clipped fish for Tungatinah Lagoon. These tagged and fin-clipped fish will allow us to undertake an assessment of the trout population within the Bradys system. This will let us:



Tagged brown trout released into Bradys Lake have a numbered green tag

- estimate the size of the brown trout population,
- examine the recruitment of young fish,
- examine the movement of fish between waters, and
- over the next few years assess the growth and survival of tagged fish.

It will also provide us with an idea of the contribution these fish make to anglers' catches. We will also be examining the redfin perch population by looking at total numbers of redfin captured and the range of sizes in the population.

We plan to complete the survey prior to the opening of the 2019-20 fishing season, with the results assessed and reported later 2019.

The brown trout released into the Brady's Lakes have green T Bar tags. Anglers are encouraged to report the capture of any tagged fish by phoning or emailing the IFS. Our Officers will be checking angler's catches to see how many tagged and fin-clipped fish are being captured.

### **Fisheries Performance Assessment – Shannon Lagoon**

During June 2017, we collected 500 fish from the River Derwent fish trap at Lake King William. They were tagged and transferred into Shannon Lagoon. On 14-15 May 2019 we surveyed Shannon Lagoon to see how these fish were going.

Over one night of trapping, we captured 43 brown trout. Of these fish, seven were tagged (16%). These tagged fish were mostly around 250-290 grams when initially released in 2017. All but two of these seven fish when recaptured last week, were over 1kg (see the table below).

<b>Tag No</b>	<b>Release weight (g) Year 2017</b>	<b>Capture weight (g) Year 2019</b>	<b>Gain in weight</b>
2 567	250	650	400
2 540	260	1 120	860
2 291	220	1 387	1 167
2 084	270	980	710
2 138	290	1 047	757
2 556	290	1 128	838
2 350	430	1 150	720
<b>Average weight (g)</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>1 066</b>	<b>800</b>

*Tagged fish collected from River Derwent trap and released into Shannon Lagoon in 2017, and examined again in May 2019.*

The average weight for the tagged fish was 1,066 grams, meaning they had increased in weight by almost 800 grams. One fish had grown from 220 grams to almost 1.4kg. The average weight for the non-tagged resident fish was 1,107 grams. Of all the fish captured, one third were between 1.25kg and 1.75kg, with the largest fish weighing 2.1kg!

Back in 2017 when these fish were released, they represented 24 percent of the catch, while this year (2019) they represented 16 percent. This shows us they surviving well, growing and in good condition.

So if you have an afternoon to spare during the fishing season, try a session at Shannon Lagoon, you may be surprised at the size and the quality of your catch. If you catch a tagged fish, let us know the weight and length by emailing [infish@ifs.tas.gov.au](mailto:infish@ifs.tas.gov.au) or phone 6165 3808.



*Brown trout caught in recent Shannon Lagoon survey were in good condition*

### **Stocking**

The trap at Liawenee (from yingina/Great Lake) was set up on 8-April-2019. Steady flow in the main canal, was enough for the first adult brown trout of the season to run into our trap. Due to good flows, the trap on the River Derwent, Lake King William was set up 11-April 19. To begin with, small numbers only, entered this trap. The Sandbanks and Tumbledown traps were set on the 7 May 2019, when stream flows had become good enough to encourage fish into the traps.

By the end of May, 10,420 brown trout had entered the Liawenee trap. There are currently fish in the trap and we are expecting more to arrive. The River Derwent trap at Lake King William has caught 3,811 brown trout to date. The trap is holding around 2000 more fish at present. We are preparing for more tagging and fin clipping as part of a Brady's System Fisheries Performance Assessment.

Patchy rain in the Sandbanks Creek and Arthurs Lake catchments has seen a small number of fish run into each trap. Sandbanks 1,009 fish and Tumbledown trap 694. The Arthurs Lake fish once counted will continue on their spawning migration. Scotch Bobs and Hydro creeks, still don't have enough flow to warrant activating the traps.

Our annual rainbow trout stocking program has also commenced. The Huon Aquaculture Company contracted to grow the IFS 15,000 yearling rainbow trout for stocking into allocated public fisheries is well underway (see *stocking list below*).

### Stocking summary for March to May 2019

Water	Date	Species	Stock	Number	Origin	size (gm)
Frombergs Dam	20-Mar-19	rainbow trout	Domestic	71	Mountain Stream Fishery	310
Taylor's Dam	20-Mar-19	rainbow trout	Domestic	71	Mountain Stream Fishery	310
Longford Junior Angling Pond	20-Mar-19	rainbow trout	Domestic	71	Mountain Stream Fishery	310
Craigbourne Dam	5-Apr-19	Atlantic salmon	Domestic	92	Huon Aquaculture Company, New Norfolk	12000
Lake Crescent	10-Apr-19	brown trout	Wild	250	Liawenee Canal	850
Lake Crescent	12-Apr-19	brown trout	Wild	500	Liawenee Canal	850
Lake Crescent	17-Apr-19	brown trout	Wild	250	Liawenee Canal	850
Craigbourne Dam	17-Apr-19	brown trout	Wild	250	Liawenee Canal	850
Brushy Lagoon	17-Apr-19	brown trout	Wild	125	Liawenee Canal	850
Brushy Lagoon	18-Apr-19	brown trout	Wild	1,050	Liawenee Canal	850
Penstock Lagoon	19-Apr-19	brown trout	Wild	135	River Derwent, Lake King William	600
Penstock Lagoon	23-Apr-19	brown trout	Wild	1,003	Liawenee Canal	850
Penstock Lagoon	24-Apr-19	brown trout	Wild	754	Liawenee Canal	850
Penstock Lagoon	26-Apr-19	brown trout	Wild	750	Liawenee Canal	850
Penstock Lagoon	27-Apr-19	brown trout	Wild	250	Liawenee Canal	850
Lake Binney	28-Apr-19	brown trout	Wild	139	River Derwent, Lake King William	500
Penstock Lagoon	30-Apr-19	brown trout	Wild	125	Liawenee Canal	850
Lake Leake	30-Apr-19	brown trout	wild	1,050	Liawenee Canal	850
Bradys Lake	7-May-19	brown trout	Wild	250	River Derwent, Lake King William	500
Curries River Dam	8-May-19	brown trout	Wild	1,175	Liawenee Canal	850
Blackmans Lagoon	9-May-19	brown trout	Wild	250	Liawenee Canal	850
Blackmans Lagoon	10-May-19	brown trout	Wild	250	Liawenee Canal	850
Tooms Lake	13-May-19	brown trout	Wild	1,100	Liawenee Canal	850
Four Springs Lake	13-May-19	brown trout	Wild	251	Sandbanks Creek	850
Bradys Lake	14-May-19	brown trout	Wild	750	River Derwent, Lake King William	500
Four Springs Lake	15-May-19	brown trout	Wild	250	Sandbanks Creek	850
Bradys Lake	16-May-19	brown trout	Wild	309	River Derwent, Lake King William	500
Lake Binney	16-May-19	brown trout	Wild	250	River Derwent, Lake King William	500
Four Springs Lake	17-May-19	brown trout	Wild	250	Sandbanks Creek	800
Carter Lakes	18-May-19	brown trout	Wild	200	Liawenee Canal	850
Four Springs Lake	20-May-19	brown trout	Wild	888	Liawenee Canal	850
Four Springs Lake	20-May-19	brown trout	Wild	170	Sandbanks Creek	800
Lake Binney	21-May-19	brown trout	Wild	1,978	River Derwent, Lake King William	500
Lake Leake	22-May-19	rainbow trout	Domestic	2,013	Huon Aquaculture Company, Millybrook	500
Brushy Lagoon	23-May-19	rainbow trout	Domestic	1,500	Huon Aquaculture Company, Millybrook	500
Lake Kara	23-May-19	rainbow trout	Domestic	524	Huon Aquaculture Company, Millybrook	500
Lake Botsford	23-May-19	brown trout	Wild	200	Liawenee canal	800
Lake Lynch	24-May-19	brown trout	Wild	30	Sandbanks Creek	800
Lake Duncan	24-May-19	brown trout	Wild	30	Sandbanks Creek	800
Four Springs Lake	27-May-19	rainbow trout	Domestic	1,500	Huon Aquaculture Company, Millybrook	500
Pet Reservoir	27-May-19	rainbow trout	Domestic	500	Huon Aquaculture Company, Millybrook	500
Penstock Lagoon	28-May-19	rainbow trout	Domestic	1,500	Huon Aquaculture Company, Millybrook	500
Dee Lagoon	28-May-19	rainbow trout	Domestic	1,000	Huon Aquaculture Company, Millybrook	500
Tooms Lake	29-May-19	rainbow trout	Domestic	1,500	Huon Aquaculture Company, Millybrook	500

Trout stocking from the fish traps March – 29 May 2019

### ***Rainbow trout spawning***

In January, we inspected the zig-zag and long channels of Liawenee Canal, yingina/Great Lake which is spawning habitat reserved for rainbow trout. We support their spawning to boost the population within yingina/Great Lake. The inspection showed good numbers of fry had successfully hatched. We collected a small number of these wild rainbow trout fry and stocked them into Little Blue Lagoon in the Western Lakes. We carried the fry in oxygenated bags into the lagoon and they released well.

## **Carp Management Program**

### ***Juvenile carp surveys***

The annual Lake Crescent juvenile carp survey took place on 6 March 2019. This survey aims to make sure carp have not made their way back into Lake Crescent, and to look for any sign of spawning. We have not seen Carp in Lake Crescent since 2007, but we do surveys every year to check.

We focused on areas that carp like. These include rocky or sandy shores and spaces with lots of weed. We fished fourteen areas around the lake using backpack electro-shockers. We caught short-finned eels and golden galaxias but no carp.

A couple of weeks later, from 18 to 22 March, we did the Lake Sorell juvenile carp survey. This survey was to check for any carp spawning over the past few months.

Sixty-six fyke nets were set around the lake near weed beds and parts of the shore where we have caught small carp before. Twenty sites were fished using backpack electro-shockers. Again, we caught many eels and golden galaxias but no juvenile carp. This is a great outcome and means that we can focus on catching the last few adult carp in Lake Sorell.

We also recently surveyed the River Clyde for carp. The survey looks at sites with ideal carp habitat around Bothwell and Hamilton. The aim is to make sure there are no carp in the River Clyde. We have done the survey every year since we first found carp in lakes Crescent and Sorell in 1995.

We surveyed three sites on the River Clyde using backpack electro fishers:

- The Nant Bridge
- Bothwell sewage works; and
- The Hamilton Weir.

We caught 27 redbfin perch, 36 tench, 35 brown trout, 60 eels; and importantly, no carp!



The juvenile carp survey in Lake Sorell found no carp

## Pest Fish

### ***Cherax destructor (mainland yabby)***

Follow up surveys for the mainland yabby at Lake Lynch following eradication treatment during February 2017, indicate this action has been successful. No yabbies have been found during two surveys in February 2018 and 2019.

## Fisheries compliance

### ***Compliance statistics from 1/7/2018 to 3/5/2019***

During this period we have achieved:

- 3467 angling licence inspections
- 111 whitebait licence inspections
- 633 recreational vessel inspections under Marine and Safety legislation.
- 7 Commercial fishing inspections
- 5 search warrants conducted
- 8.5 kilograms of whitebait seized
- 8 whitebait nets seized
- 3 Lobster traps seized
- 2 Cray rings seized
- 11 defendants convicted of 32 offences in the Magistrates Court.
- 147 offences detected and dealt with via Infringement and/or Conditional Caution notices.

- \$23894.06 in court fines so far this period.
- \$17257.00 in infringement notice fines so far this period.
- \$62891.56 in offences from all sources so far this period.
- 15 notices of disqualification are current, preventing offenders from holding a recreational whitebait licence for a combined 65 years.



Fisheries Officer Paul Middleton checking angling licences

Our Compliance Operations since the last update (31 January 2019) have been focused on checking anglers in the Central Highlands, West and North West Coast, which traditionally sees a sharp increase in angler participation through the summer months. Work has also been done within the Commercial Eel Fishery sector, along with threatened species (Giant Freshwater Crayfish) and pest fish compliance.

Fires throughout the State during the months of January and February 2019 saw a marked decrease in angler activity throughout Tasmania. This was chiefly due to travel warnings and road closures, combined with evacuations of key fishing locations during the period. This inertia continued through the months of March and April, with decreased numbers of anglers inspected during the Easter / ANZAC Day break and weekend marking the closure of the Brown Trout waters.

On 9 April 2019 afternoon, we took a moment to say thank you to Stephen Hepworth who retired from the Inland Fisheries Service last year.

We wanted to recognise the 18 years of valued service he gave to IFS, with the last 10 years as the Manager of Compliance and Operations.

Stephen was the beneficiary of one of the largest known 'crowdfunding' efforts from our workplace. We wanted to ensure Stephen's retirement lifestyle reflected the effort he exerted while working with us. A reproduction of his favourite painting of yingina/Great Lake was the centerpiece of our gift giving.

On behalf of all of us at IFS, we wish Stephen and his lovely wife, Betty, all the best for their adventures together in retirement bliss.

The Manager – Compliance role previously held by Stephen, was advertised with interviews held in March. We are pleased to announce Steve Paterson, our Liawenee Fisheries Officer, was the successful applicant and commenced in the role on 18 April 2019. Steve has an extensive background in law enforcement, including fisheries compliance roles with Tasmania Police Marine Division and the Inland Fisheries Service. He has over 29 years' experience in enforcement, organisational development, training / mentoring and international law and justice development. We welcome him to the leadership team and look forward to his continued development of the compliance function to meet the challenges of the future.

### **Prosecution Offences**

1. Zane Tiger PANTON of Norwood was convicted on 4/2/19 in the Launceston Magistrates Court of take acclimatised fish without a licence, make false or misleading statement, fail to comply with a requirement of a fisheries officer and 2 counts of abuse a fisheries officer. The charges arose from a fisheries check at Brushy Lagoon and then a visit at the defendant's home from 3 May – 9 June 2018. Mr Panton pleaded guilty, was fined \$650 and ordered to pay \$83.74 in court costs.
2. Nicholas John CLARKE of Cressy, Bradley Michael HINDS of Woolnorth and Scott Trevor VOCKE of Cressy were convicted on 4/2/19 in the Launceston Magistrates Court of take acclimatised fish without a licence, take fish by means other than a rod and line, use light to facilitate the taking of fish, possess light for the purpose of facilitating the taking of fish, disturb spawning fish and failing to comply with a ministerial order relating to the taking of fish. The charges arose from Fisheries Officer's detecting the defendants at Sandbanks Creek, Great Lake on 16 June 2018. They pleaded guilty and were each fined \$600 and ordered to pay \$83.74 in court costs.
3. Dylan Luke McCullagh of Blessington was convicted on 16/4/19 in the Launceston Magistrates Court of use light to facilitate the taking of fish, possess light for the purpose of facilitating the taking of fish and disturb spawning fish. The charges arose from Fisheries Officer's detecting the defendant with CLARKE, HINDS and VOCKE at Sandbanks Creek, Great Lake on 16 June 2018. He pleaded guilty, was fined \$500 and ordered to pay \$3.16 in court costs.

### Magistrates Court Offence Convictions

Prosecution offences (Magistrates Court)	Number
Induce another person to commit an offence under the Inland Fisheries Act 1995.	3
Take excess whitebait	1
Use net other than landing net or seine net at inland waters	1
Possess net other than landing net or seine net at inland waters	2
Take whitebait without a whitebait licence	2
Possess whitebait without a whitebait licence	3
Fail to comply with Ministerial order under the <i>Inland Fisheries Act 1995</i> relating to the taking of whitebait	1
In charge of motorboat without licence	1
Fail to carry minimum safety equipment on vessel	1
Breach of bail	1
Fail to comply with requirement of officer	1
Make false or misleading statement	2
Take protected fish	6
Possess freshwater crayfish	9
Abuse officer	2
Take acclimatised fish without a licence	5
Take fish by means other than a rod and line	3
Use light to facilitate the taking of fish	4
Possess light for the purpose of facilitating the taking of fish	1
Disturb spawning fish	4
Fail to comply with a ministerial order relating to the taking of fish	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>56</b>

Compliance operations have detected and dealt with 147 offences so far during the 2018-19 angling season:

- 70 committed under the Inland Fisheries Act 1995; and
- 77 committed under the Marine and Safety Authority Act 1997

Of the 3467 angling licence inspections conducted, 97.98% of these people found to be complying with all Inland Fisheries rules.

Boating safety continues to be an area of concern, with 633 vessels checked so far this angling season. Out of these 35 people (5.53% of vessels checked) were found to be failing to wear their required PFD, whilst 23 vessels (3.63% of vessels checked) were found to be failing to carry the minimum required safety equipment.

Offences	Infringement Notice Offence	Infringement notice offences endorsed as Conditional Caution	Total	Detection Rate (total/number of checks undertaken)
Taking acclimatised or indigenous fish without an angling licence	19	13	32	0.92
Possessing assembled rod, reel and line without an angling licence	3	7	10	0.29
Possess or use net other than landing net or seine net at inland waters	4	0	4	0.12
Not complying with Ministerial order about taking fish-closed water	0	7	7	0.20
Taking > 2 salmon > 500mm in length	1	0	1	0.03
Using bait in artificial only water	0	1	1	0.03
Fishing with more rods and lines than endorsed on licence	4	2	6	0.17
Possess whitebait without whitebait licence	1	0	1	0.03
Take undersized fish-regulation 16(1) and (2)	2	1	3	0.09
Take fish by means other than rod and line	0	1	1	0.03
Fail to comply with conditions of a Commercial Freshwater Fishing Licence	0	4	4	N/A

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Offences	Infringement Notice Offence	Infringement notice offences endorsed as Conditional Caution	Total	Detection Rate (total/number of checks undertaken)
Fail to wear PFD on vessel under 6 meters while underway	30	2	32	5.05
Use motor boat without licence	2	1	3	0.47
Use unregistered motor boat	2	0	2	0.32
Fail to wear PFD on lightweight craft	3	0	3	0.47
Exceed 5 knot speed limit in restricted area	0	4	4	0.63
Fail to carry minimum safety equipment	1	22	23	3.63
Fail to comply with directions of officer	1	0	1	0.16
Fail to affix registration label	0	3	3	0.47
Fail to display registration number	0	6	6	0.94
<b>Total</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>147</b>	

## Club events, meetings and dinners

31 March

- Anglers Alliance Tasmania meeting.

15 April

- Fly Tyers Club of Tasmania

8 May

- Clarence Angling Club meeting

9 May

- Carp Workshop

25 May

- North West Fly Fishing Club Tasmania

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