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Stocking Report 2021



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Introduction

The Inland Fisheries Service (IFS) recognises the value of maintaining wild fisheries as they are best suited to our environment and provide a much sought-after angling experience. We only stock waters when wild populations are not adequately maintained by natural recruitment and we use wild fish whenever possible. Stockings are guided by the *Tasmanian Inland Recreational Fishery Management Plan 2018-28* and risk assessments for each water.

In 2021 the Inland Fisheries Service stocked fish from the Salmon Ponds hatchery, commercial fish farms, wild fish trapped from the Central Highlands spawning runs, wild fish electrofished from streams and salvaged fish.

Stocking of public waters

Stocking of inland waters for public fishing

Each year we stock selected waters in the public fishery. In 2021, we stocked 123,270 brown trout, 16,779 rainbow trout, 5,026 brook trout, and 929 Atlantic salmon.

Table 1. Stocking of inland waters for public fishing by age/size class for 2021.

Age/size class	Brown Trout	Rainbow Trout	Brook Trout	Atlantic Salmon
Fry (1-5 g)	105,000	1,477	5,000	0
Fingerlings (6-50 g)	0	0	0	0
Yearling (51-300 g)	0	0	0	0
Adult (>301g)	18,270	15,302	26	929
Total	123,270	16,779	5,026	929

In 2021 inland waters were stocked from:

- Liawenee Canal or Sandbanks Creek = yingina / Great Lake fish traps.
- Tumbledown, Scotch Bobs and Hydro creeks = Arthurs Lake fish traps.
- River Derwent = Lake King William fish trap.
- Salmon Ponds = Salmon Ponds Heritage Hatchery, Plenty, Inland Fisheries Service.
- Fish Farm #4 = Springfield, Huon Aquaculture Group.
- Fish Farm #5 = Russell Falls, Tassal Group Pty Ltd.
- Fish Farms #7 = Cressy, Petuna Aquaculture.

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- Fish Farm #52 = Targa, Mountain Stream Fishery.
- Fish Farm #65 = Millybrook, Huon Aquaculture Group.
- Fish Farm #78 = Natone, Atkinson Aquaculture.
- Fish Farm #79 = New Norfolk, Huon Aquaculture Group.
- Fish Farm #81 = Bagdad, Tasmanian Eel Exporters.
- Fish Salvage = River Clyde.
- Langdon River.

Brown trout stocking

Brown trout were stocked into assisted fisheries as consistent with the *Tasmanian Inland Recreational Fishery Management Plan 2018-28* and other fisheries included in the *Tasmanian Tagged Trout Promotion*.

Table 2. Brown trout stocking in public waters for 2021.

Water	Fry	Fingerling	Adult
Big Waterhouse Lake			460
Blackmans Lagoon			480
Bradys Lake			4,865
Briseis Hole (Derby Mine Hole)			2
Bronte Lagoon			2
Bruisers Lagoon			50
Brushy Lagoon			680
Camerons Lagoon			50
Carter Lakes			150
Craigbourne Dam			1,652
Curries River Reservoir	60,000		2,016
Four Springs Lake			2,869
Huntsman Lake			2
Lake Botsford			100
Lake Burbury			5

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Lake Crescent			500
Lake Dulverton			150
Lake Duncan			30
Lake Leake			1,203
Lake Lynch			28
Lake Mackintosh			5
Lake Paget			30
Lake Parangana			2
Lake Pedder			5
Lake Rosebery			5
Lake Rowallan			2
Lake Sorell			44
Penstock Lagoon			1,200
Pet Reservoir			980
River Derwent			403
Rocky Lagoon			50
Second Lagoon			50
South Riana Dam	35,000		

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Rainbow trout stocking

Rainbow trout were stocked into assisted fisheries consistent with the *Tasmanian Inland Recreational Fishery Management Plan 2018-28*.

Most rainbow trout stocked were supplied by a commercial fish farm under contract with some ad hoc donations of surplus fish.

Consistent with a policy to maintain biosecurity, wild rainbow trout fry were used to stock waters on the Central Plateau. This policy has changed the approach to managing Penstock Lagoon and Little Blue Lagoon. In exception to this policy domestic rainbow trout were used to stock Dee Lagoon and the Bradys Chain of Lakes.

The initiative to establish a population of wild rainbow trout in Huntsman Lake continued this year with 50 wild adult fish trapped from the Liawenee Canal transferred to the Meander River above Huntsman Lake.

Table 3. Rainbow trout stocking in public waters for 2021.

Water	Fry	Fingerling	Adult
Big Waterhouse Lake			600
Blackmans Lagoon			600
Briseis Hole (Derby Mine Hole)			600
Brumbys Creek			500
Brushy Lagoon			1,500
Craigbourne Dam			1,200
Curries River Reservoir			1,200
Dee Lagoon			1,500
Four Springs Lake			2,500
Huntsman Lake			50
Lake Dulverton			300
Lake Leake			2,000
Lake Sorell			2
Little Blue Lagoon	231		
Penstock Lagoon	1,246		
Pet Reservoir			1,000

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Pioneer Lake			500
Risdon Brook Reservoir			250
Tooms Lake			1,000

Brook trout stocking

Brook trout were stocked into assisted fisheries consistent with the *Tasmanian Inland Recreational Fishery Management Plan 2018-28*.

This year approximately 15,000 fertilized ova were collected from Fish Farm #52 and incubated and reared at the Salmon Ponds. Five hundred advanced fry were stocked into Lake Selina and 4,500 fry were stocked into Lake Langdon. The remaining fish were retained at the Salmon Ponds, unfortunately these died due to high prolonged water temperatures.

Twenty-six wild brook trout were transferred from the Langdon River to Tyndall Creek. This transfer was undertaken to establish another wild brook trout population.

Table 4. Brook trout stocking in public waters for 2021.

Water	Fry	Fingerling	Adult
Lake Selina	500		
Lake Langdon	4,500		
Tyndall Creek			26

Atlantic salmon trout stocking

Atlantic salmon are stocked into assisted fisheries consistent with the *Tasmanian Inland Recreational Fishery Management Plan 2018-28*.

Commercial fish farms supplied Atlantic salmon as ad hoc donations of surplus fish.

Table 5. Atlantic salmon stocking in public waters for 2021.

Water	Fry	Fingerling	Adult
Brushy Lagoon			511
Craigbourne Dam			298
Lake Kara			120

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All stocking of public waters

The full list of stocking movements into public waters including the date, number, species, and size of fish, including the location where fish were stocked from, is detailed in Table 6 below. The stocking of private dams for public fishing, junior angling development and club activities are listed separately.

Table 6. All stocking of public waters in 2021.

Water	Stocking Date	Brown Trout	Rainbow Trout	Atlantic Salmon	Brook Trout	Size (g)	Stocked from (Origin)
Big Waterhouse Lake	May-27	220				734	Sandbanks Creek
Big Waterhouse Lake	Jun-22	240				852	Liawenee Canal
Big Waterhouse Lake	Jun-22		600			380	Fish Farm #65
Blackmans Lagoon	May-25	220				852	Liawenee Canal
Blackmans Lagoon	May-26	240				852	Liawenee Canal
Blackmans Lagoon	May-27	20				734	Sandbanks Creek
Blackmans Lagoon	Jul-14		600			380	Fish Farm #65
Bradys Lake	Apr-21	166				472	River Derwent
Bradys Lake	Apr-28	82				852	Liawenee Canal
Bradys Lake	May-13	155				472	River Derwent
Bradys Lake	May-17	126				472	River Derwent

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Bradys Lake	May-21	265				472	River Derwent
Bradys Lake	May-24	136				472	River Derwent
Bradys Lake	May-27	400				472	River Derwent
Bradys Lake	May-31	400				472	River Derwent
Bradys Lake	Jun-7	400				472	River Derwent
Bradys Lake	Jun-10	800				472	River Derwent
Bradys Lake	Jun-13	800				472	River Derwent
Bradys Lake	Jun-15	692				472	River Derwent
Bradys Lake	Jun-18	263				472	River Derwent
Bradys Lake	Jun-21	168				472	River Derwent
Bradys Lake	Jul-28	12				472	River Derwent
Briseis Hole (Derby Mine Hole)	Jul-13		600			380	Fish Farm #65
Briseis Hole (Derby Mine Hole)	Aug-5	2				852	Liawenee Canal
Bronte Lagoon	Aug-5	2				852	Liawenee Canal
Bruisers Lagoon	Jun-2	50				734	Sandbanks Creek
Brumbys Creek	Oct-7		500			300	Fish Farm #07

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Brushy Lagoon	Apr-15			171		1,200	Fish Farm #81
Brushy Lagoon	Apr-26			170		1,200	Fish Farm #81
Brushy Lagoon	May-13	240				852	Liawenee Canal
Brushy Lagoon	Jun-16	220				852	Liawenee Canal
Brushy Lagoon	Jun-17	220				852	Liawenee Canal
Brushy Lagoon	July-15		600			380	Fish Farm #65
Brushy Lagoon	July-16		300			380	Fish Farm #65
Brushy Lagoon	July-22		600			380	Fish Farm #65
Brushy Lagoon	Sep-7			120		1,500	Fish Farm #05
Brushy Lagoon	Dec-7			50		1,500	Salmon Ponds (Fish Farm #05)
Camerons Lagoon	Jun-2	50				734	Sandbanks Creek
Carter Lakes	Mar-31	120				852	Liawenee Canal
Carter Lakes	Mar-31	30				852	Liawenee Canal
Craigbourne Dam	Apr-23	240				852	Liawenee Canal
Craigbourne Dam	Apr-29	240				852	Liawenee Canal
Craigbourne Dam	Apr-30	240				852	Liawenee Canal

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Craigbourne Dam	May-4	240				852	Liawenee Canal
Craigbourne Dam	May-5	240				852	Liawenee Canal
Craigbourne Dam	May-21	120				852	Liawenee Canal
Craigbourne Dam	May-21	120				734	Sandbanks Creek
Craigbourne Dam	May-31			168		1,200	Fish Farm #81
Craigbourne Dam	Jun-18	210				852	Liawenee Canal
Craigbourne Dam	Jul-21		600			380	Fish Farm #65
Craigbourne Dam	Jul-23		600			380	Fish Farm #65
Craigbourne Dam	Aug-5	2				852	Liawenee Canal
Craigbourne Dam	Sep-3			130		1,500	Fish Farm #05
Curries River Reservoir	May-11	480				852	Liawenee Canal
Curries River Reservoir	May-17	240				734	Sandbanks Creek
Curries River Reservoir	May-28	240				734	Sandbanks Creek
Curries River Reservoir	Jun-9	270				734	Sandbanks Creek
Curries River Reservoir	Jun-11	270				734	Sandbanks Creek
Curries River Reservoir	Jun-15	199				734	Sandbanks Creek

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Curries River Reservoir	Jun-18	215				852	Liawenee Canal
Curries River Reservoir	Jun-18	25				734	Sandbanks Creek
Curries River Reservoir	Jun-29	75				734	Sandbanks Creek
Curries River Reservoir	Jul-14		600			380	Fish Farm #65
Curries River Reservoir	Jul-15		600			380	Fish Farm #65
Curries River Reservoir	Aug-5	2				852	Liawenee Canal
Curries River Reservoir	Sep-21	60,000				1	Salmon Ponds (Liawenee Canal)
Dee Lagoon	Jul-15		1,500			380	Fish Farm #65
Four Springs Lake	Apr-13	469				852	Liawenee Canal
Four Springs Lake	Apr-19	240				852	Liawenee Canal
Four Springs Lake	Apr-21	240				852	Liawenee Canal
Four Springs Lake	Apr-22	240				852	Liawenee Canal
Four Springs Lake	May-3	240				852	Liawenee Canal
Four Springs Lake	May-4	240				852	Liawenee Canal
Four Springs Lake	May-5	720				852	Liawenee Canal
Four Springs Lake	May-6	240				852	Liawenee Canal

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Four Springs Lake	May-7	240				852	Liawenee Canal
Four Springs Lake	Jul-16		2,500			380	Fish Farm #65
Huntsman Lake	Aug-5	2				852	Liawenee Canal
Huntsman Lake	Sep-8		50			1,072	Liawenee Canal
Lake Botsford	Apr-7	70				852	Liawenee Canal
Lake Botsford	May-18	30				852	Liawenee Canal
Lake Crescent	Apr-28	500				852	Liawenee Canal
Lake Dulverton	Jun-24		300			380	Fish Farm #65
Lake Dulverton	Jul-14	150				617	Tumbledown Creek
Lake Duncan	Jun-2	30				734	Sandbanks Creek
Lake Kara	Sep-7			120		1,500	Fish Farm #5
Lake Leake	May-7	240				852	Liawenee Canal
Lake Leake	May-12	480				852	Liawenee Canal
Lake Leake	May-13	240				852	Liawenee Canal
Lake Leake	May-14	240				734	Sandbanks Creek
Lake Leake	Jul-21		2,000			380	Fish Farm #65

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Lake Leake	Aug-5	3				852	Liawenee Canal
Lake Lynch	Jun-2	28				734	Sandbanks Creek
Lake Mackintosh	Aug-5	5				852	Liawenee Canal
Lake Paget	May-18	30				852	Liawenee Canal
Lake Parangana	Aug-5	2				852	Liawenee Canal
Lake Pedder	Aug-5	2				852	Liawenee Canal
Lake Rosebery	Aug-5	5				852	Liawenee Canal
Lake Rowallan	Aug-5	2				852	Liawenee Canal
Lake Selina	Dec-15				500	2	Salmon Ponds (Fish Farm #52)
Lake Sorell	Jun-30	44				1,000	Fish Salvage
Lake Sorell	Jun-30		2			1,000	Fish Salvage
Lake Langdon	Dec-15				4,500		Salmon Ponds (Fish Farm #52)
Little Blue Lagoon	Jan-12		231			1	Liawenee Canal
Penstock Lagoon	Jan-6		246			1	Liawenee Canal
Penstock Lagoon	Apr-1	121				852	Liawenee Canal
Penstock Lagoon	Apr-7	240				852	Liawenee Canal

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Penstock Lagoon	Apr-8	360				852	Liawenee Canal
Penstock Lagoon	May-10	360				472	River Derwent
Penstock Lagoon	May-24	119				472	River Derwent
Penstock Lagoon	Nov-21		650			1	Liawenee Canal
Penstock Lagoon	Dec-1		350			1	Liawenee Canal
Pet Reservoir	Jun-2	980				852	Liawenee Canal
Pet Reservoir	Jul-15		1,000			380	Fish Farm #65
Pioneer lake	Jul-13		500			380	Fish Farm #65
River Derwent	Jul-19	174				472	River Derwent
River Derwent	Jul-27	226				617	Tumbledown Creek
River Derwent	Aug-5	3				852	Liawenee Canal
Rocky Lagoon	Apr-6	50				852	Liawenee Canal
Second Lagoon	May-18	50				852	Liawenee Canal
South Riana Dam	Sep-21	35,000				1	Salmon Ponds (Liawenee Canal)
Tooms Lake	Jul-21		1,000				Fish Farm #65
Tyndall Creek	May-4				26	200	Langdon River

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Stocking of private dams for public fishing

The IFS currently waives the stocking application fee and provides brown trout fry or fingerlings free of charge to stock dams on private property with reasonable public access. Anglers Access signage including hazard warnings and conditions of entry are provided and installed by the IFS. The property owner retains the right to restrict or suspend access due to farming operations. The full details including location of dams, conditions of entry and contact details is available from the [IFS website](#).

Table 7. Stocking of private dams for public fishing in 2021.

Dam name/landholder	Area	Date	Brown Trout	Size	Stocked from (Origin)
Central Highlands Lodge Dam	Miena	17-Jun	50	Adult	Liawenee Canal
Field	Ridgley	22-Nov	1,000	Fry	Salmon Ponds (Liawenee Canal)
Field	Ridgley	22-Nov	500	Fry	Salmon Ponds (Liawenee Canal)
Lamberts Dam	Railton	21-Sep	5,000	Fry	Salmon Ponds (Liawenee Canal)
Mitchelsons Dam	Westbury	21-Sep	5,000	Fry	Salmon Ponds (Liawenee Canal)
Radcliff	Camena	22-Nov	1,000	Fry	Salmon Ponds (Liawenee Canal)
Radcliff	Camena	22-Nov	500	Fry	Salmon Ponds (Liawenee Canal)
Radcliff	Camena	22-Nov	100	Fry	Salmon Ponds (Liawenee Canal)
Radcliff	Camena	22-Nov	250	Fry	Salmon Ponds (Liawenee Canal)
Radcliff	Camena	22-Nov	500	Fry	Salmon Ponds (Liawenee Canal)
Rockcliff	Sassafras	22-Nov	500	Fry	Salmon Ponds (Liawenee Canal)

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Rostrevor Reservoir	Triabunna	12-Sep	10,000	Fry	Salmon Ponds (Liawenee Canal)
Shepherd	Natone	22-Nov	250	Fry	Salmon Ponds (Liawenee Canal)
Shepherd	Natone	22-Nov	250	Fry	Salmon Ponds (Liawenee Canal)
Skirving	Sassafras	22-Nov	500	Fry	Salmon Ponds (Liawenee Canal)
Skirving	Sassafras	22-Nov	500	Fry	Salmon Ponds (Liawenee Canal)
Skirving	Sassafras	22-Nov	500	Fry	Salmon Ponds (Liawenee Canal)

Stocking of private dams for junior angling development

We support Anglers Alliance Tasmania to coordinate and conduct junior angling development activities by stocking waters.

Table 8. Private dams stocked for junior angling development in 2021.

Name	Area	Date	Brown Trout	Rainbow Trout	Atlantic Salmon	Size (g)	Stocked from (Origin)
Frombergs Dam	Ulverstone	7-Sep			200	1,500	Fish Farm #05
Taylor's Dam	Latrobe	7-Sep			200	1,500	Fish Farm #05
Bushy Park Estate Dam	Bushy Park	9-Sep			120	1,500	Fish Farm #05
Frombergs Dam	Ulverstone	1-Oct		200		500	Fish Farm #65
Taylor's Dam	Latrobe	1-Oct		200		500	Fish Farm #65
Bushy Park Estate Dam	Bushy Park	8-Oct			60	Adult	Fish Farm #05

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Bushy Park Estate Dam	Bushy Park	11-Nov			50	Adult	Salmon Ponds (Fish Farm #05)
Bushy Park Estate Dam	Bushy Park	3-Dec			40	Adult	Fish Farm #05
Taylor's Dam	Latrobe	24-Dec	200			Fry	North Motton (Salmon Ponds)
Taylor's Dam	Latrobe	24-Dec			1,000	Fry	North Motton (Salmon Ponds)

Stocking of private dams for angling club activities

The IFS supports the stocking of private dams for angling club activities. Angling clubs must maintain appropriate Public Liability insurance covering the proposed activities. Dams do not need to meet the criteria for public fishing. The landowner must provide written permission for the club to use the dam for the club activities.

Table 9. Private dams stocked for angling club activities in 2021.

Name	Area	Date	Brown Trout	Atlantic Salmon	Size	Stocked from (Origin)
Bloomfield	Sheffield	22-Nov	500		Fry	Salmon Ponds (Liawenee Canal)
Johnson	Camena	22-Nov	500		Fry	Salmon Ponds (Liawenee Canal)
Johnson	Camena	22-Nov	500		Fry	Salmon Ponds (Liawenee Canal)
Johnson	Preston	22-Nov	500		Fry	Salmon Ponds (Liawenee Canal)
Johnson	Preston	22-Nov	500		Fry	Salmon Ponds (Liawenee Canal)
Lambert	Sunnyside	22-Nov	1,000		Fry	Salmon Ponds (Liawenee Canal)
Lamprey	Camena	22-Nov	500		Fry	Salmon Ponds (Liawenee Canal)
Longford Angling Club	Cressy	7-Sept		200	Adult	Fish Farm #05

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Longford Angling Club	Cressy	1-Oct		200	Adult	Fish Farm #65
Wright	West Pine	22-Nov	250		Fry	Salmon Ponds (Liawenee Canal)
Wright	West Pine	22-Nov	250		Fry	Salmon Ponds (Liawenee Canal)

Stocking of private farm dams for private fishing

IFS manages the stocking of farm dams on private property with sterile rainbow trout by permit. Access to these dams for fishing is available to the owner and anyone invited onto the property. All angling rules and regulations apply including the need to hold an angling licence. The Inland Fisheries Service and one private hatchery supplied the 9,300 rainbow trout that were approved for stocking into 25 private farm dams in 2021.

Stocking of registered private fisheries

Registered private fisheries provide recreational fishing opportunities without being subject to angling licence provisions and angling regulations.

IFS approved the stocking of 15,850 rainbow and brown trout into two of the 11 registered private fisheries in 2021.