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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 2023 the IFS stocked fish from the Salmon Ponds hatchery, commercial fish farms, wild fish from Lake Crescent and wild fish trapped from 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 2023, we stocked 21,395 brown trout, 25,294 rainbow trout, 3,200 brook trout, and 567 Atlantic salmon.

Table 1. Stocking of inland waters for public fishing by age/size class for 2023

Age/size class	Brown Trout	Rainbow Trout	Brook Trout	Atlantic Salmon
Fry (1-5 g)	8,630	1,000	0	0
Fingerlings (6-50 g)	0	0	3,200	0
Yearling (51-300 g)	0	0	0	0
Adult (>301g)	12,765	24,294	0	567
Total	21,395	25,294	3,200	567

In 2023, 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
- Lake Crescent
- Salmon Ponds = Salmon Ponds Heritage Hatchery, Plenty, Inland Fisheries Service
- Inland Fisheries = New Norfolk Hatchery
- Fish Farm #4 = Springfield, Huon Aquaculture Group
- Fish Farm #5 = Russell Falls, Tassal Group Pty Ltd
- Fish Farm #7 = Cressy, Petuna
- Fish Farm #26 = Wayatinah, SALTAS
- 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

Brown trout stocking

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

Fewer brown trout than expected were available for transfer this year due to low flows in the Central Highlands during peak spawning in May, combined with low lake level and low flow in River Derwent, Lake King William. This provided spawning opportunities for the brown trout below fish traps.

Table 2. Brown trout stocking in public waters for 2023

Water	Fry	Fingerling	Adult
Big Waterhouse Lake			152
Blackmans Lagoon			152
Bradys Lake			788
Bruisers Lagoon			35
Brushy Lagoon			1,540
Camerons Lagoon			42
Carter Lakes			120
Craigbourne Lake			1,762
Curries River Reservoir			1,922
Emma Tarns			20
Four Springs Lake			2,945
Lake Botsford			50
Lake Dulverton			137
Lake Duncan			30
Lake Lynch			20
Lake Paget			30
Penstock Lagoon			2,000
Rocky Lagoon			50
Second Lagoon			30
South Riana Lake			590

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 #4, #7 and #65 under contract. 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.

The initiative to establish a population of wild rainbow trout in Lake Sorell continued for the second year. One hundred wild adult fish trapped from the Liawenee Canal were transferred to Mountain Creek and Silver Plains Creek. Mountain Creek was inspected on 6 December 2023, there were numerous trout fry visible primarily downstream of the large scour pool midway from the bridge to the lake. The fry appeared to be in the size range of 0.5-1.0 g holding in the small flow of less than 5ML per day. This observation demonstrates there is sufficient spawning habitat available in the creek to ensure natural trout recruitment, further rehabilitation of the spawning facilities in this creek is not required. There was no way to determine the species of fry but they looked to be brown trout; it would be worthwhile sampling fry in December 2024 using electrofishing equipment to ascertain if rainbow trout were present and that seeding of Lake Sorell has been successful.

Table 3. Rainbow trout stocking in public waters for 2023

Water	Fry	Yearling	Adult
Big Waterhouse Lake			250
Blackmans Lagoon			500
Bradys Lake			3,250
Briseis Hole (Derby Mine Hole)			250
Brumbys Creek			290
Brushy Lagoon			3,107
Craigbourne Lake			1,880
Curries River Reservoir			1,000
Dee Lagoon			1,000
Four Springs Lake			2,000
Lake Dulverton			440
Lake Kara			380
Lake Leake			1,750

Water	Fry	Yearling	Adult
Lake Sorell			100
Meadowbank Lake			5,347
Penstock Lagoon	1,000		
Pet Reservoir			1,000
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 3,200 fingerlings were collected from fish farm #52. Five hundred of these were stocked into Lake Selina and 2,700 were stocked into Lake Plimsoll.

Table 4. Brook trout stocking in public waters for 2023

Water	Fry	Fingerling	Adult
Lake Plimsoll		2,700	
Lake Selina		500	

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.

Table 5. Atlantic salmon stocking in public waters for 2023

Water	Fry	Yearling	Adult
Brushy Lagoon			243
Craigbourne Lake			320
Wayatinah Lagoon			4

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 2023

Water	Stocking Date	Brown Trout	Rainbow Trout	Atlantic Salmon	Brook Trout	Size (g)	Stocked from (origin)
Big Waterhouse Lake	11-May		250			485	Fish Farm #65
Big Waterhouse Lake	22-May	32				3,000	Liawenee (Lake Crescent)
Big Waterhouse Lake	30-May	120				810	Sandbanks Creek
Blackmans Lagoon	10-May		500			485	Fish Farm #65
Blackmans Lagoon	30-May	120				810	Sandbanks Creek
Blackmans Lagoon	22-May	32				3,000	Liawenee (Lake Crescent)
Bradys Lake	16-Mar		500			343	Fish Farm #04
Bradys Lake	6-Jul	32				427	River Derwent
Bradys Lake	1-Jun		2,250			487	Fish Farm #65
Bradys Lake	14-Jul	64				427	River Derwent
Bradys Lake	5-Jun	390				472	River Derwent
Bradys Lake	30-Jun	55				427	River Derwent
Bradys Lake	23-Jun	12				472	River Derwent
Bradys Lake	19-Jun	130				472	River Derwent

Water	Stocking Date	Brown Trout	Rainbow Trout	Atlantic Salmon	Brook Trout	Size (g)	Stocked from (origin)
Bradys Lake	9-Jun-23	105				472	River Derwent
Bradys Lake	14-Mar		500			343	Fish Farm #04
Briseis Hole (Derby Mine Hole)	11-May		250			485	Fish Farm #65
Bruisers Lagoon	7-Jun	35				621	Sandbanks Creek
Brumbys Creek	7-Oct		40			5,000	Fish Farm #07
Brumbys Creek	6-Oct		250			650	Fish Farm #07
Brushy Lagoon	11-Oct		300			600	Fish Farm #65
Brushy Lagoon	27-Mar		427			400	Fish Farm #04
Brushy Lagoon	25-Sep			173		1,200	Salmon Ponds Fish Farm (Fish Farm #05)
Brushy Lagoon	3-May	220				926	Liawenee Canal
Brushy Lagoon	4-May	170				936	Liawenee Canal
Brushy Lagoon	22-Sep			70		1,200	Salmon Ponds Fish Farm (Fish Farm #05)
Brushy Lagoon	17-May		2,000			487	Fish Farm #65
Brushy Lagoon	31-May	130				810	Sandbanks Creek
Brushy Lagoon	31-May	120				926	Liawenee Canal
Brushy Lagoon	13-Jun	250				733	Liawenee Canal
Brushy Lagoon	24-Jul		380			525	Fish Farm #65

Water	Stocking Date	Brown Trout	Rainbow Trout	Atlantic Salmon	Brook Trout	Size (g)	Stocked from (origin)
Brushy Lagoon	26-Jun	247				466	Tumbledown Creek
Brushy Lagoon	26-Jun	53				487	Hydro Creek
Brushy Lagoon	11-Jul	272				466	Tumbledown Creek
Brushy Lagoon	11-Jul	78				529	Scotch Bobs Creek
Camerons Lagoon	7-Jun	42				621	Sandbanks Creek
Carter Lakes	6-Apr	120				926	Liawenee Canal
Craigbourne Lake	17-Sep			160		1,200	Salmon Ponds Fish Farm (Fish Farm #05)
Craigbourne Lake	14-Jun	250				733	Liawenee Canal
Craigbourne Lake	27-Jul		380			525	Fish Farm #65
Craigbourne Lake	21-Jul	25				529	Scotch Bobs Creek
Craigbourne Lake	13-Jun	250				733	Liawenee Canal
Craigbourne Lake	16-Sep			160		1,200	Salmon Ponds Fish Farm (Fish Farm #05)
Craigbourne Lake	9-Jun	250				733	Liawenee Canal
Craigbourne Lake	21-Jul	91				466	Tumbledown Creek
Craigbourne Lake	15-Jun	120				621	Sandbanks Creek
Craigbourne Lake	21-Jul	204				487	Hydro Creek
Craigbourne Lake	9-Jun	260				621	Sandbanks Creek

Water	Stocking Date	Brown Trout	Rainbow Trout	Atlantic Salmon	Brook Trout	Size (g)	Stocked from (origin)
Craigbourne Lake	15-Jun	52				733	Liawenee Canal
Craigbourne Lake	26-May		1,500			487	Fish Farm #65
Craigbourne Lake	7-Jun	260				733	Liawenee Canal
Curries River Reservoir	27-Jun	142				529	Scotch Bobs Creek
Curries River Reservoir	28-Jun	31				466	Tumbledown Creek
Curries River Reservoir	9-May		1,000			485	Fish Farm #65
Curries River Reservoir	22-May	13				636	Tumbledown Creek
Curries River Reservoir	22-May	264				810	Sandbanks Creek
Curries River Reservoir	22-May	938				926	Liawenee Canal
Curries River Reservoir	27-Jun	198				487	Hydro Creek
Curries River Reservoir	28-Jun	326				487	Hydro Creek
Curries River Reservoir	27-Jun	10				733	Liawenee Canal
Dee Lagoon	9-Mar		500			343	Fish Farm #04
Dee Lagoon	10-Mar		500			343	Fish Farm #04
Emma Tarns	14-Jun	20				733	Liawenee Canal
Four Springs Lake	28-Apr	170				926	Liawenee Canal
Four Springs Lake	28-Apr	70				810	Sandbanks Creek
Four Springs Lake	27-Apr	220				926	Liawenee Canal

Water	Stocking Date	Brown Trout	Rainbow Trout	Atlantic Salmon	Brook Trout	Size (g)	Stocked from (origin)
Four Springs Lake	26-Apr	220				926	Liawenee Canal
Four Springs Lake	26-May		1,250			487	Fish Farm #65
Four Springs Lake	25-Apr	49				810	Sandbanks Creek
Four Springs Lake	21-Apr	220				926	Liawenee Canal
Four Springs Lake	1-May	330				926	Liawenee Canal
Four Springs Lake	1-May	145				810	Sandbanks Creek
Four Springs Lake	25-Apr	191				926	Liawenee Canal
Four Springs Lake	17-May		750			487	Fish Farm #65
Four Springs Lake	23-Apr	40				810	Sandbanks Creek
Four Springs Lake	18-Apr	220				926	Liawenee Canal
Four Springs Lake	19-Apr	440				926	Liawenee Canal
Four Springs Lake	23-Apr	190				926	Liawenee Canal
Four Springs Lake	20-Apr	220				926	Liawenee Canal
Four Springs Lake	3-May	220				926	Liawenee Canal
Lake Botsford	8-Apr	50				926	Liawenee Canal
Lake Dulverton	20-Jun	57				621	Sandbanks Creek
Lake Dulverton	20-Jun	80				733	Liawenee Canal
Lake Dulverton	10-May		250			485	Fish Farm #65

Water	Stocking Date	Brown Trout	Rainbow Trout	Atlantic Salmon	Brook Trout	Size (g)	Stocked from (origin)
Lake Dulverton	28-Jul		190			525	Fish Farm #65
Lake Duncan	30-May	30				810	Sandbanks Creek
Lake Kara	26-Jul		380			525	Fish Farm #65
Lake Leake	15-May		1,750			485	Fish Farm #65
Lake Lynch	30-May	20				810	Sandbanks Creek
Lake Paget	14-Jun	30				733	Liawenee Canal
Lake Plimsoll	3-Feb				2,700	20	Fish Farm #52
Lake Selina	3-Feb				500	20	Fish Farm #52
Lake Sorell	4-Sep		100			1,047	Liawenee Canal
Meadowbank Lake	3-Aug		5,347			525	Fish Farm #65
Penstock Lagoon	11-Jan		1000			1	Liawenee Canal
Penstock Lagoon	14-Apr	125				926	Liawenee Canal
Penstock Lagoon	13-Apr	250				926	Liawenee Canal
Penstock Lagoon	29-May	239				500	Tumbledown Creek
Penstock Lagoon	1-Jun	156				926	Liawenee Canal
Penstock Lagoon	3-Jun	174				636	Tumbledown Creek
Penstock Lagoon	10-Apr	500				926	Liawenee Canal
Penstock Lagoon	11-Apr	219				926	Liawenee Canal

Water	Stocking Date	Brown Trout	Rainbow Trout	Atlantic Salmon	Brook Trout	Size (g)	Stocked from (origin)
Penstock Lagoon	14-Jun	87				636	Tumbledown Creek
Penstock Lagoon	8-Apr	250				926	Liawenee Canal
Pet Reservoir	12-May		1,000			485	Fish Farm #65
Pioneer Lake	11-May		500			485	Fish Farm #65
Risdon Brook Reservoir	10-May		250			485	Fish Farm #65
Rocky Lagoon	8-Apr	50				926	Liawenee Canal
Second Lagoon	8-Apr	30				926	Liawenee Canal
South Riana Lake	31-May	240				926	Liawenee Canal
South Riana Lake	13-Jul	302				487	Hydro Creek
South Riana Lake	13-Jul	48				733	Liawenee Canal
Tooms Lake	15-May		1,000			485	Fish Farm #65
Wayatinah Lagoon	8-Feb			4		3,000	Fish Farm #26

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 are available from the IFS website.

Table 7. Stocking of private dams for public fishing in 2023

Dam name / landholder	Area	Date	Brown Trout	Size	Stocked from (Origin)
Lodge Dam	Central Highlands	7-Jun	30	Adult	Sandbanks Creek
Radcliff	Camena	6-Sep	1,000	Fry	Inland Fisheries (Liawenee Canal)
Radcliff	Camena	6-Sep	500	Fry	Inland Fisheries (Liawenee Canal)
Radcliff	Camena	6-Sep	500	Fry	Inland Fisheries (Liawenee Canal)
Rockliff	Sassafras	6-Sep	500	Fry	Inland Fisheries (Liawenee Canal)
Knapman	West Ridgley	6-Sep	3,000	Fry	Inland Fisheries (Liawenee Canal)
Shepherd	Natone	6-Sep	500	Fry	Inland Fisheries (Liawenee Canal)
Skriving	Sassafras	6-Sep	1,000	Fry	Inland Fisheries (Liawenee Canal)
Skriving	Sassafras	6-Sep	500	Fry	Inland Fisheries (Liawenee Canal)
McKenna	Penguin	6-Sep	1,000	Fry	Inland Fisheries (Liawenee Canal)
Mitchelsons Dam	Westbury	19-Jan	100	Fingerling	Inland Fisheries (Liawenee Canal)
Rostrevor	Triabunna	27-Jun	350	Adult	Hydro Creek

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 2023

Name	Area	Date	Rainbow Trout	Atlantic Salmon	Size (g)	Stocked from (Origin)
Bushy Park Estate Dam	Bushy Park	18-Sep		100	1,200	Salmon Ponds Fish Farm (Fish Farm #05)
Bushy Park Estate Dam	Bushy Park	1-Dec	150		750	Fish Farm #65
Taylor's Dam	Latrobe	20-Sep		140	1,200	Salmon Ponds Fish Farm (Fish Farm #05)
Taylor's Dam	Latrobe	8-Dec	130		900	Fish Farm #65
Taylor's Dam	Latrobe	29-Jun	400		500	Fish Farm #65
Hiscutt Park Pond	Penguin	8-Dec	130		900	Fish Farm #65

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 2023

Name	Area	Date	Brown Trout	Rainbow Trout	Atlantic Salmon	Size	Stocked from (Origin)
North Motton Rearing Unit Dam (Ulverstone Club)	North Motton	6-Sep	100			Fry	Inland Fisheries (Liawenee Canal)
Johnson (Ulverston Club)	Preston	6-Sep	500			Fry	Inland Fisheries (Liawenee Canal)
Longford Angling Club	Cressy	10-Nov		300		Adult	Fish Farm#65
Barnett (Deloraine Club)	Meander	21-Sep		300		Adult	Fish Farm#65
Johnson (Ulverston Club)	Preston	6-Sep	500			Fry	Inland Fisheries (Liawenee Canal)
Break Oday Angling Club	Fingal	10-Aug		81		Adult	Fish Farm #65
Break Oday Angling Club	Fingal	10-Aug		69		Adult	Fish Farm #65
Wright (Penguin Club)	West Pine	6-Sep	1,000			Fry	Inland Fisheries (Liawenee Canal)
Wright (Penguin Club)	West Pine	6-Sep	1,000			Fry	Inland Fisheries (Liawenee Canal)
Richards (Wilmot Club)	Wilmot	6-Sep	500			Fry	Inland Fisheries (Liawenee Canal)
Bloomfield (Devonport Club)	Sheffield	6-Sep	1,000			Fry	Inland Fisheries (Liawenee Canal)
Lamberts (Devonport Club)	Sunnyside	6-Sep	1,000			Fry	Inland Fisheries (Liawenee Canal)
Longford Angling Club	Cressy	6-Sep			80	Adult	Salmon Ponds Fish Farm (Fish Farm #05)
Youngman (Van Diemans Club)	Evandale	9-Nov		300		Fingerling	Salmon Ponds Fish Farm (Fish Farm #05)

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 #65 and fish farm #78 supplied the 11,540 rainbow trout that were approved for stocking into 24 private farm dams in 2023.

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 2,570 rainbow and 5,000 brown trout into three of the eleven registered private fisheries in 2023.



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