

# Inland Fisheries Service

## *Report to anglers*



## March to May 2018

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## Hot topics

### **Trout Weekend 2018**

The crowds turned out for Trout weekend 2018. Over 1800 people came on Saturday 19 and around 1200 on Sunday 20 May.

The weather was kind on the Saturday but windier and a little wet on the Sunday.

There were plenty of spawning brown trout to see this year with the run having started in early April due to favorable rains.

A few bigger trout from Lake Crescent proved popular with visitors, as did the numerous displays and activities.



IFS Staff member, Paul Middleton, with a Lake Crescent brown trout at Trout Weekend 2018

The Minister responsible for Inland Fisheries, Sarah Courtney, attended the event where she announced the Governments Policy Commitment to freeze trout licences at 2017-18 prices. Sarah was able to meet many of the local anglers and took up the opportunity to “strip” a fish of ova.

Trout Weekend 2018 was a great success and a tribute to the efforts of everyone involved in the planning, lead up and delivery of the event.

### **Tasmanian Trout Fishing Photo Competition**

This is the second year we have run Tasmanian Trout Fishing Photography Competition.

Prizes offered were:

- 1<sup>st</sup> \$500.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> a pair of pair neoprene waders (kindly donated by Fly ‘n Dry).
- 3<sup>rd</sup> 12 lures (kindly donated by Huey’s Lures).

Photos didn’t have to contain a fish. They could be a favourite fishing spot, artfully placed gear or fishing with family, friends or a mate.

Entry was free and opened on national Gone Fishing Day, Sunday 15 October 2017 and closed following the close of the brown trout season on Monday 30 April 2018.

Forty eight individuals entered 181 photos.

The Minister announced the winners at Trout Weekend 2018.

The winning entry was a rare action shot of a tiger snake eating a small brown trout in the Western Lakes, taken by Bruce Deagle (below).



Second prize, for the second year running, went to David Green for his close up photo of a brown trout feeding in the Tyenna River (below).



Third prize, with a wonderful photo of reflections on Lake Rosebery, including Mt Murchison, went to Anne Sweeney (below).



### **Adult brown trout transfers from Central Highlands spawning runs**

The brown trout spawning migration is well underway in the Central Highland. With this comes the annual adult transfers to other waters around the State.

Sometimes natural recruitment cannot sustain a wild population. We assist these fisheries with fish stocking using wild fish whenever possible.

We have transferred 12 365 fish to date. Waters stocked include:

- Bradys chain, 3 593.
- Four Springs Lake, 3 450.
- Lake Crescent, 2 000,
- Penstock Lagoon, 1 587.
- Tooms Lake, 1 000.

The fish from Liawenee Canal are in excellent condition and average 850 g, with the largest around 1.8 kg. Sandbanks Creek run started mid May with only 805 fish moved so far.

We have transferred 2 173 fish from the Derwent River (Lake King William) fish trap to the Bradys chain. The average weight is 400 g with the largest weighing in at 4.8 kg.

We are yet to transfer any fish from Arthurs Lake although we have trapped over 1 000. We released most of these fish above the trap as they were over the transfer threshold of 400 mm.



IFS work experience student Jack Schouten, from Scotch Oakburn College, helping to stock the Bradys chain.

### **New Government and Policy Commitments**

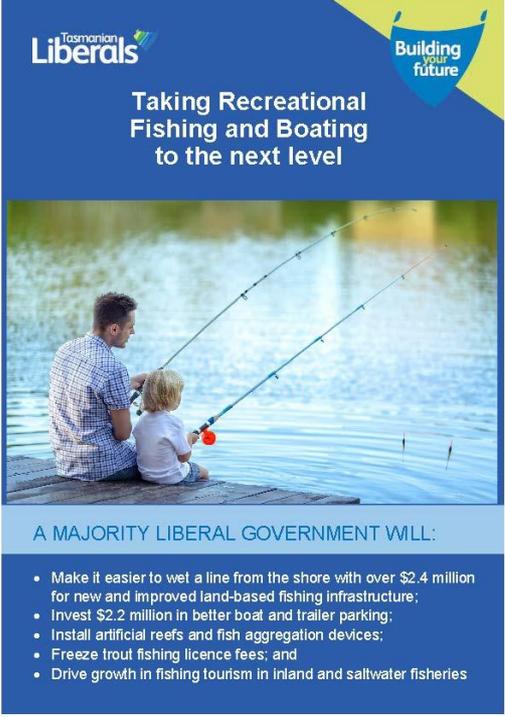
The Hodgman Liberal Government was elected for a second term at the March State Elections.

In a new look Cabinet, Sarah Courtney took over the Primary Industries and Water portfolio becoming the new Minister responsible for Inland Fisheries.

In the lead up to the election, there was a range of Policy Commitments aimed at “Growing our world-class inland fisheries – making it cheaper to go trout fishing”

Supporting participation and growth in Tasmania’s trout fishery, we have started implementing the following Policy Commitments:

- Cheaper to go trout fishing - The Government is providing \$300 000 to freeze inland trout fishing licences at 2017-18 prices for the next four years. This initiative will make it cheaper to go trout fishing. The funding provided will fully offset the revenue the Inland Fisheries Service would have otherwise received.
- Anglers Alliance Tasmania support - The Government is providing \$215 000 over four years to Anglers Alliance Tasmania, the peak group representing 26 000 trout anglers, to support its work to improve the trout fishery and support anglers.
- Marketing angling tourism – The Government is providing \$30 000 in 2018-19 to work with Trout Guides and Lodges Tasmania and Anglers Alliance Tasmania to market and promote angling tourism including the Trout Expo and capitalising on the international profile the World Fly Fishing Championship 2019 will bring to Tasmania’s trout fisheries.
- Anglers Access Program – The Government is providing \$200 000 from 2019-20 to 2021-22 to expand the Inland Fisheries Service’s (IFS) Anglers Access Program across priority lakes and rivers in the North West, North East, and Derwent Catchments in partnership with Anglers Alliance Tasmania and local angling clubs.
- Upgrading Amenities at High Visitation Trout Waters – The Government is providing \$300 000 over two years for the IFS, in collaboration with Anglers Alliance Tasmania and local authorities, to build and upgrade existing and new community amenities to support high-visitation fishing locations with a focus on potential World Fly Fishing Championship 2019 (WFFC2019) venues.



Tasmanian Liberals

Building your future

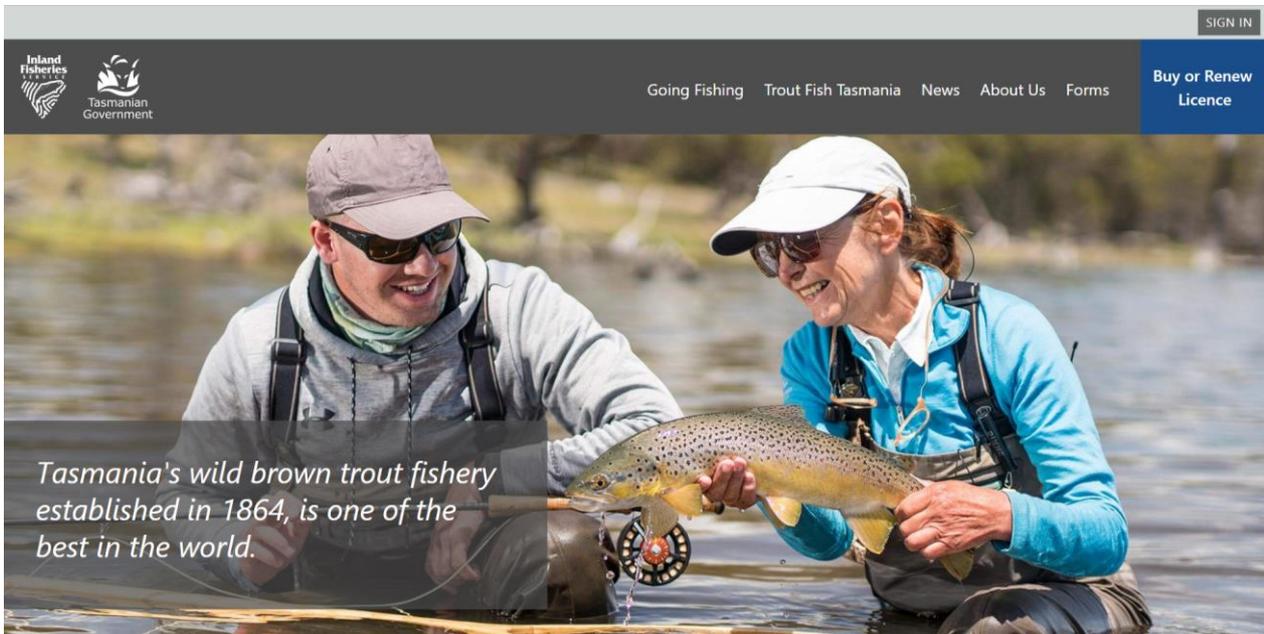
Taking Recreational Fishing and Boating to the next level

A MAJORITY LIBERAL GOVERNMENT WILL:

- Make it easier to wet a line from the shore with over \$2.4 million for new and improved land-based fishing infrastructure;
- Invest \$2.2 million in better boat and trailer parking;
- Install artificial reefs and fish aggregation devices;
- Freeze trout fishing licence fees; and
- Drive growth in fishing tourism in inland and saltwater fisheries

### **Updated IFS website and move to online licensing**

We launched a new look Inland Fisheries Service website on 14 May 2018.



The Launceston based business Kingthing Marketing helped us develop the style (front end). Hobart based firm Getbusi continues to work on revamping the operating platform and supporting databases (back end).

In support of the new system the IFS has worked with Licence Agents to move to a fully online licensing system. This means no more traditional licence books and less data entry so your licence card gets to you as quickly as possible. You will still be able to buy your licence from your favourite tackle store or Service Tasmania as well as online at [www.ifs.tas.gov.au](http://www.ifs.tas.gov.au).

## **Anglers Access Program**

### **Salmon Ponds anglers access platforms closed**

The record rains over Thursday 10 and Friday 11 May cause major damage to the accessible angling platforms on the River Plenty at the Salmon Ponds. All three platforms are closed until repairs are complete.



An upturned accessible angling platform on the River Plenty at the Salmon Ponds

### **Four Springs Lake cumbungi control**

We will monitor and retreat the cumbungi (bullrush) control sites treated at Four Springs Lake in January 2019.

Recent inspections indicate the January 2018 treatments were successful.

### **River access**

A willow control program on the Tyenna River is in development. The developers are the Derwent Catchment Program, Lanoma Estate at Westerway and the IFS.

The first stage involves follow up works to control willow regrowth at Lanoma Estate. This includes replanting with natives and protecting riparian vegetation with fencing.

The project aims to engage the community. Volunteers can work to assist with willow controls including individual stem control. This means removing willows one at a time using frog friendly herbicide.



Lanoma Estate willow warriors

To assess different control options there was a demonstration day at Lanoma Estate. Options assessed included drill and fill, frill cutting and cut and paste. The day was well supported by volunteers from the angling community and angling clubs and organisations. Volunteers rolled up their sleeves and gave the control options a go.

The success of the demonstration day shows that volunteers will be able to provide valuable support towards willow control programs in the future.

### **Recreational Boating Fund (RBF)**

RBF applications for the following projects have been submitted by IFS and Hydro Tasmania: Lake Burbury (Darwin Dam), Lake Rowallan and Tungatinah Lagoon.

Navigation Light maintenance and battery replacement continues and will be completed by the end of June 2018. This project is jointly funded by MAST and IFS.

MAST held public meetings last week in Devonport, Launceston and Hobart to hear feedback and support on this year's project submissions.

You can view the full list of project submissions at <http://www.mast.tas.gov.au/recreational/recreational-boating-fund/>

### **Accessible angling platform Four Springs Lake**

The Meander Valley Council and Inland Fisheries Service have collaborated to construct a new angling platform at Four Springs Lake.

The platform is located at the southern end of the existing car park well away from the boat ramps and the majority of boating activity. A kayak launch slide has been installed next to the platform to assist the growing number of anglers fishing from kayaks accessing the lake.

The project has been made possible through the Tasmanian

Government Community Infrastructure Fund.



The new accessible angling platform at Four Springs Lake

## **Recreational Fisheries**

### **Little Pine Lagoon– Fishery Performance Assessment April 2018**

During the last week of the brown trout season, we carried out an extensive survey of the Little Pine Lagoon trout population. The great news is that the long-term angling prospects for this water are excellent.

Over three days, we surveyed a wide area of the lagoon. Using 120 box traps, we captured 482 brown trout averaging 918 grams.

Eighty five percent of the catch was over 300 mm with an average weight of 1 044 grams. (see figure 1).

The largest fish weighed in at 1.87 kg,

There was a wide size range of fish from 85 mm through to 570 mm (see figure 2). This indicates good spawning over the previous 5-6 years.

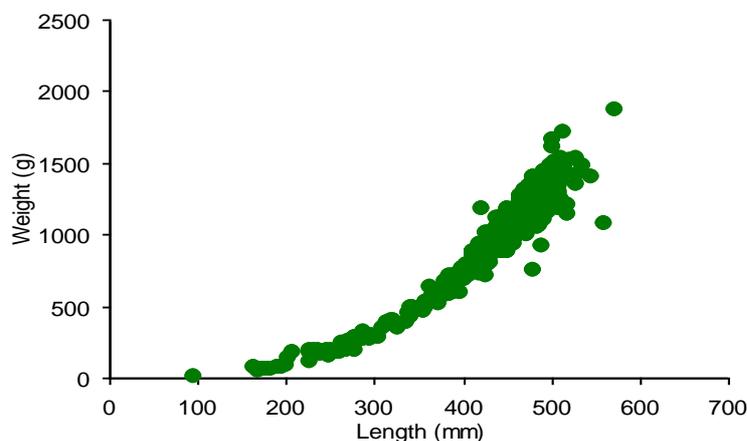


Figure 1: Length and weight for brown trout

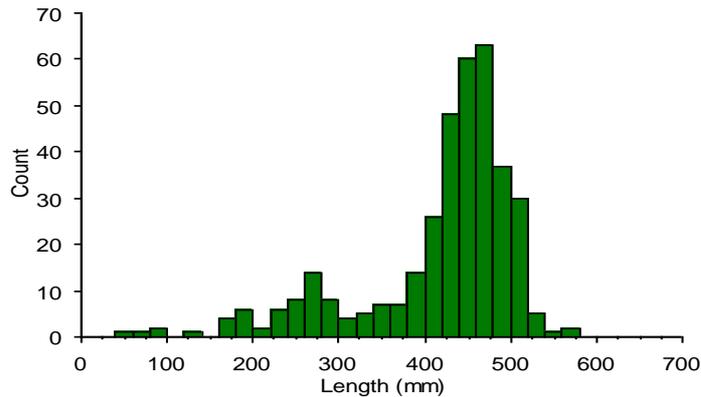


Figure 2: Length frequency for brown trout

The catch rate per trap was 4.64 fish. This is higher than a recent survey undertaken at Penstock Lagoon, with a return of 3.59 fish per trap.

All of this indicates the trout fishery at Little Pine Lagoon is healthy and well placed for the coming 2018-19 season.

A full report for this survey and will be available on the IFS web site soon.

IFS staff member, Robert Cordwell, with a Little Pine Lagoon brown trout.



### ***Penstock Lagoon – Fishery Performance Assessment May 2018***

With the brown trout season closed, we took the opportunity to assess the fishery at Penstock Lagoon before transferring any fish. We wanted to see the number, and the condition, of the fish remaining after the 2017-18 season. The results were very positive.

During the first week of May, we undertook a survey using 124 box traps. Over two nights we captured 446 brown trout and 10 rainbow trout.

An interesting outcome is the number of fish identified from 2014 and 2016 adult brown trout transfers.

The 2014 brown trout were marked with an adipose fin clip. These fish represented 12% of the catch. They had increased in weight by an average of 148% to 1.27 kg.

The 2016 brown trout were marked with a distinctive punch in the adipose fin. These fish represented 16% of the catch. They had increased in weight by an average of 32% to 1.31 kg.

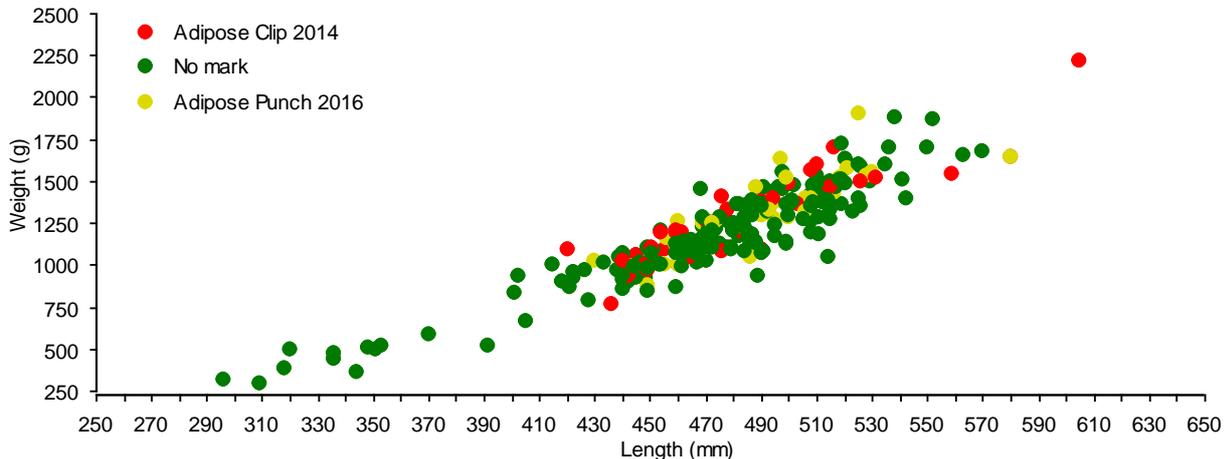
Unmarked brown trout weighed an average of 1.18 kg. It is likely these are brown trout transferred last year. These fish came from multiple trap sites and were a wide range of sizes.

The average weight for the all brown trout caught was 1.25 kg with 45% weighing between 1.25 – 1.75 kg. The heaviest fish weighed in at 2.3 kg.

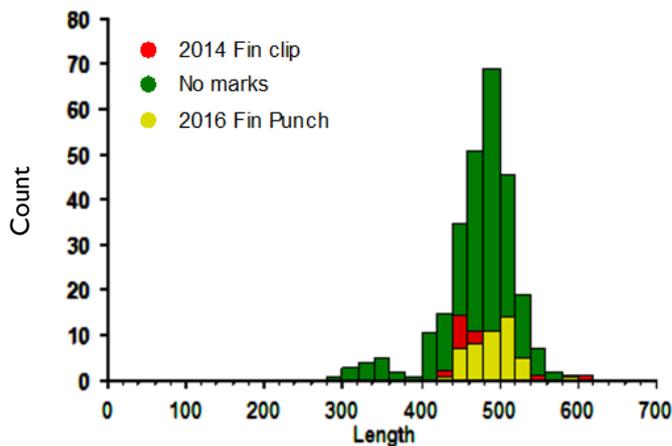
The average length of the brown trout was 477mm. There were some smaller fish, around 290-310 mm length. These are probably last year's transfers.

The condition of most fish was good to excellent.

A full report for this survey and will be available on the IFS web site soon.



**Figure 1:** Length and weight for adipose marked brown trout from 2014 & 2016 and unmarked fish (most) from 2017 transfers.



**Figure 2:** Length frequency for adipose marked brown trout from 2014 & 2016 and unmarked fish (most) from 2017 transfers.

## Hydro Creek, Arthurs Lake, fish trap rebuilt

During the floods of June 2016 the fish trap at Hydro Creek was badly damaged. This trap has served as point of reference for the size and condition of Arthurs Lake brown trout for over 40 years. Because of the importance, we decided to rebuild the trap to maintain the long term data set.

In March, we completed the reconstruction of a weir and trap using precast concrete panels. The trap is closer to the lake. This will let us catch fish earlier in the spawning run and during lower

flows. This was a limitation of the old trap as it was well upstream. We will now be able to trap all fish entering Hydro Creek allowing us to make a total run count.

Tas Networks recently did some upgrades of the old 4WD track for transmission line servicing. This allowed access for the machinery to undertake construction of the new trap and future servicing.

Water flow in the creek has been low to date. So far, 362 fish have entered the trap.

The newly constructed fish trap on Hydro Creek, Arthurs Lake



## Native Fish Conservation

### Golden galaxias annual monitoring

Between 19 and 21 March we conducted the annual golden galaxias (*Galaxias auratus*) survey. This is the 13<sup>th</sup> year in a row we have surveyed lakes Sorell and Crescent for this threatened native fish. This action supports the Lakes Sorell and Crescent Water Management Plan 2005.

At three locations in each lake, we set four fine mesh fyke nets. We recorded the number of golden galaxias captured. There were 1 091 golden galaxias caught in Lake Crescent, and 1 176 in Lake Sorell. Grassy Point produced over half the total catch from Lake Sorell.

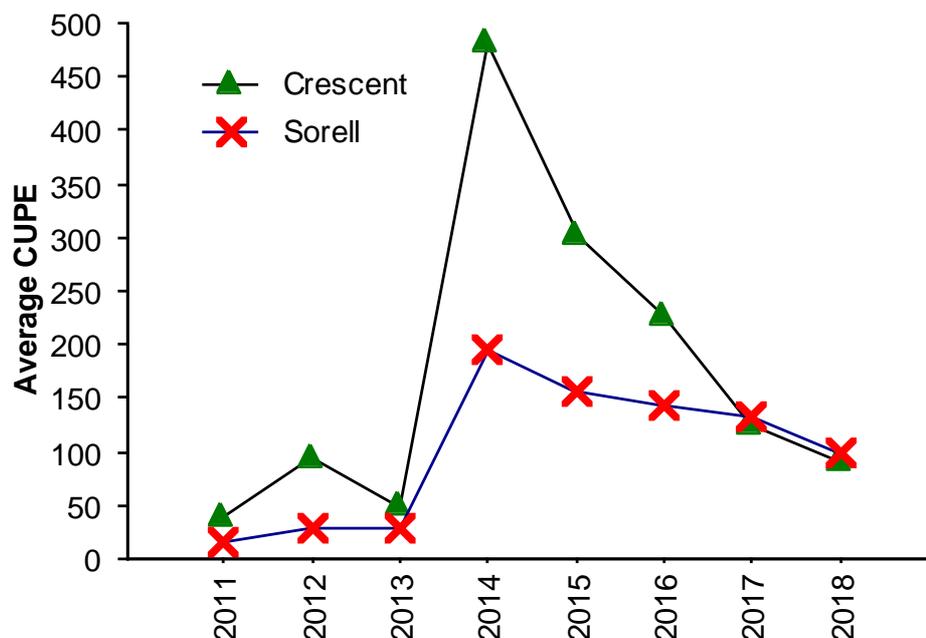
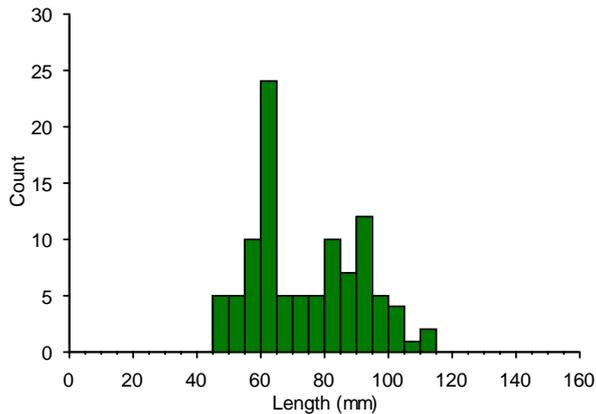
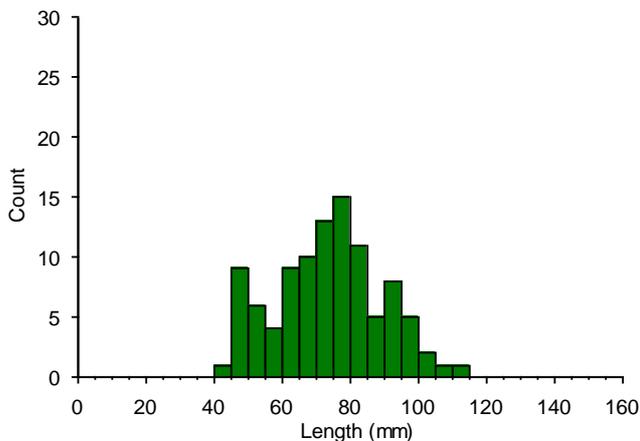


Figure 1. Average (mean) CPUE of golden galaxias for lakes Crescent and Sorell, 2011-2018.

The long-term trend in catch per unit effort (CPUE) (Figure 1) for both lakes shows a decline since 2014. This is most likely due to high recruitment in 2014 following favourable spawning conditions creating preferred juvenile habitat.



**Figure 2:** Length frequency of golden galaxias sampled from Lake Crescent 2018 (n=100).



**Figure 3:** Length frequency of golden galaxias sampled from Lake Sorell 2018 (n=100).

Captures of young of the year (YOY) golden galaxias were significant in both lakes, with a strong cohort of juvenile fish in the 45 – 65 mm length range for Lake Crescent (Figure 2), and 40 – 60 mm for Lake Sorell (Figure 3).

In contrast to the 2017 survey results, there appears to be good survival of longer (older) fish into the 3+ year class, particularly for Lake Sorell.

Based on these results, the golden galaxias populations within lakes Crescent and Sorell presently remain healthy, with regular recruitment evident in the period 2014 – 2018.

### **Swan galaxias annual monitoring**

During April this year, we undertook our annual surveys of the endangered Swan galaxias (*Galaxias fontanus*). Swan galaxias are native to Tasmania. You only find them in small pockets of rivers or streams that are free of trout and other native fish.

Most sites were suffering from low flows. We were unable to find any Swan galaxias at a number of sites, including those that have in the past held small but reliable numbers of fish.

On a positive note, we found several Swan galaxias in the Cygnet River, along with a considerable number of climbing galaxias. It is likely the climbing galaxias invaded the upper section of the stream during a large flood in 2010 displacing the Swan galaxias population. Future monitoring will be required to see if this population recovers to pre-2010 levels.

The most robust population was located at Dyes Rivulet. This contained a large number of individuals from three-year classes.

Two additional 'insurance sites' for the possible future translocation of the Swan galaxias were checked for a third year, with no fish species found.

In March this year, Rob Freeman attended a national threatened fish workshop. The aim was to determine those fish within Australia most likely to become extinct. The workshop identified the Swan galaxias as one of these species. Consequently, the current listing of 'Endangered', under Commonwealth legislation, may be upgraded to 'Critically Endangered'.

### ***Shannon and Great Lake Paragalaxias annual monitoring***

In May, we undertook the annual monitoring for the Shannon and Great Lake Paragalaxias at Shannon Lagoon.

Fine mesh fyke nets were set at standard sampling sites along the Highland Lakes Road shore and the bay north of the dam wall.

Catches of all species were high, consisting of 385 Shannon Paragalaxias, 165 spotted galaxias and 30 Great Lake Paragalaxias.

There was a very strong cohort of young of the year Shannon Paragalaxias and the highest number of Great Lake Paragalaxias captured for several years.

### **Carp Management Program**

Since 1 July 2017, there have been 105 carp removed from Lake Sorell. This is compared to 439 removed over the 2016 -17 season.

The annual Lake Crescent juvenile carp survey took place on 15 March 2018. This survey aims to make sure carp have not made their way back into Lake Crescent, and to look for any signs of new recruitment.

We focused on areas carp are known to favour. These habitats include rocky or sandy shores and areas with lots of underwater vegetation. Fourteen areas around the lake were surveyed using backpack electro-shockers for a minimum of 10 minutes each. Short-finned eels and golden galaxias made up the majority of the catch. A couple of well-conditioned rainbow trout were caught in the shallows. Thankfully, there was no sign of carp of any size in Lake Crescent.

We undertook the Lake Sorell juvenile carp survey over Monday 5 to Friday 9 March 2018. This survey aims to determine if spawning had occurred over the past few months, and whether there are any new year classes of carp.

Sixty-six fyke nets were set around the lake near weed beds and shore areas where young-of-the-year carp have been caught before. Backpack electro-shockers were used at 24 sites around the lake for a minimum of 15 minutes each. 6149 fyke net hours and 385 electrofishing minutes resulted in many eels and golden galaxias but no new young-of-the-year carp. This is a great outcome for the Carp Management Program. This means that the fishing effort in Lake Sorell can continue to focus on the few remaining adult fish.

While doing the lakes Sorell and Crescent juvenile carp surveys we also did a downstream survey of the River Clyde.

The survey looks at selected sites featuring ideal carp habitat downstream to the township of Hamilton. The aim is to make sure carp have not become established in the River Clyde system. We have undertaken this survey every year since carp were first found in lakes Crescent and Sorell in 1995.

We surveyed three sites on the River Clyde:

- The Nant Bridge (300 m)
- Bothwell sewage works (100 m); and
- The Hamilton Weir (100 m).

We backpack electro fished for a minimum 30 minutes at each site. We caught 55 redbfin perch, nine tench, three brown trout, 11 eels and, most importantly, no carp. This indicates that the containment strategy employed since 1995 remains successful.



One of the superbly conditioned brown trout shocked upstream of the Nant Bridge.

### **Carp Management Workshop**

The Carp Management Program (CMP) held its yearly Workshop on 10 May in Hobart. We looked over the past year's work and started planning for the coming year.

The Workshop provided an update for the new Minister responsible for Inland Fisheries, Sarah Courtney. The Minister offered her support and the team appreciated her words of encouragement.



The day involved presentations and discussions of different aspects of the data collected during 2017-18. This gave an understanding of how the CMP is progressing, the findings for the season, what we did well and what can be done to complete the eradication of carp from Tasmania.

Key findings were:

- No carp were detected 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 similar to last year but caught less than a quarter of the number of carp. This suggests the population has fallen greatly.
- Studies of the “jelly gonad” disease which causes sterility is now affecting over 50% of male carp caught.
- 41 450 carp have been removed from Lake Sorell since 1995.
- Less than 0.2% of the original population remain. We estimate this means less than 50 carp.

Some things identified to watch in the coming year were:

- Be prepared for spawning conditions in spring 2018 - rising water levels combined with warm settled weather.
- If the conditions are good, carp will push inshore to marsh areas. This makes them easier to catch in nets and traps. We could catch the last carp left in the lake.
- If all goes to plan through the coming spring and summer, we may be able to consider a limited opening of Lake Sorell to the public late in the trout season.

## Compliance

### **Compliance Statistics from 1-7-17 to 14-05-18**

- 4 409 angling licences inspected.
- 241 whitebait licences inspected.
- 21 whitebait nets, 3 gill nets, 1 opera house net, 1 bait trap and 1 fyke net seized.
- 46.9 kilograms of whitebait seized.
- 1 vessel seized.
- 6 search warrants executed and 2 searches by consent of residential premises.
- 5 vehicles searched.
- 602 vessels inspected under Marine and Safety legislation.
- 8 defendants convicted of 27 offences in the Magistrates Court.
- 9 further defendants listed for appearance in the Magistrates Court.
- Infringement and Conditional Cautions issued for 179 offences.
- \$12 443 in court fines.
- \$26 394 in infringement notice fines.
- \$38 837 in fines from all sources.

- Fifteen notices of disqualification current, preventing offenders from holding a recreational whitebait licence.

Of the 179 offences dealt with during this reporting period;

- 123 were committed under the Inland Fisheries Act 1995.
- 56 offences were committed under the Marine and Safety Authority Act 1997.

Fishing or being in possession of an assembled rod and line, without an angling licence accounted for 36.9% of all infringement notice offences.

The failure to wear a PFD continues to be an issue representing 24.6% of all infringement notice offences.

### **Prosecutions Matters to Date**

Dion Melvin HOUSE of Smithton was convicted on 25-9-17 in the Smithton Magistrates Court of:

- *Possess net other than landing net or seine net at inland waters.*

The defendant was fined \$477 and court costs of \$82.15.

Dale Lester LAMBERT of Smithton was convicted on 25-9-17 in the Smithton Magistrates Court of:

- *Possess whitebait without a whitebait licence and possess net other than landing net or seine net at inland waters.*

The defendant was fined \$1 113 and court costs of \$164.30.

Peter Leslie COVENTRY of Devonport was convicted on 7-11-17 in the Devonport Magistrates Court of:

- One count of *take whitebait without a whitebait licence;*
- One count of *fail to comply with a Ministerial order under the Inland Fisheries Act 1995 relating to the taking of whitebait;* and
- One count of *use net other than landing net or seine net at inland waters.*

The defendant was fined \$1 654 and court costs of \$82.15.

Jason Kenneth DEVERELL of Burnie was convicted on 4-4-18 in the Burnie Magistrates Court of:

- One count of *take whitebait without a whitebait licence;*
- One count of *possess whitebait without a whitebait licence;*
- One count of *fail to comply with a Ministerial order under the Inland Fisheries Act 1995 relating to the taking of whitebait;*
- Two counts of *possess net other than landing net or seine net at inland waters;* and
- Two counts of *use net other than landing net or seine net at inland waters.*

The defendant was fined \$3 500 and court costs of \$82.15.

Deekan Frank JACKSON of Stanley was convicted on 11-4-18 in the Smithton Magistrates Court of:

- One count of *take whitebait without a whitebait licence*;
- One count of *fail to comply with a Ministerial order under the Inland Fisheries Act 1995 relating to the taking of whitebait*;
- One count of *use net other than landing net or seine net at inland waters*; and
- One count of *possess net other than landing net or seine net at inland waters*.

The defendant was fined \$1 500 and court costs of \$82.15.

Andrew Arthur ANDERSON of Smithton was convicted on 11-4-18 in the Smithton Magistrates Court of:

- One count of *take whitebait without a whitebait licence*;
- One count of *fail to comply with a Ministerial order under the Inland Fisheries Act 1995 relating to the taking of whitebait*;
- One count of *possess whitebait without a whitebait licence*; and
- One count of *possess net other than landing net or seine net at inland waters*.

The defendant was fined \$2 000 and court costs of \$82.15.

Mark Adrian WICKS of Smithton was convicted on 2-5-18 in the Devonport Magistrates Court of:

- One count of *deal with applicable fish (whitebait) by advertising on Facebook*.

The defendant was fined \$450 and court costs of \$65.10.

Brodie Lee POPOWSKI of Smithton was convicted on 9-5-18 in the Smithton Magistrates court of:

- One count of *take whitebait without a whitebait licence*;
- One count of *possess whitebait without a whitebait licence*;
- One count of *fail to comply with a Ministerial order under the Inland Fisheries Act 1995 relating to the taking of whitebait*;
- One count of *use net other than landing net or seine net at inland waters*; and
- One count of *possess net other than landing net or seine net at inland waters*.

The defendant was fined \$1 749 and court costs of \$82.15

For the full story, go to News on the IFS website:

- *Another whitebait poacher convicted (10-11-17)*
- *Inland Fisheries Law Enforcement (29-11-17)*
- *Illegal take of whitebait results in big fines (4-4-18)*
- *Whitebait offenders convicted (17-4-18)*
- *Selling whitebait doesn't pay (4-5-18)*
- *The latest whitebait conviction (14-5-18)*

**Magistrates Court Offence Convictions**

<b>Prosecution Offences (Magistrates Court)</b>	<b>Number</b>
Possess net other than landing net or seine net at inland waters	7
Use net other than landing net or seine net at inland waters	5
Possess whitebait without a whitebait licence	4
Take whitebait without a whitebait licence	5
Fail to comply with Ministerial Order relating to the taking of whitebait	5
Deal with applicable fish	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>27</b>

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Infringement notice offences	Infringement Notice Offences	Infringement notices endorsed as Conditional Cautions	Formal Cautions	Total	Non-Compliance rate (total/number of licence checks undertaken)
Taking acclimatised or indigenous fish without an angling licence	26	9		35	0.75%
Possessing assembled rod, reel and line without an angling licence	16	15		31	0.67%
Possess or use net other than landing net or seine net at inland waters	1	1		2	0.04%
Not complying with Ministerial order about taking fish-closed water	9	5		14	0.30%
Not complying with Ministerial order about taking whitebait-closed water		1		1	0.02%
Take / possess whitebait without a whitebait licence	2	1		3	0.06%
Use whitebait net without tag bearing licence number	1	3		4	0.09%
Using bottle jar, can or similar object to indicate movement in the rod and line	1	5		6	0.13%
Fishing with more rods and lines than endorsed on licence	3	3		6	0.13%
Taking fish with unattended set rod	9	1		10	0.22%
Use ground bait	1			1	0.02%
Using other than artificial fly in specified waters	1			1	0.02%
Possess assembled rod reel and line when taking fish prohibited		5		5	0.11%
Fish in inland waters by means other than rod and line.	1			1	0.02%

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Infringement notice offences	Infringement Notice Offences	Infringement notices endorsed as Conditional Cautions	Formal Cautions	Total	Non-Compliance rate (total/number of licence checks undertaken)
Take undersized fish-regulation 16(1) and (2)		1		1	0.02%
Taking fish by trolling		1		1	0.02%
Use whole or part of fish as bait in artificial waters		1		1	0.02%
Fail to wear PFD on vessel under 6 meters while underway	37	3		40	0.87%
Fail to wear PFD on PWC while underway	1			1	0.02%
Fail to wear PFD on kayak while underway		2		2	0.04%
Master of vessel fail to ensure person under 16 years complies with PFD	1			1	0.02%
Exceed 5 knot speed limit in restricted area		3		3	0.07%
Fail to carry minimum safety equipment		3		3	0.07%
Fail to store safety equipment in good order		1		1	0.02%
Fail to register motor boat	1	1		2	0.04%
Fail to affix registration label		1		1	0.02%
Fail to display registration number		2		2	0.04%
<b>Total</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>3.85%</b>

### Club events, meetings and dinners

- Anglers Alliance Tasmania General meeting – 25 February 2018
- National Threatened Fish Workshop – 6 & 7 March 2018
- Recreational Boating Fund public meeting, Devonport - 14 May 2018
- Recreational Boating Fund public meeting, Launceston - 15 May 2018
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### Publications

Journal Publications:

BIODIVERSITY RESEARCH - *Transport pathways shape the biogeography of alien freshwater fishes in Australia*

Pablo García-Díaz, Adam Kerezszy, Peter J. Unmack, Mark Lintermans, Stephen J. Beatty, Gavin L. Butler, Rob Freeman, Michael P. Hammer, Scott Hardie, Mark J. Kennard, David L. Morgan, Bradley J. Pusey, Tarmo A. Raadik, Jason D. Thiem, Nick S. Whiterod, Phillip Cassey, Richard P. Duncan

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**Stockings between 22 February and 23 May 2018**

<b>Water</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Species</b>	<b>Stock</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Origin</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Weight</b>
Bradys Lake	25-Apr-18	brown trout	Wild	170	River Derwent, Lake King William	diploid	400
Bradys Lake	26-Apr-18	brown trout	Wild	1 150	Liawenee Canal	diploid	850
Bradys Lake	26-Apr-18	brown trout	Wild	64	River Derwent, Lake King William	diploid	400
Bradys Lake	2-May-18	brown trout	Wild	30	River Derwent, Lake King William	diploid	400
Bradys Lake	9-May-18	brown trout	Wild	205	River Derwent, Lake King William	diploid	400
Bradys Lake	11-May-18	brown trout	Wild	120	Liawenee Canal	diploid	850
Bradys Lake	11-May-18	brown trout	Wild	105	River Derwent, Lake King William	diploid	400
Bradys Lake	13-May-18	brown trout	Wild	150	Liawenee Canal	diploid	850
Bradys Lake	13-May-18	brown trout	Wild	151	River Derwent, Lake King William	diploid	400
Bradys Lake	16-May-18	brown trout	Wild	261	River Derwent, Lake King William	diploid	400
Bradys Lake	18-May-18	brown trout	Wild	251	River Derwent, Lake King William	diploid	400
Bruisers Lagoon	22-May-18	brown trout	Wild	70	Liawenee Canal	diploid	850
Camerons Lagoon	22-May-18	brown trout	Wild	55	Liawenee Canal	diploid	850
Carter Lakes	20-May-18	brown trout	Wild	150	Liawenee Canal	diploid	850
Carter Lakes	21-May-18	brown trout	Wild	50	Liawenee Canal	diploid	850
Four Springs Lake	1-May-18	brown trout	Wild	1 150	Liawenee Canal	diploid	850

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Four Springs Lake	10-May-18	brown trout	Wild	1 100	Liawenee Canal	diploid	850
Four Springs Lake	15-May-18	brown trout	Wild	500	Liawenee Canal	diploid	850
Four Springs Lake	15-May-18	brown trout	Wild	700	Sandbanks Creek	diploid	850
Lake Binney	22-May-18	brown trout	Wild	936	River Derwent, Lake King William	diploid	400
Lake Botsford	19-May-18	brown trout	Wild	100	Liawenee Canal	diploid	850
Lake Crescent	10-Apr-18	brown trout	Wild	1 220	Liawenee Canal	diploid	850
Lake Crescent	11-Apr-18	brown trout	Wild	550	Liawenee Canal	diploid	850
Lake Crescent	15-Apr-18	brown trout	Wild	230	Liawenee Canal	diploid	850
Lake Duncan	25-Apr-18	brown trout	Wild	50	Liawenee Canal	diploid	850
Lake Paget	21-May-18	brown trout	Wild	50	Liawenee Canal	diploid	850
Liawenee junior angling ponds	17-May-18	rainbow trout	Domestic	500	Mountain Stream Fishery	triploid	350
Lodge Dam, Miena	25-Apr-18	brown trout	Wild	60	Liawenee Canal	diploid	850
Penstock Lagoon	2-May-18	brown trout	Wild	450	Liawenee Canal	diploid	850
Penstock Lagoon	3-May-18	brown trout	Wild	450	Liawenee Canal	diploid	850
Penstock Lagoon	9-May-18	brown trout	Wild	357	Liawenee Canal	diploid	850
Penstock Lagoon	10-May-18	brown trout	Wild	225	Liawenee Canal	diploid	850
Penstock Lagoon	15-May-18	brown trout	Wild	105	Sandbanks Creek	diploid	850

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Rocky Lagoon	21-May-18	brown trout	Wild	100	Liawenee Canal	diploid	850
Second Lagoon	21-May-18	brown trout	Wild	50	Liawenee Canal	diploid	850
Tooms Lake	20-Apr-18	brown trout	Wild	1 000	Liawenee Canal	diploid	850

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