

TARFish Bulletin

Tasmanian Association for Recreational Fishing Inc.

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providing a source of food for many people.

In order to better understand these benefits and support the sustainable management of the fishery, IMAS is undertaking a survey of the Tasmanian population to determine the number of persons who go fishing and their general characteristics, including age, gender and how often they go fishing.

The first part of the survey will involve contacting up to 5000 Tasmanian households by telephone to collect profiling information such as household demographics and basic fishing activity. This screening survey will also be used to determine eligibility to participate in a follow-up diary survey. The diary survey will be used to monitor fishing activity in detail and will be expanded to represent the fishery as a whole.

This study represents the 4th general fishing survey undertaken in Tasmania since 2000 and will update the state of the recreational fishery and its overall significance to our island lifestyle and economy. The study is being funded by the

Gone Fishing Day 2017 was held on Sunday the 15th of October and included plans to highlight the economic, social and environmental benefits recreational fishing provides to the wider community.

Following on from the success in 2016 of the inaugural national Gone Fishing Day event it was decided to grow and expand the event in 2017.

TARFish worked jointly with state government departments and Anglers Alliance Tasmania to get multiple events organised in Tasmania.

Minister Rockliff and his daughters attended the event at Frombergs Dam at Ulverstone and were fortunate to catch a couple of fish for dinner.

Put a note in your diary now, national Gone Fishing Day is scheduled for Sunday 14th October 2018 and is expected to grow in participation and number of events. If your fishing club is interested in holding an event as part of the day please contact TARFish for full event details.

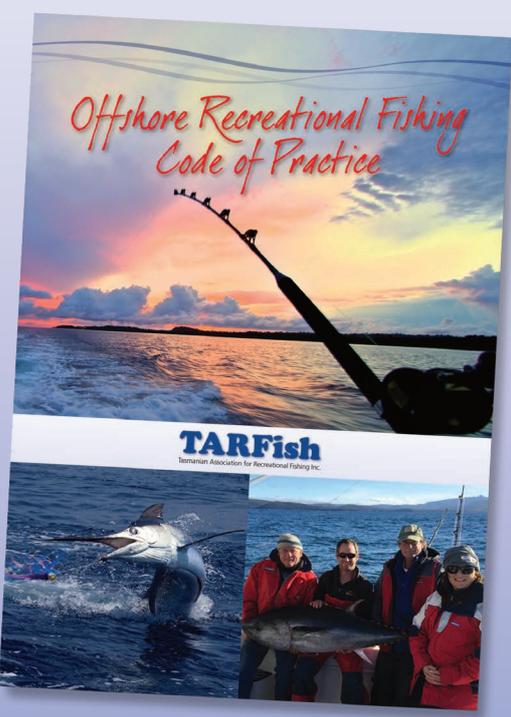


OFFSHORE CODE

TARFish has developed an *Offshore Recreational Fishing Code of Practice* to assist those fishers who have an interest in exploring waters and locations over the horizon safely. Download a copy from our website or contact us and we will post out a free copy.

IMAS NEWS

“Recreational fishing is a very popular pastime in Tasmania, with proportionally more Tasmanians fishing each year than in most other parts of Australia. Recreational fishing provides significant social, health and economic benefits as well



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Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment and the Inland Fisheries Service. The IMAS research team is led by Dr Jeremy Lyle and Dr Sean Tracey, both of whom have had many years of experience in recreational fisheries research and are internationally recognised as leaders in this field."

TARFish sits on the steering committee for the survey and will let you know when the survey report is available.

RECOGNITION

TARFish and all peak bodies across Australia, and many more influential recreational fishers, have been working on recognition of recreational fishing in commonwealth legislation with all sides of politics for the last decade. In November, legislation to recognise recreational fishing came into effect. This will provide strategic benefits to the recreational fishing sector and we now need to make sure the same benefits exist in state legislation.

OUT AND ABOUT

The health and well-being benefits of fishing are readily understood by those who fish. TARFish has teamed with Parkside Foundation, who support people with disabilities, and donated a complete fishing tackle package which enables the foundation to start a weekly fishing program.

TARFish attended the handing over event and joined the enthusiastic attendees, and their carers, in a lunchtime fishing trip to Dodges Ferry, ...and yes they caught fish.

TARFish has previously supported similar programs with Baptcare on the North-West Coast and Life without Barriers in Hobart. The enthusiasm and excitement of catching a fish are what makes fishing Australia's most popular recreation and with a team effort shows that anyone can go fishing, no matter what life throws at you. Well done to The Parkside Foundation for setting up the program.



TARFish presented "Everything you wanted to know about rec fishing representation... but didn't know who to ask" to the Australian Maritime College Marine Environment Society in Launceston in late 2017. This was the fourth year we have presented to the Society and they obviously see value in understanding the complexity of recreational fishing advocacy in Tasmania.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

TARFish and two of its Future Leaders, India Thompson & Chloe Hammersley, attended the National Recreational Fishing Conference in Darwin in late November and came away with a greatly expanded knowledge base of all the hot



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topics facing recreational fishing in the not too distant future. An international Key Note speaker, various national & state speakers crammed a lot into one day. Copies of all the speaker's presentations are available from the following website address <https://www.recreationalfishing.com.au/event/national-recreational-fishing-conference/>

The national conference is held every two years and the organisers like to move the conference location to all parts of Australia. TARFish will be submitting an application to hold the next conference in Tasmania in 2019, the same year as the World Fly Fishing Championships are being held in Tassy.

SE MARINE PARK

TARFish attended a South East Marine Park Forum meeting in November. The forum is a regular event which TARFish has been involved with for the last 3 odd years. The Forum is reviewing the South East Marine Park Management Plan for commonwealth waters and TARFish's participation is to ensure the interests of recreational fishers are considered in the plan review.

ROCK LOBSTER

TARFish attended a Steering Committee meeting in late October for the East Coast Rock Lobster Translocation Project. This 3-year project is in the final year and moves 50,000 lobsters per year from slow growing areas on the West Coast to the Eastern Region. The objective of the project is to increase overall stocks of lobsters in the Eastern Region and is funded by the state govt as part of an election commitment to support rebuilding rock lobster stocks in the Eastern Region.



MARINE FARMING

Tassal has released details on their Storm Bay West of Wedge proposal. Some community meetings have already taken place and on-site tours are on offer to those who have an interest in understanding the scale and scope of their proposal.

Huon Aquaculture continues to place additional infrastructure into their Storm Bay Trumpeter Bay site.

According to the DPIWWE website "Permits have been issued for the three main salmon farming companies to undertake preliminary work to establish whether there are suitable locations within the permit areas for the possible marine farming of salmon. The permit areas are large enough to allow an understanding of the broader environmental systems that affect the much smaller locations where conditions may be found suitable for marine farming. The permits are the first step only, and the full planning and approvals set out in legislation will still apply.

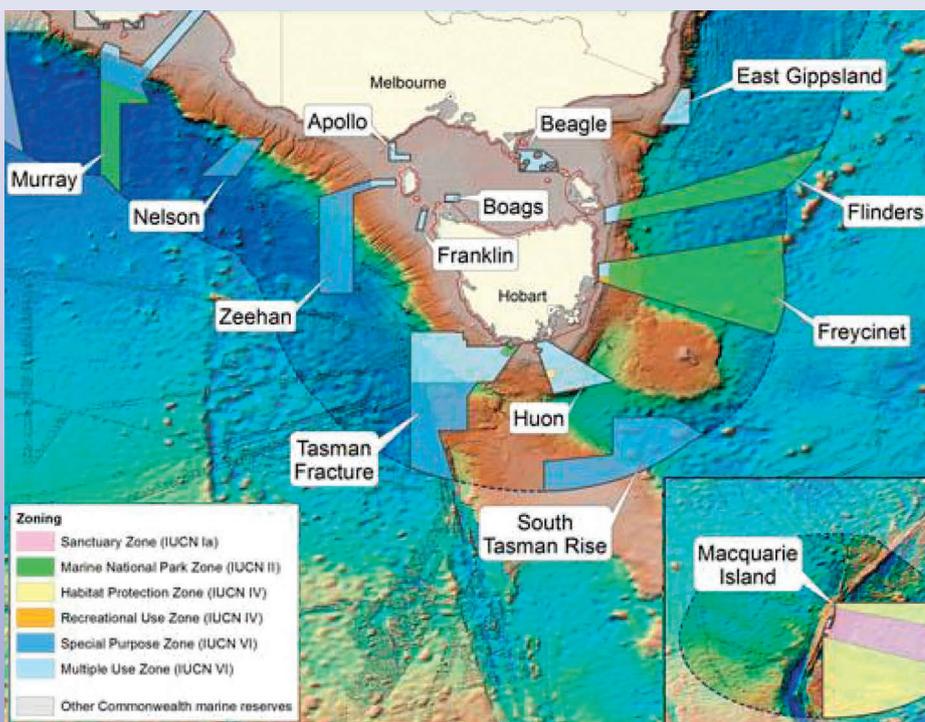
Far North-West of Tasmania. The permit has been issued to Petuna Aquaculture Pty Ltd and covers an area of State waters between lines drawn north from Cape Grim and the Nut.

Cape Connella and east of South Bruny Island. The permit has been issued to Huon Aquaculture Company Pty Ltd and covers an area of State waters between lines drawn east from Cape Connella and Boreel Head.

King Island, off east coast. The permit has been issued to Tassal Operations Pty Ltd and covers an area of State waters between lines drawn east from Lavinia Point and Cowper Point."

Further details are available from the DPIWWE website.

TARFish has received an invitation to join two Tassal Community Advisory Groups for the Channel/Southern & South East regions of the state. We have accepted the invitations, along with other interested groups and individuals, to under-



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stand if these new advisory groups will improve the outcomes for recreational fishers and their interactions with marine farmers. We will continue to extend invitations to all marine farmers to make direct presentations to the TARFish Board on matters of significance.

TARFish attended the three day Global Salmon Conference held in Hobart in December. Salmon marine farming in Tasmanian waters is being assertively progressed and TARFish wants to understand future industry plans, aspirations and how they intend to address the broad range of concerns the recreational fishing sector, and the general community, have. International speakers, industry experts, senior bureaucrats, fisheries stakeholders and world leading scientists provided the basis for a wide range of views, questions and perspectives.

The organisers plan to hold a follow up symposium in 2018 where the general public will be able to attend.



CODE OF PRACTICE

The TARFish *Recreational Fishing Code of Practice* has been updated and republished. The TARFish "Code" is based on the national & international codes and has been adapted for our conditions and activities. TARFish worked closely with Parks Australia to ensure there was relevant content around marine parks and reserves included in the updated TARFish Code. Electronic copies are available from our website or hardcopies are available by contacting us.

Codes of Practice are not "rule books", they are voluntary commitments recreational fishers adhere to in support of general practices that underpin the future of recreational fishing.

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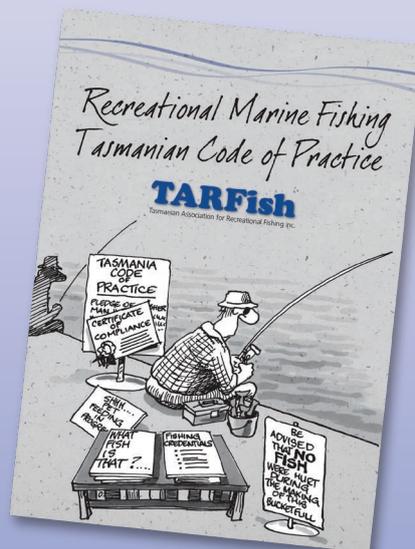


SOCIAL MEDIA

TARFish has joined social media by setting up on Facebook, Twitter and Skype. Become a "Friend" or "Like" TARFish and be kept up to date with what is happening in the recreational fishing sector as it happens. Just use the search facility in the apps to find TARFish and send us a message or thoughts.

JOIN TARFish

TARFish continues to grow and mature as an association and remains committed and flexible to the needs of Tasmania's recreational marine fishing community. Associate membership totals over 3280 individuals and sees members drawn from all areas of Tasmania. Associate membership is FREE and there are no ongoing fees. Simply contact us, and we will post you a membership application or you can download from our website, complete the details and send back.



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