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## Successful spawning run of wild brown trout this winter

The Tasmanian Liberal Government continues to support the state's world-class inland fishery which is enjoyed by more than 24,000 anglers each year and generates an estimated \$90 million for the economy.

To help anglers access this magnificent fishery the Inland Fisheries Service has a significant annual transfer of wild brown trout to waters with limited or no recruitment capabilities.

Already about 15,000 trout have been transferred to regional dams and lakes which is a key part of the *Tasmanian Inland Recreational Management Plan 2018-28*, a guiding document for the management of Tasmania's recreational trout fishery.

So far this winter the IFS has completed three quarters of the planned transfers which includes 2800 trout to Four Springs Lake, 1200 to Penstock Lagoon and 1400 to Craighourne Dam.

The fish are still running and the IFS expects all transfers to be complete in July. Additionally, the IFS has also collected 150,000 ova which have been taken to Salmon Ponds Heritage Hatchery for on-growing.

Later this year these fish will grow to about one gram and they will be used to stock angling club dams, registered private fisheries as well as the Tasmanian inland recreational fishery.

Recreational fishing is part of the Tasmanian way of life and we have some of the world's best wild brown trout fisheries. It is exciting to celebrate the annual wild brown trout spawning run here at Liawenee Field Station with some of the trout to be transferred to play a part in our popular Tagged Trout Promotion.

As part of the Government's plan to encourage more people to go trout fishing, we have built and upgraded amenities at popular inland fishing locations, expanded our Anglers Access Program across high priority waterways and supported angling events and clubs.

We have also continued our freeze on licence fees, with this year's inland angling licence costing the same as it did in 2017-18.

You can buy or renew your angling licence online at [www.ifs.tas.gov.au](http://www.ifs.tas.gov.au). Angling licences are also available at all Service Tasmanian shops and many tackle, outdoor and sports stores throughout Tasmania.