

Inland Fisheries Service

Report to anglers



September to November 2018

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Hot topics

River Extension Trial

The Inland Fisheries Service is looking to meet its obligation as outlined in the Tasmanian Inland Recreational Fishery Management Plan 2018-28 with the proposal to extend the season to the end of May for some rivers. The commitment within the plan is:

“We will assess the feasibility of opening reaches of selected rivers in May, for example Brumbys Creek and the lower reaches of the South Esk and Macquarie rivers”.

This proposal will initially be discussed with Angler Alliance Tasmania (AAT) at their November 2018 meeting before seeking broader input from stakeholders and subsequent referral to the Inland Fisheries Advisory Council. Key considerations will be:

- identification of appropriate and agreeable localities,
- feedback from the general angling public,
- submission to the Inland Fisheries Advisory Council (IFAC),
- monitoring of angler usage and expectation and,
- evaluation of season extension against performance indicators i.e. participation, angling effort and angler expectation.

Proposed localities are; Brumbys Creek, lower South Esk /River and lower Macquarie River.

Talk Trout Tasmania

About 40 anglers attended Talk Trout Tasmania 2018 at the Great Lake Community Centre on Friday 12 October.

This was an opportunity to meet some of our inland fisheries staff. Hear about fisheries management and ask your questions of the panel.

John, Chris, Rob and Brett presented information and strategies about the management of our wild recreational fishery.

On the eve of the Great Lake Tie-in and with national Gone Fishing Day on Sunday, Talk Trout Tasmania was the perfect way to start this exciting weekend.

Woods Lake Road upgrade

Hydro Tasmania and IFS have completed an upgrade of Woods Lake Road. Using material donated by Central Highlands Council, 10 000 tons of material was added to the road surface and the entire road potholed and graded.



Grading material into Woods Lake Road

Recreational Fishery

Angler Postal Survey Report for the 2017-18 Season

A report on the annual Angler Postal Survey for the 2017-18 season was produced during August this year. The survey has been running in its present form since 1986. The survey is useful for looking at trends in the fishery for particular waters. Each year a ranking based on popularity (number of visiting anglers) is produced for rivers and lakes. The 15 most popular lakes and 10 most popular rivers are listed in the IFS Annual Report each year (and listed in the previous Quarterly Report for the 2017-18 results).

The 2018 report (for the 2017-18 season) has been completed and will be available later this month on the IFS website. The report details the demographics of the respondents in graphical and table format including age, gender, fishing method and boat use. Trends in catch rate, harvest and visitation are shown in graphical format for the top 10 lakes and rivers from 1986 to 2018. For the lakes and rivers ranked 11 to 20 only details of the APS results from the current season are shown.

The following are some features of the APS results for 2017-18:

- yingina/Great Lake is the most fished inland water for the sixth year in a row.
- The River Derwent was the most fished river for the fourth year in succession.
- Woods Lake has overtaken Arthurs Lake as the second most fished inland water for the first time. This represents an increase of 1 868 anglers for Woods Lake. The catch rate at Woods Lake has also improved from 1.92 (2016-17) to 2.77.
- Arthurs Lake had an estimated visitation of 5 039 anglers which was an improvement on the previous season's 4 428. The catch rate rose there from 0.75 to 0.84 indicating some improvement in the fishery.
- Tooms Lake has moved from seventh to tenth with a decrease of 901 anglers fishing there during 2017-18. Low water levels were again an issue at this fishery and has driven anglers away from this water.
- The mean age was 59, the mode 68 and the median 62 years old. The mean age of respondents has continued to increase over the last six years, from 54 in 2012-13.

Fisheries Performance Assessments

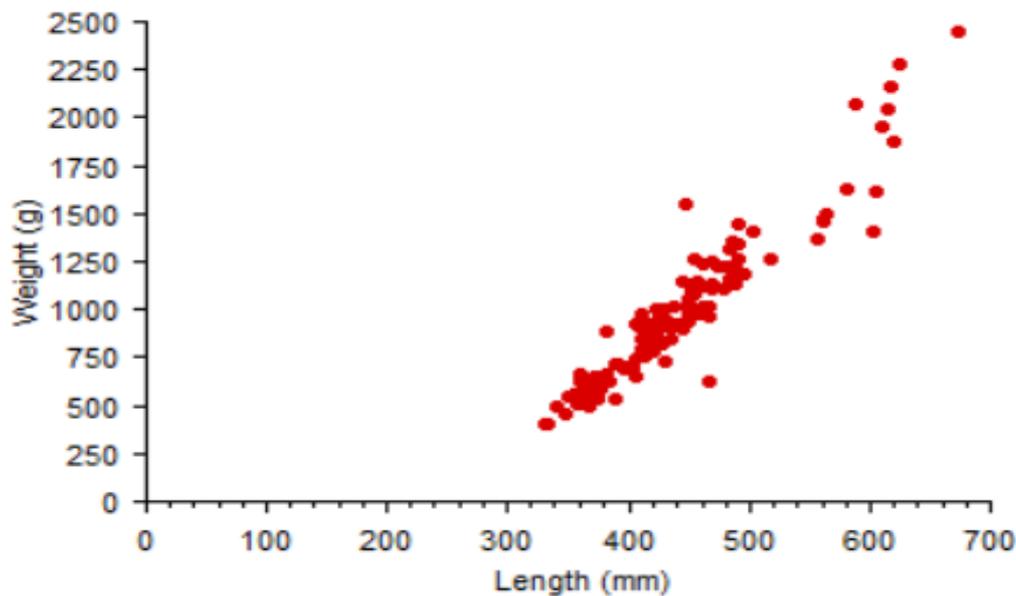
South Riana Dam

During 23-25 July we carried out an assessment of the brown trout population at South Riana Dam, on the NW Coast. This dam was first flooded in 2014 and has received several small stockings of fry. The lake also flooded an existing farm dam that contained a small number of brown trout.

In addition, we also released 400 adult brown trout of around 800 grams that had their adipose fin clipped so they could be identified when recaptured during the survey.

Over two nights trapping, we captured 115 brown trout at an average weight of 1,006 grams with ten percent of fish weighing between 1.5 – 2.5 kg. Of the larger fish over 2 kg, most were showing signs of old age and beginning to loose condition. However, fish under 500 mm were in good condition. The recapture of adipose fin clipped fish was very low and consequently was unreliable in estimating the population size. However, compared to other fisheries that have been assessed over the past two years, the overall catch rate was lower at 2.13 fish per trap. This is similar to the result for the Lake Leake assessment undertaken in July 2017 at 2.54 fish per trap, but well down on figures for Little Pine Lagoon at 4.64 fish per trap and Penstock Lagoon at 3.6 fish per trap.

The good news is that there is a spread of fish across all length classes indicating natural recruitment and the stocking of fry are jointly maintaining the fishery. This means we should be able to supplement the fishery with fry stockings only.



Length/weight relationship for brown trout, South Riana Dam 2018.

Pet Reservoir

Over 23 to 25 July, we did an assessment of the trout population at the Pet Reservoir.

To prepare for the assessment we released 600 adult brown trout of around 800 grams into the lake four weeks prior. We clipped their adipose fin so we could identify them if recaptured.

Over two nights we captured 29 brown trout at an average weight of 0.75 kg, with fish up to 1.7 kg recorded. The catch rate of 1.2 fish per trap was low, indicating that the population is low and that natural recruitment is variable. The fish were however in good condition.

There were some rainbow trout captured with most from the recent stocking of 500 adult fish weighing 400 – 600 grams and a few attributed to stockings of rainbow trout over the past two years. The stocked rainbow trout and the 600 adult brown trout released in June, should mean reasonable fishing during the 2018-19 season.

Bronte Lagoon

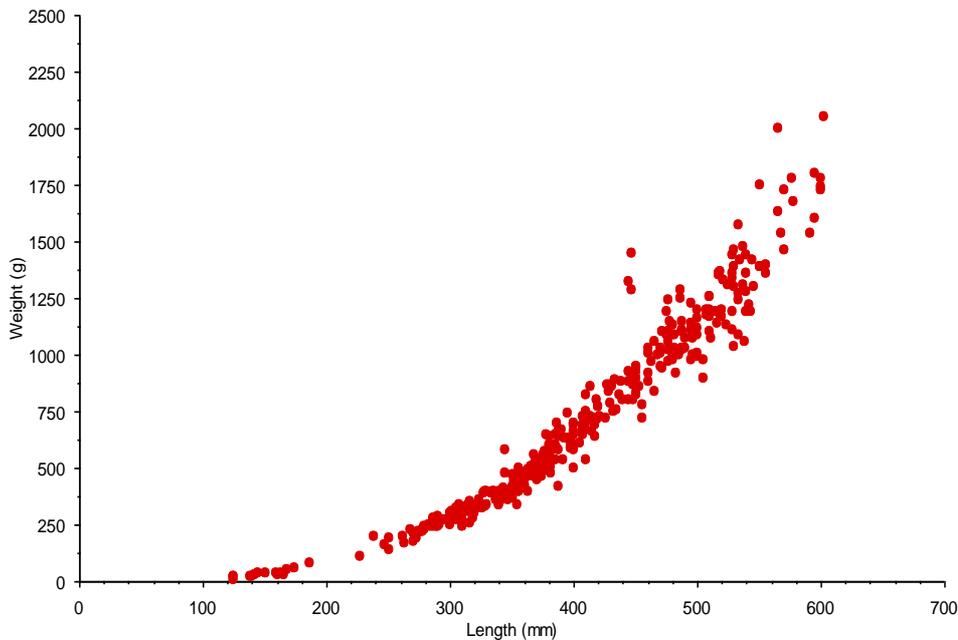
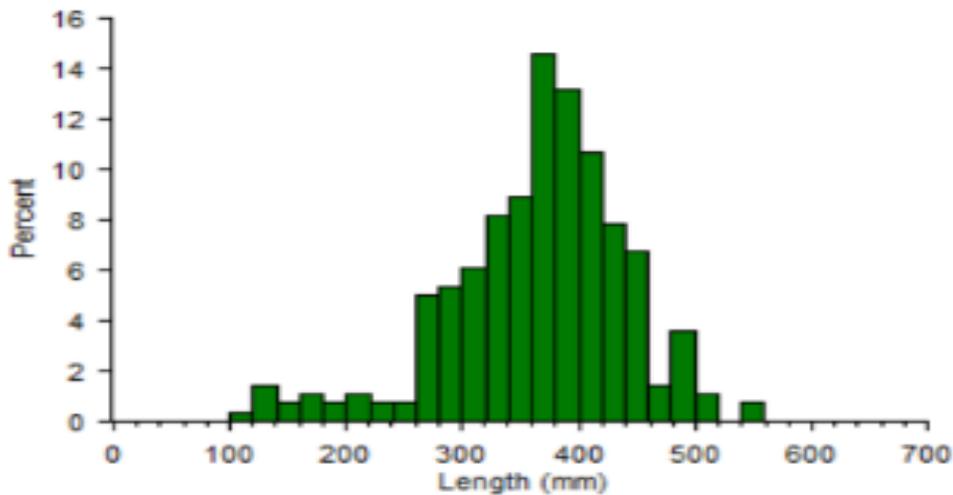
During 17 - 19 September 2018, we conducted an in-lake survey at Bronte Lagoon to:

- Establish a baseline catch effort for brown and rainbow trout,
- assess the population structure for brown trout and,
- examine the condition of all fish captured.

Eighty box traps were set each night over a two nights (total of 160 box trap sets), with a range of habitats surveyed. In total, 281 brown trout were captured. This equates to a Catch per unit of effort (CPUE) of 1.76 fish per trap per night, which was lower than expected.

The average weight for all fish including juveniles, was 573 grams. The average weight of fish over 300 mm was 653 grams. Around 83% of the catch was greater than 300 mm length.

The growth of fish appears to be good with all fish showing a healthy weight for a given length, with no signs of larger fish being in poor condition. However, only two percent of brown trout were over 500 mm.



Length/weight relationship for brown trout, Bronte Lagoon 2018 and the number of brown trout in each 20 mm length class.

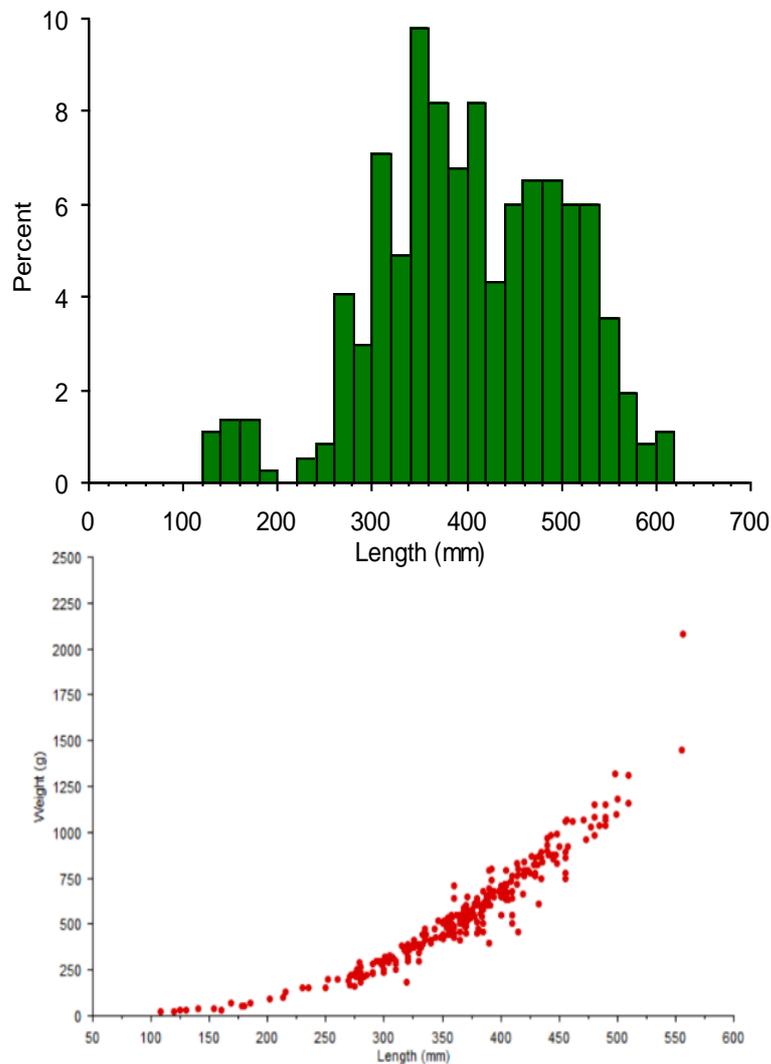
Ten rainbow trout were captured, measuring between 250 – 300 mm long, with an average weight of 274 g and average length 279 mm. All fish were in good to excellent condition.

Woods Lake

During 1-4 October, we surveyed the brown trout population at Woods Lake to:

- Establish a baseline catch effort for brown trout,
- assess the population structure for brown trout and,
- examine the condition of all fish captured.

From 160 box trap sets, we captured 368 brown trout (2.3 fish per trap per night) from a range of habitats. The average weight for fish over the legal size limit of 300mm was 804 grams with an average length of 427 mm. The growth of fish was good across all lengths, with approximately 20 percent of fish measuring in excess of 500 mm. There was a strong cohort of fish centered around a peak of 360 mm length, with 37 percent of fish measuring 300 – 400 mm. The condition of fish was however, poor to fair across all length classes.



*Length/weight relationship for brown trout, Woods Lake 2018
and the number of brown trout in each 20 mm length class.*

Full report from all recent surveys will be available on the IFS website in November.



The typical condition of older brown trout captured during the Woods Lake survey

Legislation

Subordinate Legislation - Regulatory Review Process

- Inland Fisheries (Recreational Fishing) Regulations 2009
- Inland Fisheries (General) Regulations 2009

Under the *Subordinate Legislation Act 1992*, all regulations within Tasmania are repealed after a ten year period. This means that two important pieces of legislation relating to the Inland Fishery are due to expire in December 2019, consequently, both must be reviewed and remade before this time.

The primary purpose of this process is to ensure regulations are kept up to date and any redundant or duplicated matters are omitted, and definitions remain relevant. This process also allows for the regulations to be assessed as to whether they pose any undue significant burden, cost or disadvantage to the public. For more information on this matter visit

www.treasury.tas.gov.au/economy/economic-policy-and-reform/subordinate-legislation-act-1992

The IFS will commence a review of this legislation early in 2019 and while it is not mandatory to take public comment on all regulations, it is expected to seek public comment through the Regulatory Impact Assessment Process for at least on the General Regulations. The General

Regulations cover mostly commercial activities relevant to the freshwater fishery e.g. commercial eel fishery, freshwater fish hatcheries/farms and private fisheries etc.

It is unlikely that new regulations will result from this process for recreational fishing given recent changes as a consequence of the Tasmanian Inland Recreational Fishery Management Plan 2018-28.

World Fly Fishing Championships 2019

The world fly fishing championship will be held in Tasmania from the 30 November to 8 December 2019. The Tasmanian Government and the Inland Fisheries Service are committed to supporting this important event to ensure Tasmania and the fishery are showcased at their best. The World Fly Fishing Championship 2019 (WFFC19) organising committee have confirmed that the venues for the event will be Woods Lake, Little Pine & Penstock lagoons and the Mersey and Meander rivers. The organising committee are in negotiation with government regarding these venues and are putting together a range of options for how these waters will be managed during, and in the lead up to the event. This package is likely to consider a range of options for closing or limiting public access to these waters during the event, and implementation of bag and/or size limits in the lead up to the event to ensure maximum protection of trout stocks. It's intended that Anglers Alliance Tasmania will be presented with this package by the WFFC19 organising committee for consideration and feedback. Once these details have been presented and accepted, the IFS will consider some regulatory amendments for the 2019-20 season, particularly for the duration of the event. The support of all sections of the angling community is vital if this once in a generation event is to be successful.

Gone Fishing and Junior Angling Day

Prior publicity included the IFS and AAT websites, ABC spot on Tas Mornings and Saturday 7.40 spot on Tas Weekend, Carl Hyland the Mercury, Tony Richie the Examiner, Rodney Howard the Advocate and Mike Stevens Fishing and Boating News. The ABC and Southern Cross TV stations were also notified.

Steve Bax from Spot On The Fishing Connection donated 25 rod combos from Shimano, which were distributed to the participating clubs.

The day was successful with good weather at all venues with the exception of Miena, which was cold and windy.

Frombergs Dam attracted approx. 65 juniors and approx. 35 fish were caught. They reported some trouble with 2 young adults attempting to fish the dam.

Taylor's Dam attracted approx. 80 juniors and approx. 17 fish were caught. They suggested that in future maybe only 2 tagged big fish with the remainder say 500gm to 1kg.

The road in needs attention and AAT has offered to submit a grant application on for an upgrade on behalf of the Devonport Anglers Club

Longford Fishing Club had a very successful day attracting 155 juniors with approx. 40-50 fish caught. Facebook was thought partly responsible for this good turnout.

The club attracted over \$6000 of sponsorship, gave away 90 rod combos and numerous other prizes.

Bushy Park attracted approx. 100 juniors with approx. 50 fish caught. They reported one adult angler who kept fishing for some time after he was informed it was for juniors only.

Miena had the weather against it with approx. 25 juniors and only a few fish caught.

Anglers Access

River Access

A replanting day and Mayfly Muster was held on the Tyenna River at Lanoma Estate, Westerway on 17th October. Five volunteers and staff from Derwent Catchment Project planted 130 trees in strategic locations. Further field days on the Tyenna River as part of the willow control program will be held over summer.

Recreational Boating Fund

RBF applications for Lake Rowallan and Tungatinah Lagoon were successful in gaining funding. Scoping of the Lake Rowallan project was completed on 29 October with an autumn construction schedule identified. IFS hopes to take advantage of low lake levels at Tungatinah Lagoon to complete the upgrade by the end of February 2019.

A navigation light has been installed at Lake Rowallan.



Installing a navigation light at Lake Mackintosh

Farm biosecurity

IFS have developed a policy to assist landowners and the IFS to address issues arising from the implementation of farm biosecurity plans. The policy has been provided to AAT and clubs. Landowners or anglers with concerns regarding biosecurity are encouraged to contact the IFS for advice.

Talbots Lagoon

Maintenance works were completed at Talbots Lagoon in October including the car park access road potholing, the earth bund wall limiting unauthorized vehicle access reinforced and repaired and culverts cleaned to improve road drainage.

Native Fish Conservation

Arthurs paragalaxias and saddled galaxias monitoring

During 1-3 October 2018 the annual monitoring of galaxiids at Arthurs and Woods lakes was undertaken. At Arthurs Lake, catch effort for the Saddled galaxias was extremely low compared to 2016 and 2017 surveys, with just 5 individuals captured from 24 fyke nets with only one adult cohort was present (85-95 mm).

This result is despite good recruitment of juvenile fish

as evident in the 2016 and 2017 surveys. At Woods Lake, no saddled galaxias were captured at all. This is somewhat concerning as the saddled galaxias is normally found in moderate abundance. A follow up survey is planned for early December.

Monitoring of the Arthurs paragalaxias population in Arthurs Lake produced positive results, with both juvenile and adults present. The catch effort from the 2018 survey was slightly higher than 2017, at 3.2 fish per net set. A further positive result was also recorded for the Arthurs paragalaxias at Woods Lake, with 13 adult fish captured from 24 nets with three out of the four sites producing fish. Most were in an advanced state of gonad development suggesting spawning within 2-3 weeks. This is a reassuring result as none were found during 2017.



Arthurs paragalaxias (Paragalaxias mesotes) from Woods Lake

Clarence galaxias monitoring

Monitoring of the Clarence galaxias was undertaken 4-6 June 2018 at Lake Knight (Wentworth Hills Lagoon), Clarence Lagoon, Tibbs Plains Marsh and Dyes Marsh. All sites were surveyed using electrofishing. Low numbers of the Clarence galaxias were surveyed at both Clarence Lagoon and Lake Knight, with three distinct cohorts captured. At Tibbs Plains Marsh despite recent rainfall, water levels were very low; consequently, the preferred method of capture using fyke nets was not feasible. Despite this, large areas of the marsh were surveyed by electrofishing, no Clarence galaxias captured or observed. At Dyes Marsh, several small river trout had pushed upstream and entered the marsh, no Clarence galaxias were found.

Rainbow trout from Central Highlands spawning run

The Liawenee trap was set up on Friday 7 September and 50 rainbow trout were in the trap by Sunday the 9th. As usual there was a bias towards males in the early run until 2 October when the total number of females finally caught up to the number of males. By the end of the run, the females had dominated.

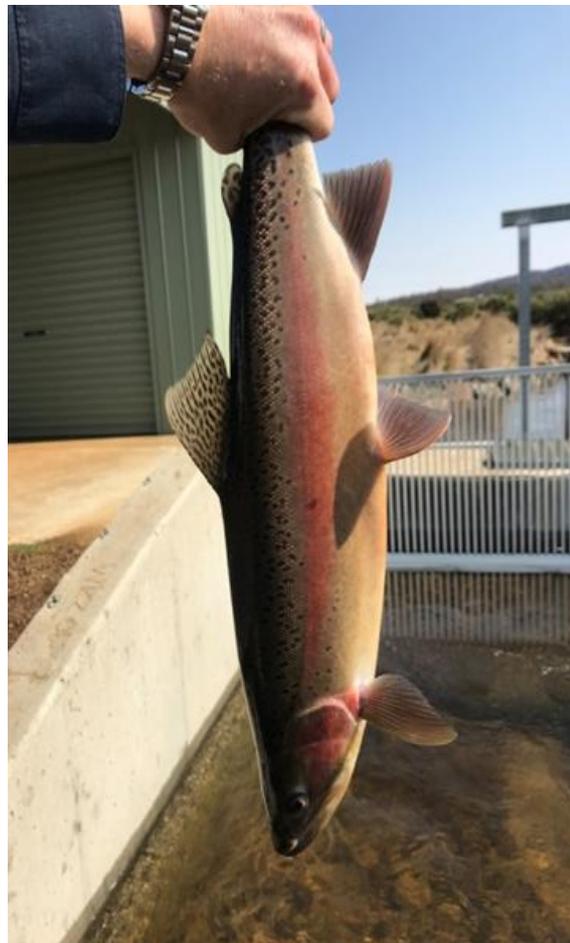
On 20 September, a weigh and measure of 200 rainbows took place and 418 fish were released through to spawn. Only 104 of these fish were females and the largest weighed over 2kg. The average weight of the fish this year was 1.3kg.

Liawenee Canal water flows were good for most of the run before slowly falling towards the end of the run and the closure of the trap.

On 13 October, the final 25 fish ran into the trap and the trap was shut. All screens were removed from the zig zags (except the top screen as this would allow browns to drop down into the zig zags and impact on the rainbow trout fry). The side channel from the long channel was opened to allow fish to drop back into the lake at their leisure after spawning.

The trap was run for 36 days in total from September 7 to October 13 with a total of 1093 rainbow trout entering the trap. This is an increase over the 540 in 2015, 587 in 2016 and 349 in 2017.

- Total number of females - 622
- Total number of males – 471



Male rainbow trout from Liawenee trap

Of these 779 were released into the long channel to spawn and eventually allowed to enter the Liawenee canal above the anti-jump screen. Of the 779 fish, 314 were male and 465 were female.

A total of 314 fish were released into the zig zags, 157 males and 157 females.

- Fifty males and 50 females were allocated to the lower section,
- 50 males and 50 females were allocated to the middle section and
- 57 males and 57 females into the top section.

Carp Management Program - high water levels

Preparation for the carp spawning season has been meticulous with 14 kilometres of barrier netting being checked and repaired, the installation of the big fyke nets in the barriers and . gill nets installed behind the barrier nets as a secondary defence against any carp that jump the barrier net to access the marsh. The two remaining transmitter fish were caught and removed from the lake in September. There were low catch rates of wild carp with the transmitter fish last season and the risk of them being involved in spawning is too high. For the first time since 1997, transmitter fish will not be used to assist help target carp and there will be more of an emphasis on targeting known areas of interest with gill netting, electrofishing and fyke nets.



The remnants from the 2009 spawning - a stunted 400gm mirror carp caught in October by a trammel net.

October is unofficially the start of the carp season, and right on cue a carp was caught in a trammel net in the first week. More gill nets are being set as the weather continues to warm to catch the carp as they move about. Another carp was caught in a trammel net later in the month, then over a two day period, two carp were caught in the barrier fyke nets as they tried to move

into the warm shallow marshes. One of these carp was an ex-transmitter fish which was released in March 2017. The carp have been stunted for their age as has been the case for some time.

Indications are that the number of carp that now remain in Lake Sorell is less than 50.

Looking ahead to this season, the best case scenario is that the few remaining carp will be caught in spring and early summer. If all goes to plan a limited opening of Lake Sorell is being considered for March/April 2019. If opened, anglers should not expect too much and really use this opportunity to reunite or introduce themselves to this water. The decision will be based on what unfolds in the coming months. Further work is expected to be required in spring 2019 to make sure all the carp are gone. A longer trout season might be possible that year and a full season might follow close after that. Ultimately with carp gone, the barriers that prevent the trout from roaming freely around the lake can be removed and allow them to follow the rising water levels into the food rich wetlands each spring. The removal of the containment screens at the outflow of Lake Sorell will see it supplying a steady stream of wild juvenile trout from its spawning streams, not only to itself but also downstream to Lake Crescent.

Carp Management Program Team Leader Jonah Yick presented work at the 2018 Australian Society for Fish Biology conference which was held from the 7th – 11th of October in Melbourne. Delegates from universities, environment, and fisheries bodies around Australia attended the conference. There were approximately 200 presentations during the conference and Jonah Yick presented in the “Carp control” special session, chaired by staff from the National Carp Control Program. Jonah talked about the current status of carp in Lake Sorell, and how close the CMP are to eradicating carp from Tasmania. All presentations were well received by other delegates, and highlighted the need to carefully manage invasive pest fish in Tasmania.

Compliance

Compliance statistics for the period 1/7/18 to 23/10/18

- 1526 angling licences inspected.
- 111 whitebait licences inspected.
- 5 whitebait nets and one fish trap seized.
- 7.5 kilograms of whitebait seized.
- 159 vessels inspected under Marine and Safety legislation.
- 6 defendants have been convicted of 32 offences in the Magistrates court.
- One further defendant is listed for appearance in the Magistrates Courts on 2 charges.
- Infringement and Conditional Cautions issued for 77 offences.
- \$20 609 in court fines.
- \$10 411 in infringement notice fines.
- \$40 861 in fines from all sources.
- 15 notices of disqualification are current, preventing offenders from holding a recreational whitebait licence.

Stephen Hepworth, Manager of Compliance and Operations, retired on Wednesday 8/8/18 following 49 years of service with the State of Tasmania, with 18 of those years served with the Inland Fisheries Service. Stephen was a guiding influence through difficult times, as employee numbers were reduced. Stephen became the compliance manager during 2010 and successfully transitioned the compliance group to a contemporary style of results focussed activity. To his credit, the Inland Fisheries Service Compliance Group enjoys an enviable reputation with law enforcement counterparts within Tasmania, as performing well above expectations for current resourcing. We wish Stephen well in his retirement. The recruitment process has commenced for his replacement.

Compliance objectives:

- To maximise compliance with Tasmanian inland fisheries legislation.
- To contribute to achieving the objectives of inland fisheries management plans.
- To promote freshwater fishing.
- To educate anglers about responsible fishing.

Following up intelligence leads is again critical to the success of operations so far this year. With Tasmania Police, we carried out operations in 2017 to enforce whitebait regulations on waters in the North West, successfully laying charges for inland fisheries and other offences. The cooperation benefited all the enforcement agencies involved, and the operations led to the conviction of six defendants for 32 whitebait and giant freshwater crayfish related offences, with fines of \$20 609 since 1 July 2018. One defendant is listed in the Devonport Magistrates Court on two charges, to be determined by hearing during February 2019. This work has continued in 2018.

Prosecution Offences

- Shayne Anthony LING of Edith Creek was convicted on 4/7/18 at the Smithton Magistrates Court of take excess whitebait. He was fishing on the Duck River when checked by Fisheries Officers and found to possess 3.1kg of whitebait, exceeding the 2kg per day limit. Mr. Ling was fined \$330 and incurred court costs of \$83.74.
- Codie Button of Smithton appeared in Burnie Magistrates Court on 19/7/18 on several charges relating to the illegal taking of whitebait. The offences took place last spring at the Welcome River in the far North-West. Mr Button was convicted of possessing a non-permitted net at an inland waterway, using a non-permitted net, taking whitebait without a whitebait licence, possessing whitebait without a whitebait licence and taking whitebait from a closed water. Mr. Button was sentenced to a fine of \$2445 and \$83.74 in court costs.
- Clinton John CUBIT of Devonport was convicted on 24/7/18 at the Devonport Magistrates Court of take whitebait without a licence, possess whitebait without a licence, use non-permitted net, possess non-permitted net and make a false or misleading statement to an officer. He was fishing on the River Forth when located by police. Following detection, the police seized his boat. Mr. Cubit was fined a total of \$2503.16 and the boat ordered to be returned to its owner.

- Peter Morris **SALTER** of Montagu was convicted on 20/8/18 in the Burnie Magistrates Court of 3 counts of inducing another person to commit an offence under the Inland Fisheries Act 1995. The charges relate to his part in transporting Brodie Lee **POPOWSKI** to the Montague River so he could illegally fish for whitebait. Mr. Salter was fined \$700 and court costs of \$83.74.
- Paul Charles **BAKES OF** Hampshire was convicted on 20/8/18 in the Burnie Magistrates Court of 6 counts of take protected fish, 9 counts of possess freshwater crayfish and 1 count of take trout without a licence. Information from the public resulted in a joint operation between IFS Fisheries Officers and Marine Police at Stanley. Mr Bakes admitted the offences and was charged. The complaint outlined the Defendant illegally hunted, caught and ate the highly protected and threatened species from November 2013 to November 2017. The Defendant was fined \$8550 and court costs of \$66.36.
- Timothy John **TUTHILL** of Turners Beach was convicted on 26/9/18 at the Devonport Magistrates Court to one count of possess whitebait without licence. Members of the public reported suspicious fishing activity on the Forth River. A search was done of Mr Tuthill's home finding 33.58 kg of whitebait. This was a joint effort between Inland Fisheries Officers, Stanley Marine Police, Devonport Uniform Police and Parks & Wildlife. Mr Tuthill was fined \$5763.36, including special penalties and 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	2
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
Hinder officer under the Inland Fisheries Act 1995	1
Make false or misleading statement	1
Take protected fish	6
Possess freshwater crayfish	9
Take fish without a licence	1
Total	32

Compliance operations have detected and dealt with 36 infringement notice offences to date, during the 2018-19 angling season:

- 19 committed under the Inland Fisheries Act 1995; and
- 17 committed under the Marine and Safety Authority Act 1997

Fisheries Officers have so far checked 1526 anglers, and 98.76% of them were found to be compliant with the requirement to hold a current angling licence.

Boating anglers failing to wear a Personal Floatation Device (PFD) continues to be a serious problem, with 13 infringement offences detected for this offence so far.

Infringement Notice Offence Convictions

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	9	4	13	0.85%
Possessing assembled rod, reel and line without an angling licence	2	4	6	0.39%
Possess or use net other than landing net or seine net at inland waters	3	0	3	0.19%
Not complying with Ministerial order about taking fish-closed water	0	7	7	0.45%
Taking > 2 salmon > 500mm in length	1	0	1	0.06%
Using bait in artificial only water	0	1	1	0.06%
Fishing with more rods and lines than endorsed on licence	2	1	3	0.19%
Take undersized fish-regulation 16(1) and (2)	2	1	3	0.19%
Fail to wear PFD on vessel under 6 meters while underway	10	2	12	0.78%
Use motor boat without licence	2	0	2	0.13%

Fail to wear PFD on kayak while underway	1	0	1	0.06%
Exceed 5 knot speed limit in restricted area	0	4	4	0.26%
Fail to carry minimum safety equipment	1	9	10	0.65%
Fail to comply with directions of officer	1	0	1	0.06%
Fail to register motor boat	2	0	2	0.13%
Fail to affix registration label	0	4	4	0.26%
Fail to display registration number	0	3	3	0.19%
Total	36	40	76	4.90%

Club events, meetings and dinners

- Tasmanian Guides and Lodges Tasmania AGM – 1 September
- IFAC – 4 September
- Tasmanian Trout Expo – 22-23 September
- Tasmanian Fly Tyers, Launceston – 3 October
- Australian Society of Fisheries Biologists – 7-11 October
- Talk Trout Tasmania – 12 October
- Great Lake Tie-in – 13 October
- Gone Fishing Day – 14 October
- Fly Fishers Club, - 15 October
- Hydro Tasmania Industry Briefing, Hobart – 23 October
- Tasmanian Fly Fishing Expo, Clarendon – 10 -11 November
- Tasmanian Change Symposium, Hobart – 14 November
- Hydro Tasmania Executive and Board presentation – 20 November

Stockings between 5 September and 15 November 2018

Water	Date	Species	Stock	Number	Origin	Type	Weight (g)
Lake Plimsoll	5-Sep-18	brook trout	Domestic	1 600	Mountain Stream Fishery	diploid	120
Longford Junior Angling Pond	9-Oct-18	rainbow trout	Domestic	350	Huon Aquaculture Company, Millybrook	triploid	600
Frombergs Dam	11-Oct-18	rainbow trout	Domestic	150	Huon Aquaculture Company, Millybrook	triploid	700
Taylors Dam	12-Oct-18	rainbow trout	Domestic	150	Huon Aquaculture Company, Millybrook	triploid	700
Third Lagoon	1-Nov-18	brown trout	Wild	500	Salmon Ponds	diploid	0.70
Lake Chipman	1-Nov-18	brown trout	Wild	1 500	Salmon Ponds	diploid	0.70
Lake Dudley	1-Nov-18	brown trout	Wild	1 500	Salmon Ponds	diploid	0.70
Rostrevor Reservoir	12-Nov-18	brown trout	Wild	10 000	Salmon Ponds	diploid	0.70
Lamberts Dam - Railton	15-Nov-18	brown trout	Wild	5 000	Salmon Ponds	diploid	0.70
Mitchelsons Dam	15-Nov-18	brown trout	Wild	5 000	Salmon Ponds	diploid	0.70
Lake Plimsoll	5-Sep-18	brook trout	Domestic	1 600	Mountain Stream Fishery	diploid	120
Longford Junior Angling Pond	9-Oct-18	rainbow trout	Domestic	350	Huon Aquaculture Company, Millybrook	triploid	600
Frombergs Dam	11-Oct-18	rainbow trout	Domestic	150	Huon Aquaculture Company, Millybrook	triploid	700

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