

# TARFish Bulletin

Tasmanian Association for Recreational Fishing Inc.

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**Takara's Rock Lobsters**

## FIRST ROCK LOBSTER

Takara Lockley, only 11 years old, with her first rock lobster catch and her short story to whet your appetite until the season opens in November.

"On the 4th January Dad and I decided to put the craypots out. Dad told me if you want your pot out you will have to bait it up, so I did.

I chose my spot carefully and dropped it in. Up early next morning out to the pots Dad and I went, I pulled my pot and ...I heard flap flap.

I jumped with excitement while Dad measured the crayfish and then he said "They're both size". I cried out "Yay, I have finally caught my first 2 crayfish, I had been trying for ages"

Well done Takara, it's great to hear so much enthusiasm from such a young fisher.

## SCALE FISH RULES REVIEW

The Department of Primary Industries

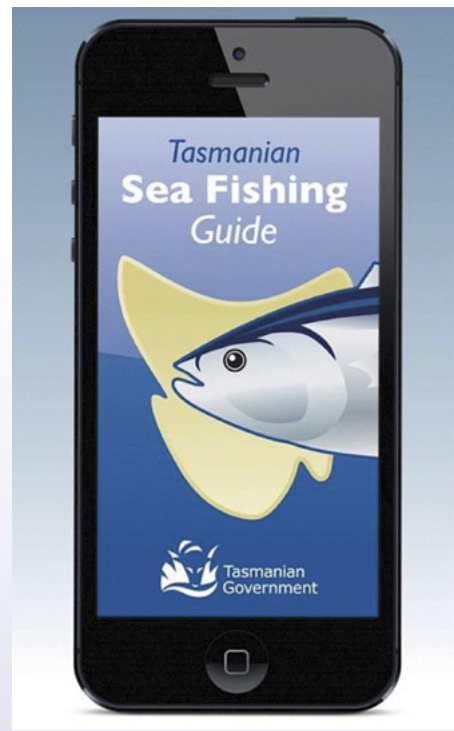
Parks Water and Environment (DPIPWE) has announced the commencement of the Scalefish Rules Review process. A new management plan for the scalefish fishery needs to be in place by November 2014.

Details of the process and how you can have input and present your views, issues and thoughts are available from the DPIPWE website.

A draft set of rules is expected to be released for public comment around April 2014. TARFish encourages all fishers to submit their input early so that it can be considered before the draft rules are released.



DPIPWE have already identified some issues for consideration and these are available from their website.



The essential app for Tasmanian recreational saltwater fishers was recently released by Primary Industries Minister Bryan Green. FREE to download, it's available for iPhones, iPads, Android phones and tablets and is available from iTunes or Google Play websites.

The fishing app that can make your weekend even bigger

Get the Infish app !!

Available on the App Store

The Inland Fisheries Service has completed development of the freshwater fishing app for Android and it is available from the Google Play Store.

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**MEMBERS PRIZE DRAW**

## MEMBERS PRIZE WINNER

Congratulations to David Turner of Golden Valley who is the lucky member to win our latest Members Prize Draw. David fishes regularly at Four Springs and is an avid fisher who will no doubt get good use out of his complete fishing gear package.

been confirmed off Tasmania's East Coast in concentrations above the human health limits. At this stage the health department have not closed any wild catch fisheries.

The government and industry have been liaising in recent months on the completion of a Biotoxin Management

Plan which will be used to manage any escalation in Biotoxin levels should it occur over the coming season.

## MARINE FARMING

The marine farming development plan has been reviewed by the Planning Authority for the Pittwater area in the south of the state. The review concluded no modifications were required to the Pittwater Plan. Copies of the Review Report are available from the DPI/PWE website.



## OUTDOOR SHOW SUCCESS

The inaugural Tasmanian Outdoor Boat & Caravan Show was held in Launceston in early September. TARFish attended as an exhibitor and signed up 130 new members and talked to hundreds of people over the 3 day show.

# ROYAL HOBART SHOW *Gotta GO!*

It's that time of the year again and TARFish will once again have a display at the Royal Hobart Show from 23rd to 26th October. Come along for a chat and some giveaways for the kids. We will have copies of the new Recreational Sea Fishing Guide for 2013/14.

## HARMFUL ALGAL BLOOM

Potentially toxic algal species have again



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Organisers, The Tamar Yacht Club, were over the moon at over 10,000 people attending with plenty to see and do on offer. Organisers have already confirmed next year's show which will be bigger and better.

## COMMONWEALTH FISHING

TARFish met with the CEO of Australian Fisheries Management Authority (AFMA) recently to discuss updates on Southern Bluefin Tuna, Striped Trumpeter and other important recreational fish species. "AFMA is responsible for the efficient and sustainable management of Commonwealth fish resources on behalf of the Australian community." AFMA and recreational fishing peak bodies across Australia have entered a closer working relationship over recent months in our endeavours for increased recognition of the importance of recreational fishing in the broader fishing industry.



## TARFish AGM

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on the 8th October at the Bellerive Yacht Club, Marina Room, commencing at 6.30pm, all welcome.

## MAST

MARINE and SAFETY TASMANIA

Upgrading of the pontoon system at the Austins Ferry boat ramp has now been completed.

Upgrading of the Parson Bay boat ramp at Nubeena has now been completed and the ramp is open for use.

Work on the new boating facility at Stanley is now completed and the boat ramp is open for use.

These projects have been funded through the MAST Recreational Boating Fund which receives its funding from recreational boat licence fees.

*Austins Ferry boat ramp photo above.*

## JOIN THE COMMITTEE

TARFish are calling for Expressions of Interest from members who can add value to the organisation and want to support recreational fishing advocacy in Tasmania.

TARFish holds bi-monthly meetings in Hobart which last about 2 hours and are conducted out of normal business hours; meetings generally start around 6.30pm. Committee members who have to travel to meetings from outside the greater Hobart area are entitled to claim a travel allowance to cover expenses to attend meetings.

If you are interested simply contact us and we will send you an information pack.



## AUSTRALIAN RECREATIONAL FISHING FOUNDATION

The Australian Recreational Fishing Foundation (ARFF) has recently launched the first Charter for Recreational Fishing in Australia.

ARFF notes "With over 5 million Australians going fishing each year, recreational fishing ranks as our largest participation sport and lifestyle activity. Recent estimates reveal that Australians spend more than \$10 billion annually on recreational fishing and much of it is spent in rural and regional Australia." TARFish are members of ARFF and have contributed to the development of the charter. Download the charter from our website or contact us and we will mail out a copy.

## NEW TACKLE STORE

For all those tackle rats in the Hobart CBD a new tackle store, Tackle 1, has opened in Elizabeth Street, next to Jolly Swagman Camping.

Drop in and have a chat to John and his crew and check out their impressive display of lures and everything fishing.

**Visit: [www.tarfish.org](http://www.tarfish.org)**

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## ELECTRONIC FISHING MAP



TARFish has completed an electronic fisheries map to increase public awareness and knowledge about the breadth and extent of marine fishing activities in Tasmanian state waters. The map can only be used with the free software application Google Earth. A copy of the electronic map can be downloaded from our website.



The Tasmanian Marine Fisheries Map (TMFMap) was a project funded by the Tasmanian Governments Fishwise Community Grants program.



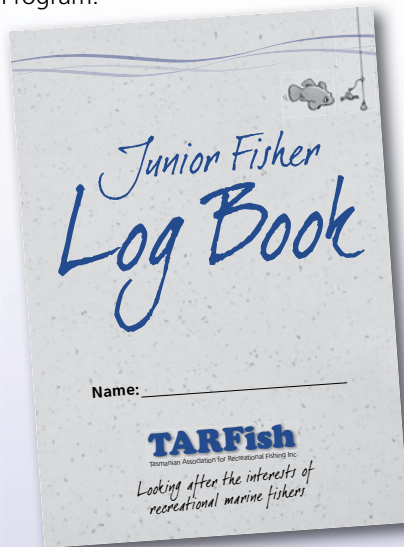
The following reports have been published and available from our website or by contacting us.

- Offshore Recreational Fishing in Tasmania (IMAS)
- Climate change and recreational fishing (FRDC)
- Is my fish worth more than yours? (FRDC)

## FREE JUNIOR LOGBOOK

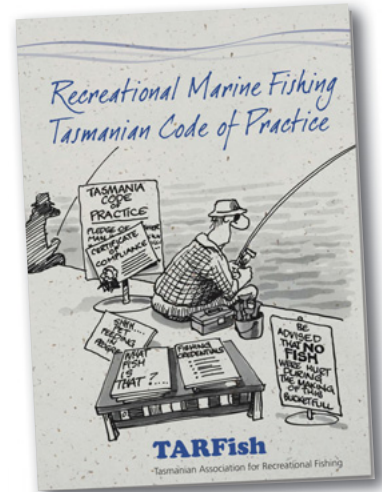
TARFish has produced a Junior Fisher Log Book which we hope will encourage children to record their catches and support them to fish more. Copies are FREE and available by contacting TARFish. We have sufficient quantities to provide to school groups, fishing clubs and the like.

The log books have proven so popular we have had to reprint a second run to keep up with demand. The logbook was a project funded by the Tasmanian Governments Fishwise Community Grants Program.



## JOIN TARFish

TARFish continues to grow and mature as an association and remains committed and flexible to the needs of Tasmania's recreational marine fishing community. Associate membership now totals over 2690 individuals and sees members drawn from all areas of Tasmania. Associate membership is FREE and there are no ongoing fees. Simply contact us, and we will post you a membership application or you can download from our website, complete the details and mail back.



Responsible and sustainable fishing practices will ensure fish for the future. To find out more about responsible fishing practices simply contact TARFish for your free copy of our Recreational Marine Fishing Code of Practice booklet.



## SOCIAL MEDIA

TARFish has joined the social networking space by setting up on Facebook and Skype. Become a "Friend" or "Like" TARFish and be kept up to date with what is happening in the recreational fishing sector. Just use the search facility in Facebook or Skype to find TARFish and send us a message or thoughts.

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