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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 2025, the IFS stocked fish sourced from the Salmon Ponds hatchery, commercial fish farms, wild fry collected at the Liawenee fry trap, and wild fish captured during the Central Highlands spawning runs.

Stocking of Public Waters

Stocking of inland waters for public fishing

Each year we stock selected private and public waters for public fishing. In 2025, we stocked 384,357 brown trout, 87,697 rainbow trout, 4,285 brook trout, and four Atlantic salmon.

Table 1. Stocking of inland waters for public fishing by age/size class for 2025

Age/size class	Brown Trout	Rainbow Trout	Brook Trout	Atlantic Salmon
Fry (1-5 g)	370,000	18,200	0	0
Fingerlings (6-50 g)	0	53,400	0	0
Yearling (51-300 g)	0	10,200	0	0
Adult (>301g)	14,357	5,897	4,285	4
Total	**384,357**	**87,697**	**4,285**	**4**

In 2025, inland waters were stocked from:

- Liawenee Canal and 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
- Inland Fisheries = New Norfolk Hatchery
- Arthurs Lake = fish captured from Arthurs Lake for the Tasmanian Tagged Trout Promotion
- Fish Farm #5 = Russell Falls, Tassal Group Pty Ltd
- Fish Farm #7 = Cressy, Petuna
- Fish Farm #52 = Targa, Mountain Stream Fishery
- Fish Farm #65 = Millybrook, Huon Aquaculture Group
- Fish Farm #78 = Natone, Atkinson Aquaculture

Brown trout stocking

Brown trout were stocked into assisted fisheries in accordance with the *Tasmanian Inland Recreational Fishery Management Plan 2018–28*, as well as into other fisheries included in the Tasmanian Tagged Trout Promotion.

Table 2. Brown trout stocking in public waters for 2025

Water	Fry	Adult
Arthurs Lake		1
Blackmans Lagoon		250
Bradys Lake		2,869
Bruisers Lagoon		30
Brushy Lagoon		1,200
Camerons Lagoon		31
Carter Lakes		120
Craigbourne Lake		2,133
Curries River Reservoir		1,580
Dasher River	40,000	
Emma Tarns		20
Four Springs Lake		3,000
Gawler River	20,000	
Great Forester River	60,000	
Huntsman Lake		1
Lake Botsford		135
Lake Burbury		3
Lake Duncan		30
Lake Leake		1
Lake Lynch		23
Lake Mackintosh		1
Lake Paget		30
Lake Rowallan		1
Lake Sorell		1
Lake Waverley		93
Lobster Rivulet	20,000	
Meander River	20,000	
Mersey River	140,000	
Penstock Lagoon		1,621
River Derwent		2
River Leven	60,000	
Rocky Lagoon		50
Second Lagoon		30
South Riana Lake		601
Tooms Lake		500
Western Creek	10,000	

Rainbow trout stocking

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

All domestic rainbow trout stocked were supplied by fish farms #7 and #65. Wild rainbow trout were sourced from Liawenee Canal.

Consistent with a policy to maintain biosecurity, wild rainbow trout fry are used to stock waters on the Central Plateau except Dee Lagoon and the Bradys Chain of Lakes.

Table 3. Rainbow trout stocking in public waters for 2025

Water	Fry	Fingerlings	Yearlings	Adult
Big Waterhouse Lake				200
Blackmans Lagoon				200
Bradys Lake		17,400	4,800	2
Briseis Hole (Derby Mine Hole)		3,200		200
Brumbys Creek				300
Brushy Lagoon		6,400	1,800	
Craigbourne Lake		6,800	2,400	184
Curries River Reservoir		3,800		801
Dee Lagoon		8,000	1,200	
Four Springs Lake				1,600
Inglis River	7,000			
Lake Dulverton				110
Lake Kara				400
Lake Leake		4,000		
Little Blue Lagoon	1,200			
Penstock Lagoon	10,000			
Pet Reservoir				1,200
Risdon Brook Reservoir				200
Tooms Lake		3,800		500

Brook trout stocking

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

This year 4,285 adults were collected from fish farm #52. These stockings are detailed in *Table 4*.

Table 4. Brook trout stocking in public waters for 2025

Water	Fingerlings	Yearlings	Adult
Clarence Lagoon			100
Lake Plimsoll			4,185

Atlantic salmon 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. Supply of suitable fish was limited this year due to suppliers expanding the use of PIT tags in their brood stock. Fish containing PIT tags are not safe for consumption and consequently are not suitable for the public fishery.

Table 5. Atlantic salmon stocking in public waters for 2025

Water	Fry	Fingerlings	Adult
Wayatinah Lagoon			4

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. The full details including location of dams, conditions of entry and contact details are available from the IFS website.

An initiative to establish a population of wild rainbow trout in the Den Dam commenced this year. A total of 172 wild adult fish trapped from the Liawenee Canal were transferred to the Den Dam.

Table 6. Stocking of private dams for public fishing in 2025

Dam name / landholder	Area	Date	Brown Trout	Rainbow Trout	Size	Stocked from (Origin)
Den Dam	Melton Mowbray	30-Oct		92	Adult	Liawenee Canal
Den Dam	Melton Mowbray	14-Aug		80	Adult	Liawenee Canal
Rockliff	Sassafras	8-Oct	1,000		Fry	Inland Fisheries (Liawenee Canal)
Rostrevor Reservoir	Triabunna	27-Jun	250		Adult	Inland Fisheries (Liawenee Canal)
Skirving	Sassafras	8-Oct	2,000		Fry	Inland Fisheries (Liawenee Canal)
Skirving	Sassafras	8-Oct	1,000		Fry	Inland Fisheries (Liawenee Canal)
Skirving	Sassafras	8-Oct	1,000		Fry	Inland Fisheries (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 7. Private dams stocked for junior angling development in 2025

Name	Area	Date	Rainbow Trout	Size (g)	Stocked from (Origin)
Bushy Park Estate Dam	Bushy Park	27-Nov	50	350	Salmon Ponds Fish Farm (FF #07 - Cressy)
Bushy Park Estate Dam	Bushy Park	17-Oct	102	300	Salmon Ponds Fish Farm (FF #07 - Cressy)
Glenore Farm	Glenore	5-Nov	200	300	Salmon Ponds Fish Farm (FF #07 - Cressy)
Hiscutt Park Pond	Penguin	9-Dec	165	700	Salmon Ponds Fish Farm (FF #07 - Cressy)
Taylors Dam	Latrobe	29-Jan	1,350	50	FF #07 - Cressy
Taylors Dam	Latrobe	7-Aug	100	1,100	FF #78 - Natone
Taylors Dam	Latrobe	7-Aug	20	3,500	FF #78 - Natone
Taylors Dam	Latrobe	11-Sep	30	3500	FF #78 - Natone
Taylors Dam	Latrobe	7-Nov	100	1,100	FF #78 - Natone
Taylors Dam	Latrobe	4-Dec	75	1,400	FF #78 - Natone

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 8. Private dams stocked for angling club activities in 2025

Name	Area	Date	Brown Trout	Rainbow Trout	Size	Stocked from (Origin)
Baggots Lagoon (Van Dieman Club)	Evandale	6-Nov		200	Yearling	Salmon Ponds Fish Farm (FF #07 - Cressy)
Baggots Lagoon (Van Dieman Club)	Evandale	8-Oct	4,500		Fry	Salmon Ponds Fish Farm (Liawenee Canal)
Baggots Lagoon (Van Dieman Club)	Ulverstone	6-May		300	Yearling	FF #07 - Cressy
Bloomfield (Devonport Club)	Sheffield	8-Oct	500		Fry	Salmon Ponds Fish Farm (Liawenee Canal)
Braddons Lookout (Ulverstone Club)	Leith	16-Oct		50	Yearling	FF #07 - Cressy
Braddons Lookout (Ulverstone Club)	Leith	17-Oct		50	Yearling	FF #07 - Cressy
Lambert (Devonport Club)	Sunnyside	8-Oct	2,000		Fry	Salmon Ponds Fish Farm (Liawenee Canal)
Longford Angling Club	Cressy	28-Jan		2,000	Fingerling	FF #07 - Cressy
Longford Angling Club	Blackwood Creek	18-Oct		80	Adult	FF #07 - Cressy
Martha Vale (Break O'Days Club)	St Helens	22-Oct		300	Yearling	FF #07 - Cressy
Richards (Wilmot Club Dam)	Wilmot	8-Oct	1,000		Fry	Salmon Ponds Fish Farm (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 IFS, fish farm #07 and fish farm #78 supplied the 12,475 rainbow trout that were approved for stocking into 21 private farm dams in 2025.

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 3,904 rainbow, 2,506 brown and 140 brook trout into five of the 14 registered private fisheries in 2025.



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