



# TARFish Bulletin

Tasmanian Association for Recreational Fishing Inc.

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## GONE FISHING DAY 14TH OCT 2018 DAY!

or you fish every day – GFD will have something for you. State wide events and further details relevant to Tasmania will be published shortly but make sure you block out your diary now for Sunday October 14th.

We want to get every Australian to pick up a rod, get together a crew and get out on the water for the third annual Gone Fishing Day.

Go to the official website for full details <https://gonefishingday.org/>

### Put it in your diary now!

Australia will celebrate its third National Gone Fishing Day (GFD) with thousands of Australians going fishing and plenty of events promoting recreational fishing being held across the nation. Recreational fishing is arguably Australia's biggest leisure sporting activity and it doesn't matter if you haven't fished before,

TARFish are calling for applications from members who can add value to the TARFish Committee and want to support recreational marine fishing advocacy in Tasmania.

TARFish are currently seeking applications for an Associate Member Representative. Associate Member Representa-



tives are appointed for two years. TARFish holds meetings every two months in Hobart which last about 2 hours and are conducted out of normal business hours, meetings generally start around 6.30pm. Committee members who need to travel to meetings from outside the greater Hobart area are entitled to claim a travel allowance to cover expenses to attend meetings. If you are interested simply contact us and we will send you an information pack.





## CALAMARI REVIEW

DPIPWE has advised it "is reviewing the management arrangements for the state's Calamari Fishery. The Calamari Fishery is a component of the commercial Scalefish Fishery that operates in Tasmanian coastal waters, predominantly along the south east, east and north coasts.

General Manager of Water and Marine Resources at DPIWPE Fionna Bourne says the review will investigate alternative ways to manage catch and effort. This review is about delivering holistic management and sustainability objectives and providing greater certainty for licence holders, Ms Bourne said.

Ms Bourne stated all options for the management of this fishery will be considered and the review does not mean that any particular outcome will be pursued in the future."

Review details are available from the DPIPWE website. Written comment must be provided to the Wild Fisheries Management Branch by close of business 12 October.

## ABALONE

A Draft Abalone Harvest Strategy was recently put out by DPIPWE for public comment. Public submissions closed on 28 September. This is the first Harvest Strategy for the Abalone fishery in Tasmania. TARFish provided a submission and a copy is available from our website.



## LOBSTER PROJECT

TARFish attended a Steering Committee meeting in August for the Rock Lobster Translocation program which has commenced planning for the next 3 years activities. The program will relocate undersize lobsters from slow growing areas on the South West coast to fast growing areas along the East Coast.

Approximately 50,000 lobsters will be relocated each year for the next 3 years.

The program is one of a number of initiatives put in place to help rebuild stocks as part of the 10 year East Coast Rock Lobster Rebuilding Strategy.

The program is a collaborative partnership between TARFish, the Tasmanian Rock Lobster Fishermen's Association, the Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies (IMAS), the Department of Primary Industries and funded by the state govt.



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*Looking after the interests of recreational marine fishers*



## MAST UPDATES

*"The Fortescue Bay Boat Ramp is now officially open. Thanks everyone for your patience...With Spring now upon us, remember to check the weather before heading out!"*

*"The Woodbridge Jetty will be closed to the public from Monday, 24th September 2018 to facilitate its demolition and replacement. Temporary access will be provided by the contractor for ferries and the Marine Discovery Centre vessel only. Further queries can be directed to Justin Foster at MAST on 0418 142 053."*

*"Catamaran Boat Ramp repairs have been completed and the ramp has been reopened."*



## MAST

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## OUT AND ABOUT

TARFish attended the annual dinner and presentation night of the Game Fishing Club of Northern Tasmania in August. By

all accounts it was a roaring success for the club. TARFish has provided sponsorship for a number of years to the club's Junior anglers program to encourage participation and support the next generation of fishers. Well done to the GFCNT on a successful season and to the many club winners who put in considerable efforts over the season in pursuit of their passion that is recreational fishing, arguably Australia's number 1 participation sport.

TARFish attended the Launceston Outdoor Boat & Caravan Show at the Launceston Silverdome in September. Tasmania's best outdoor recreation exhibitors were there with strong attendance numbers over the 3 days. TARFish provided New members prize draw, free kids tackle boxes, logbooks, Offshore Fishing Code of Practice, Tuna Champions and all the current information on recreational fishing in Tasmania.





TARFish attended an Australian Recreational Fishing Foundation (ARFF) briefing night in July at the Victorian Game Fishing Club on Southern Bluefin Tuna (SBT). There has been a lot of discussion around SBT over the past few months and ARFF wanted to present some facts around the status of the stock, our international obligations, research and the future role for recreational anglers. Updates were presented by the Australian Fisheries Management Authority (AFMA)



as resource managers, leading scientists from IMAS on current SBT projects and ABARES on the upcoming recreational catch estimate study for SBT.

TARFish attended a Shellfish Research Advisory Group (RAG) meeting in July to discuss and agree on research priorities for the 2019/20 fishing year. RAGs meet once a year to set research priorities which are then provided to research providers to develop projects for funding consideration.



TARFish attended a Tasmanian Recreational Fishing Survey Steering Group meeting in August. The purpose of the Steering Group is to guide the state-wide general recreational fishing survey so that outputs reflect future management needs, milestones are being achieved, provide advice about wash up questions and to assist to engage stakeholders and provide advice about communications.

The survey is being undertaken by IMAS and uses the telephone/diary

survey methodology to estimate catch and report on Tasmanian recreational fisheries for the 2017/18 fishing season. Preliminary analysis has been completed with a final report likely to be available late 2018 or early 2019.

## 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 3300 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.

## 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.

Find us on 

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