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K Woodward
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Dated 3 August 2026

TASMANIA

INLAND FISHERIES (SEASONS AND WATERS) ORDER 1996

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INLAND FISHERIES (SEASONS AND WATERS) ORDER 1996

I make the following order under section 197 of the *Inland Fisheries Act 1995*.

Dated 23 May 1996.

T. JOHN CLEARY
Minister for Inland Fisheries

1. Short title

This order may be cited as the *Inland Fisheries (Seasons and Waters) Order 1996*.

2. Commencement

This order takes effect on 31 May 1996.

3. Interpretation

(1) In this order –

Act means the *Inland Fisheries Act 1995*;

Canal Bay has the same meaning as in the *Inland Fisheries Regulations 2019*;

eligible person means a person with eligible disabilities for the purpose of a transport access scheme administered by the

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department responsible for the
administration of the *Traffic Act 1925*;

grid reference means the grid reference taken
from the Universal Grid Reference
System used in Tasmania and based on
the Geocentric Datum of Australia (also
known as the “the GDA” or “GDA 94”)
as defined in the *Commonwealth Gazette*
No. GN 35, 6 September 1995;

junior angling development fishery has the
same meaning as in the *Inland Fisheries*
Regulations 2019;

Upper Mersey Lakes Rainbow Fishery means
the waters of –

- (a) Lake Meston, Junction Lake and
Lake Youd; and
 - (b) such part of the Mersey River
that flows within and between the
Western Lakes, including the
tributaries that flow off that river
in that area.
- (2) An expression in this order that is defined in the
Act has the same meaning as so defined.
 - (3) Any period specified in this order and identified
by days and dates includes those days and dates.

4. Taking of acclimatised fish

- (1) Acclimatised fish may only be taken during the
following periods at the following places:

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- (a) between the first Saturday of August in any year and the Sunday nearest 31 May in the next year –
- (i)
 - (ii) Lake Mackintosh; and
 - (iii) Lake Rosebery; and
 - (iv) the lower sections of Brumbys Creek downstream from Weir 1 on Brumbys Creek to its junction with the Macquarie River; and
 - (v) the lower section of the Macquarie River downstream from its junction with Brumbys Creek to its confluence with the South Esk River; and
 - (vi) the lower section of the Meander River downstream from the bridge on Selbourne Road at Hagley to its confluence with the South Esk River; and
 - (vii) the section of the South Esk River downstream from the bridge on Storys Creek Road at Avoca to a point upstream of its confluence with Lake Trevallyn, delineated by an imaginary straight line between the opposite shores of the river located approximately at grid reference

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E506358 N5406426 and grid
reference E506467 N5406414;

(b) between the Saturday nearest 1 October
in any year and the Sunday nearest 31
May in the next year –

(i) Dee Lagoon; and

(ii)

(iii) Lake Rowallan; and

(iv) Lake Skinner; and

(v) Mersey River above Lake
Rowallan; and

(vi) River Leven, upstream of the
bridge on Loongana Road; and

(vii) Upper Mersey Lakes Rainbow
Fishery; and

(viii) Weld River (in the north of the
State at Harridge Falls) from an
imaginary straight line drawn
between the opposite shores of
the river located approximately at
grid reference 575751E
5443429N and grid reference
575760E 5443419N upstream to
its source; and

(ix) Weld River (in the south of the
State at the confluence of the
Huon River) from an imaginary
straight line drawn between the

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opposite shores of the river
located approximately at grid
reference 481068E 5232960N
and grid reference 481033E
5232964N upstream to its source;
and

- (x) the body of water located at grid
reference 509830E 5298957N
(commonly known as Den Dam)
from one hour before sunrise to
one hour after sunset;

(c - e)

(f) all year round –

- (iaa) Bradys Lake, except Woodward's
Canal; and

- (i) Brushy Lagoon from one hour
before sunrise to three hours after
sunset on any day; and

- (ii) Craigbourne Dam from one hour
before sunrise to three hours after
sunset on any day; and

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- (iii) Great Lake other than Canal Bay;
and

- (iiia) Huntsman Lake from one hour
before sunrise to three hours after
sunset on any day; and

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- (iv) Huon River from the Huonville Bridge downstream to the seaward limit of that river; and
- (v) Lake Barrington; and
- (va) Lake Binney; and
- (vi) Lake Burbury; and
- (vii)
- (viii) Lake Meadowbank; and
- (ix) Lake Pedder; and
- (ixa) Lake King William; and
- (x) River Leven from the confluence of Whisky Creek, delineated by a straight line between grid reference 422710E 5442177N and 422750E 5442142N downstream to the seaward limit of that river; and
- (xi) North Esk River and River Tamar from the Lower Charles Street Bridge on the North Esk River downstream to the seaward limit of the River Tamar; and
- (xia) Pioneer Lake; and
- (xii) River Derwent from the A10 Road Bridge at grid reference 504630E 5263716N downstream

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to the seaward limit of that river;
and

(xiii) South Esk River and River Tamar
from the West Tamar Road
Bridge on the South Esk River
downstream to the seaward limit
of the River Tamar; and

(xvi) Tungatinah Lagoon;

(g) between the Saturday nearest 1
December in any year and the Sunday
nearest 31 March in the next year, in
Canal Bay in Great Lake.

(2) Acclimatised fish may only be taken between the
first Saturday of August in any year and the
Sunday nearest 30 April in the next year –

(a) in excepted waters; and

(b) in any inland waters that are not specified
in clause 8; and

(c) at Camden Dam (being the body of water
located at grid reference 539933E
5424268N) from one hour before sunrise
to three hours after sunset; and

(ca) at Curries River Reservoir from one hour
before sunrise to three hours after sunset;
and

(d) at Four Springs Lake from one hour
before sunrise to three hours after sunset;
and

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- (e) at Lake Crescent from one hour before sunrise to three hours after sunset; and
- (f) at South Riana Dam from one hour before sunrise to three hours after sunset; and
- (g) at Talbots Lagoon from one hour before sunrise to three hours after sunset.

(cb - cc)

5. Taking indigenous fish

The following indigenous fish may only be taken during the following periods at the following places:

- (a) during the periods and at the places specified in clause 4(1) and (2) and at any time in the waters specified in Schedule 1 of the *Inland Fisheries Regulations 2019* –
 - (i) blackfish (*Gadopsis marmoratus*);
 - (ii) freshwater eels (*Anguilla australis* and *Anguilla reinhardtii*);
 - (iii) estuary perch (*Percalates colonorum*);
 - (iv) black bream (*Acanthopagrus butcheri*);

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- (b)
- (c) whitebait between sunrise and sunset and between 1 October and 11 November in the same year –
- (i) at the rivers specified in the table in Schedule 1, landward of the seaward limits of those rivers; and
- (ii) in the years specified for those rivers in the table in Schedule 1;
- (d) any other indigenous fish, at any time in the waters specified in Schedule 1 of the *Inland Fisheries Regulations 2019*.

6. Taking fish in juvenile ponds

The taking of any fish in a junior angling development fishery is permitted only by a person under the age of 18 years.

7. Taking fish in certain waters

- (1) The taking of any fish in Risdon Brook Reservoir is permitted only by an eligible person.

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8. Prohibition on taking freshwater fish

The taking of freshwater fish at any of the following places is prohibited at all times:

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- (a) waters flowing into Arthurs Lake;
- (ab)
- (b) waters of Brushy Rivulet flowing into
Brushy Lagoon;
- (ba) waters in that part of Curries River
Reservoir within 400 metres of the dam
tower;
- (bb) the dam wall and associated
infrastructure at Craighourne Dam;
- (c) waters flowing into Dee Lagoon;
- (d - da)
- (e) waters flowing into Great Lake,
including the Liawenee Canal;
- (f) waters flowing into Lake Crescent,
except the section of waters, in the canal
between Lake Sorell and Lake Crescent,
below Interlaken Road;
- (g - h)
- (i) waters flowing into Lake Leake;
- (j - l)
- (m) waters in McPartlan Canal between Lake
Pedder and Lake Gordon;
- (ma) waters flowing into Lake Fenton;
- (mb) waters of Lake Fenton;

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- (q) waters in which fish are maintained by the Director or by any other person or body with the consent of the Director for the purposes of fish culture or public display;
- (r) waters within 100 metres of a fish trap maintained by the Director;
- (s) waters in that part of the No. 1 Canal and No. 2 Canal, conveying water from Shannon Lagoon to Penstock Lagoon above 2 white posts on opposite banks of those canals;
- (t) waters flowing into Talbots Lagoon;
- (u) waters of the Dogs Head Creek, Silver Plains Creek and Mountain Creek that flow into Lake Sorell;
- (v) waters within a radius of 50 metres of the waters specified in paragraphs (a), (c), (e), (i) and (u).

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SCHEDULE 1 – WHITEBAIT

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3 Clause 5(c)
Item	Rivers	Years Open
1.	Black River	Years ending in odd number
2.	Brid River	Years ending in odd number
3.	Don River	Years ending in odd number
4.	Duck River, except 50 metres above and below the water-gauging weir on that river	All years
5.	Great Forester River	Years ending in even number
6.	Henty River	All years
7.	Huon River	All years
8.	Inglis River	All years
9.	Little Forester River	Years ending in odd number
10.	Mersey River	Years ending in even number

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Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Item	Rivers	Years Open
11.	Montagu River	Years ending in even number
12.	Pieman River	All years
13.	River Derwent	All years
14.	River Forth	All years
15.	River Leven	Years ending in odd number
16.	River Tamar	All years
17.	Rubicon River, except 50 metres above and below the water-gauging weir on that river	All years

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This order is administered in the Department of Environment and Land Management.

NOTES

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Citation	Serial Number	Date of commencement
<i>Inland Fisheries (Seasons and Waters) Order 1996</i>	S.R. 1996, No. 74	31.5.1996
<i>Inland Fisheries (Seasons and Waters) Amendment Order 1996</i>	S.R. 1996, No. 115	21.8.1996
<i>Inland Fisheries (Seasons and Waters) Amendment Order (No. 2) 1996</i>	S.R. 1996, No. 224	25.12.1996
<i>Inland Fisheries (Seasons and Waters) Amendment Order 1998</i>	S.R. 1998, No. 106	29.7.1998
<i>Inland Fisheries (Seasons and Waters) Amendment Order 1999</i>	S.R. 1999, No. 75	31.7.1999
<i>Inland Fisheries (Seasons and Waters) Amendment Order 2000</i>	S.R. 2000, No. 100	12.7.2000
<i>Inland Fisheries (Seasons and Waters) Amendment Order (No. 2) 2000</i>	S.R. 2000, No. 208	13.12.2000
<i>Inland Fisheries (Seasons and Waters) Amendment Order 2003</i>	S.R. 2003, No. 82	30.7.2003
<i>Inland Fisheries (Seasons and Waters) Amendment Order 2004</i>	S.R. 2004, No. 37	9.6.2004
<i>Inland Fisheries (Seasons and Waters) Amendment Order 2006</i>	S.R. 2006, No. 41	7.6.2006
<i>Inland Fisheries (Seasons and Waters) Amendment Order 2007</i>	S.R. 2007, No. 89	10.10.2007
<i>Inland Fisheries (Seasons and Waters)</i>	S.R. 2008, No. 100	20.8.2008

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Citation	Serial Number	Date of commencement
<i>Amendment Order 2008</i>		
<i>Inland Fisheries (Seasons and Waters) Amendment Order 2011</i>	S.R. 2011, No. 49	22.6.2011
<i>Inland Fisheries (Seasons and Waters) Amendment Order (No. 2) 2011</i>	S.R. 2011, No. 100	28.9.2011
<i>Inland Fisheries (Seasons and Waters) Amendment Order 2012</i>	S.R. 2012, No. 84	3.10.2012
<i>Inland Fisheries (Seasons and Waters) Amendment Order 2013</i>	S.R. 2013, No. 24	15.5.2013
<i>Inland Fisheries (Seasons and Waters) Amendment Order 2014</i>	S.R. 2014, No. 56	18.6.2014
<i>Inland Fisheries (Seasons and Waters) Amendment Order 2015</i>	S.R. 2015, No. 51	8.7.2015
<i>Inland Fisheries (Seasons and Waters) Amendment Order 2016</i>	S.R. 2016, No. 33	1.8.2016
<i>Inland Fisheries (Seasons and Waters) Amendment Order (No. 2) 2016</i>	S.R. 2016, No. 69	31.8.2016
<i>Inland Fisheries (Seasons and Waters) Amendment Order 2018</i>	S.R. 2018, No. 47	25.7.2018
<i>Inland Fisheries (Seasons and Waters) Amendment Order 2019</i>	S.R. 2019, No. 42	26.6.2019
<i>Inland Fisheries (Seasons and Waters) Amendment Order 2020</i>	S.R. 2020, No. 48	22.7.2020
<i>Inland Fisheries (Seasons and Waters) Amendment Order 2025</i>	S.R. 2025, No. 36	2.7.2025
<i>Inland Fisheries (Seasons and Waters) Amendment Order 2026</i>	S.R. 2026, No. 34	1.8.2026

TABLE OF AMENDMENTS

Provision affected	How affected
Clause 3	Amended by S.R. 2004, No. 37, S.R. 2007, No. 89, S.R. 2008, No. 100, S.R. 2011, No. 49, S.R. 2018, No. 47 and S.R. 2020, No. 48
Clause 4	Substituted by S.R. 1999, No. 75 Amended by S.R. 2000, No. 100, S.R. 2003, No. 82, S.R. 2004, No. 37, S.R. 2006, No. 41, S.R. 2007, No. 89, S.R. 2008, No. 100, S.R. 2011, No. 49, S.R. 2011, No. 100, S.R. 2012, No. 84, S.R. 2013, No. 24, S.R. 2014, No. 56, S.R. 2015, No. 51, S.R. 2016, No. 33, S.R. 2018, No. 47, S.R. 2019, No. 42, S.R. 2020, No. 48, S.R. 2025, No. 36 and S.R. 2026, No. 34
Clause 5	Amended by S.R. 2000, No. 100, S.R. 2004, No. 37, S.R. 2011, No. 49, S.R. 2011, No. 100, S.R. 2018, No. 47 and S.R. 2020, No. 48

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Clause 6	Amended by S.R. 2018, No. 47
Clause 7	Substituted by S.R. 1999, No. 75
	Amended by S.R. 2006, No. 41, S.R. 2011, No. 49 and S.R. 2025, No. 36
Clause 8	Amended by S.R. 1996, No. 115, S.R. 1996, No. 224, S.R. 1998, No. 106, S.R. 1999, No. 75, S.R. 2000, No. 208, S.R. 2004, No. 37, S.R. 2011, No. 49, S.R. 2013, No. 24, S.R. 2014, No. 56 and S.R. 2016, No. 33
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	Amended by S.R. 2012, No. 84
	Substituted by S.R. 2016, No. 69 and S.R. 2020, No. 48