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Guy Barnett, Minister for Primary Industries and Water

Trout anglers can win up to \$50,000 with tagged fish

The Tasmanian Liberal Government will run a \$50,000 tagged trout promotion to help encourage anglers to visit regional areas and support our economy in rebounding.

The Inland Fisheries Service will release five tagged brown trout into lakes across the state before the season starts on August 1 with each tagged trout worth \$10,000 to the lucky angler that returns the fish, tag intact, to the IFS.

The Tasmanian Tagged Trout Promotion will see Arthurs Lake, Lake Burbury, yingina/Great Lake, Lake Pedder and Lake Rowallan each receive a \$10,000 tagged fish.

The lakes chosen for the promotion will allow anglers across the state to have the opportunity to be involved and support businesses and jobs in these regional economies.

Tasmania is home to some of the best trout fishing in the world and our inland fishery attracts more than 20,000 recreational anglers each year, which generates an estimated \$90 million for the economy.

As we enter the COVID-19 recovery phase, there has never been a better time to get outdoors, explore our inland waterways, buy some lures at local stores and stay fit and healthy.

Favourable rainfalls in autumn and winter has allowed strong spawning runs in the Central Highlands which has allowed the IFS to transfer more than 9000 wild adult trout from spawning traps at yingina/Great Lake to popular waters around the state.

With rising lake levels and good flows in rivers and streams the 2020-21 trout season is shaping up to be a successful one.

The Tasmanian Liberal Government understands trout fishing is an important part of the Tasmanian way of life and the inland fishery is being supported by a \$300,000 commitment to freeze inland angling licenses at 2017-18 prices until 2021-22, and providing \$500,000 to improve facilities and access to Tasmania's rivers and lakes.

We encourage as many people as possible to buy a licence through their local tackle shop, Service Tasmania or online from the IFS and enjoy the world class trout fishing experience our state has to offer – and maybe catch one of the \$10,000 tagged trout.

For the full terms and conditions and details of the Tasmanian Tagged Trout Promotion visit the IFS website: www.ifs.tas.gov.au