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Guy Barnett, Minister for Primary Industries and Water

Celebrating the world's best fly fishing anglers

The Hodgman majority Liberal Government is the strongest supporter of our world class inland fisheries and we are proud Tasmania could host the world's best anglers as part of the 39th Fips Mouche World Fly Fishing Championship (WFFC).

During the past week an estimated 1000 anglers, support crew and visitors from 23 countries have been experiencing our internationally renowned inland fisheries and some extremely challenging cold and windy conditions.

After five days of the world's best testing their skills at Tasmania's wild brown trout fisheries, Howard Croston from England proved to be the best, landing the individual gold medal while France reeled in the Team Gold medal.

Congratulations also to the silver and bronze winners.

Individual medal winners:

Silver – David Garcia of Spain

Bronze – SVEDA KRISTIAN of Slovakia

Team medal winners:

Silver – Czech Republic

Bronze – Spain

The WFFC event has placed Tasmania and our internationally renowned inland fisheries on the world stage and is expected to result in an increase in angling tourism participation in the coming years.

As an event partner, the Tasmanian Government provided \$100,000 to support this internationally significant event, with additional support being provided by the Inland Fishing Service and Tourism Tasmania.

The Hodgman majority Liberal Government is committed to supporting our fisheries and improving angler access. We have invested \$300,000 to upgrade and build new amenities and toilets at 10 popular trout fishing locations around the state.

To further improve anglers' access to priority lakes and rivers, the Tasmania Government has also committed \$200,000 to extend the Anglers Access Program in collaboration with Anglers Alliance Tasmania to sites in the state's North-West, North-East and Derwent catchments.

Congratulations and thank you to everyone involved in the WFFC, from competitors and support crews to the organising committee and volunteers, for putting on a world class event.