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## Recreational sea fishing survey closes soon

The Tasmanian Liberal Government is developing the state's first 10-year strategy for recreational sea fishing and welcomes the input of Tasmanian fishers.

Tasmania has some of the best recreational sea fishing in the world and results from the *For a Better Fishing Future Survey* will help shape this long term strategy.

The Survey closes on July 19 and we encourage Tasmanians of all ages, and from all regions, to put forward their views in this survey because they are greatly valued.

About 2500 people have responded to the survey so far and we are keen to hear from fishers from all backgrounds, ages, non-fishers and those with English as a second language.

We also want more women, children and families to embrace recreational fishing as a great form of exercise and to take advantage of Tasmania's world class coastlines and estuaries as part of their lifestyle choices.

Tasmania's first Recreational Sea Fishing Strategy is being developed by DPIPWE and will guide the future of the recreational sea fishing and help maintain healthy fish populations for all Tasmanians.

The Tasmanian Government is focused on the long-term viability of our valuable recreational fisheries which is enjoyed by more than 100,000 Tasmanians each year because fishing is an important part of the Tasmanian way of life.

Seeking these views will help us strike the right balance between providing access for today's fishers and ensuring we have fish for future generations.

A discussion paper will be released later this year seeking comment on the ideas and concerns raised by the public in this survey. A draft strategy will be released for further public input early in 2021 and it is expected the final strategy will be launched later in 2021.

The survey can be accessed via: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/tas-fishing>

For more information about the Tasmanian Recreational Sea Fishing Strategy visit the DPIPWE website: [www.fishing.tas.gov.au/rec-strategy](http://www.fishing.tas.gov.au/rec-strategy)