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Strategy to increase angling participation in Tasmania

Tasmania's lakes and waterways are enjoyed by thousands of recreational anglers and their families and friends and the Government wants to encourage more Tasmanians to take up angling.

Today, on national Gone Fishing Day, we are releasing the Government's *Strategy to Increase Participation in Tasmania's Inland Recreational Fishery 2021-28*.

The Strategy is aimed at encouraging more Tasmanians to take up angling and participate in this past-time as part of our commitment to support recreational fishers and local communities.

There are more than 24,000 licensed anglers in Tasmania and it contributes \$90 million to our economy and this Strategy also builds on our election commitment of investing \$1 million over the next four years to provide better access and facilities for inland fishing anglers.

Increasing participation in Tasmania's inland recreational fishery will be supported through increased promotion, introducing no fees for junior inland angling licenses, providing better access to our wonderful fishing waterway and new and improved facilities.

The Strategy also puts in place measures to maintain and grow partnerships and key relationships, and to make good management decisions for the future of the industry.

Thank you to those who commented on the draft Strategy earlier this year, and to the Inland Fisheries Advisory Council for reviewing and assisting with the development of the Strategy.

Anglers should also remember that 45 of our 50 \$2000 tagged brown trout are still swimming around in 15 Tasmanian waters, so even more reason to head to one of these waters - Arthurs Lake, yingina/Great Lake, Lake Mackintosh, Lake Pedder, Lake Burbury, Lake Rosemary, Derby's Briseis Mine Hole, Bronte Lagoon, Curries River Reservoir, Huntsman Lake, Lake Parangana, Lake Rowallan, River Derwent, Lake Leake and Craigbourne Dam.

Tasmania enjoys some of the best and most pristine inland waterways in the world and angling is a great way to enjoy the beautiful Tasmanian outdoors with your family and friends and I encourage you all to pick up a fishing rod and try your luck on Gone Fishing Day and in the weeks ahead.

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