



Salmonid Fish Releases 2005

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1. Fisheries Victoria Salmonid Stocking Plan

Stocking Plans are developed as part of the annual consultation process (CONS) involving the Victorian Recreational Fishing peak body (VRFish), water and catchment management authorities, Fisheries Victoria and other relevant stakeholders. VRFish represents recreational anglers at these meetings.

The meetings consider the performance of existing stocking programs, the results of stock assessment surveys, creel survey or angler diary data, and anything else that has or might impact on the ongoing fishery i.e. environmental conditions, water levels.

1.1 Brown Trout & Rainbow Trout

Requests by stakeholders for changes to current stocking programs and the implementation of new stocking programs are considered.

Stocking Plans are subject to 'last minute' variation due to natural factors i.e. flood, drought, algal blooms or man-made impacts such as major works on storages. Explanatory notes are provided where a planned release has been amended. Where possible, VRFish are consulted before variations are implemented.

Continuing dry conditions experienced in parts of the State during 2005 meant some scheduled releases were cancelled and others modified.

While part of the overall Salmonid Stocking Plan, the 'Small Waters Stocking Program', which is now referred to as the Family Fishing Lakes Stocking Program, is reported separately.

Water Stocked	Month	Fish Size	Brown Trout	Rainbow Trout
Aringa Res., Port Fairy	7	3	500	-
	7	2	-	1000
Banimboola L., Dartmouth	11	5	2000	-
	12	4	-	3300
Barker's Cr. Res., Harcourt	11	4 & 5	4000	-
Beaufort L., Beaufort	9	4	1000	-
	9	3	-	1000
Bellfield Reservoir	10	3	-	5000
Berwick Sps. Est. L., Berwick	6	4	-	1000
Blue Rock L., Willow Grove	11	3 to 5	15000	-
Bostock Res., Ballan	8	2	4000	-
	8	3	-	1000
Bullarto Res., Bullarto	6	3	500	500
Bullen Merri L., Camperdown	7	3 & 4	10000	-
	10	3 to 5	-	10000



<i>Water Stocked</i>	<i>Month</i>	<i>Fish Size</i>	<i>Brown Trout</i>	<i>Rainbow Trout</i>
Cairn Curran Res., Maldon	12	5 & 6	10000*	-
Cartcarrong L, Winslow	7	3	1000	-
Colbrook Res., Ballan	9	4	200	-
Cosgrove Res., Creswick	8	4	1000	-
	8	3	-	1000
Dean Res., Dean	6	4	500	-
	6	3	-	500
Eildon Lake	12	4 & 5	11943	5025
Eildon Pondage, Eildon				
2 Year Old	12	8	3704	1857
3 Year Old	12	10	450	450
Elingamite L., Cobden	8	4	2000	-
	8	3	-	1000
Fyans L., Pomonal (a)	7	3	5000	-
Gilleard L., Allansford	7	3	1000	1000
Glenmaggie L., Heyfield	10	3	-	2000*
Goldfields Res., Maryborough	9	4	200	-
Gong Gong Res., Ballarat	7	3	-	1000
Hamilton L., Hamilton	8	2	2000	-
	6	3	-	3000
Hepburn Lagoon, Blampied	7	3	5000	-
	7	3	-	5000
Hollands Cr., Tatong	8	3	1000*	-
Hopkins R., Allansford	8	3	2000*	-
Hume Weir., Albury- Wodonga	10	3	50000*	-
Karkarook Lake	10	4	-	5000
Konongwootong Res., Coleraine	8	3	-	2000
Lauriston Res., Kyneton	11	4 & 5	7500	-
Macalister R., Heyfield:				
- below Lake Glenmaggie	10	3	2000*	
- above Lake Glenmaggie	12	4	-	6420
Malmsbury Res., Malmsbury	11	5	4000	-
Merri R., Warrnambool	9	3	7300*	-
Mount Beauty Pondage	11	5	1000	-
	11	4	-	1000

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Mount Emu Cr., Darlington - Skipton	9	4	3450*	-
Moyne R., Port Fairy	9	4	2000*	-
Narracan L., Yallourn	8	3	7000	-
	11	4	-	3000
Newlyn Res., Newlyn	6	3	4000	-
Nursery Res., Macedon	9	3 & 4	500	500
Purrumbete L., Camperdown	9	3	15000*	-
	6	3	-	10000
	11	4	-	10000
Rocklands Res., Balmoral	8	2	8500	-
	9	3 & 4	11200	-
Ryans Cr., Molyullah	8	3	500*	-
St. Georges L., Creswick	7	3 & 4	1000	-
	6	3	-	1000
Talbot Res., Talbot	9	4	1000	-
Tarwin River East Branch	8	3	-	1000
Tullaroop Res., Maryborough	10	3	5000*	-
Upper Coliban Res., Kyneton	10	4	3000	-
Wartook L., Halls Gap	7	3	7000	-
West Barwon Dam., Forrest	9	3	-	4000
Wombat Res., Daylesford	7	3 & 4	1000	1000
Wurdi Boluc Res., Wurdiboluc	11	4	3500	-
	11	3 & 4	-	4000
Sub-Total			228 957	92 057

1.2 Atlantic Salmon

<i>Water Stocked</i>	<i>Month</i>	<i>Fish Size</i>	<i>Atlantic salmon</i>
Bullen Merri L., Camperdown	6	2	2500
Sub-Total			2 500

1.3 Chinook Salmon

<i>Water Stocked</i>	<i>Month</i>	<i>Fish Size</i>	<i>Chinook salmon</i>
Bullen Merri L., Camperdown	11	3 & 4	22300
Purrumbete L., Camperdown	11	3 & 4	12385
Sub-Total			34 685

1.4 Family Fishing Lakes Program

Fisheries Victoria undertakes an annual program of stocking on-grown or advanced yearling trout in small waters (normally less than 5 hectares surface area) in, or adjacent to, population centers, the waters being accessible for both junior and disabled anglers.

School holiday periods are usually targeted for these releases, with the majority coinciding with the second and third term school holidays when water temperatures are

best suited to trout. In most instances rainbow trout are stocked as they are normally bigger than the available brown trout at that time of year and are reputedly easier to catch by inexperienced anglers.

Also included are several stockings made outside of the school holiday period for special events held around October each year.

<i>Water Stocked</i>	<i>Month</i>	<i>Fish Size</i>	<i>Brown trout</i>	<i>Rainbow trout</i>
Alans Flat Dredge hole	9	4 & 5	-	400
Alexandra L., Ararat	9	4 & 5	-	400
Anderson L., Chiltern	10	5	-	300
Arboretum L., Euroa	9	4 & 5	-	400
Bannockburn Lagoon	9	4 & 5	-	1000
Calambeen Lake	9	5	-	300
Cato L., Stawell	9	4 & 5	-	600
Caulfield Racecourse L., Caulfield	9	4 & 5	-	400
Dunmunkle Cr. L., Rupanyup	9	4	-	300
Emerald L., Emerald	9	4 & 5	-	1800
Esmond Lake	9	4 & 5	-	400
Ess Lagoon., Casterton	9	4 & 5	-	1000
Golf Course Dam., Longwood	9	4	-	200
Gutheridge L., Sale	10	5	-	250
Guyatt L., Sale	6	4	-	250
Hanging Rock L., Hanging Rock	9	4	-	1000
Heyfield Racecourse L., Heyfield	9	5	-	200
Hyland L., Churchill	9	4 & 5	-	2250
Jack Roper Res. L., Broadmeadows	9	4	-	750
Jubilee L., Daylesford	9	4 & 5	-	400
Jubilee L., Skipton	9	4	-	250
Kennington Res., Bendigo	9	5	-	600
Lillydale L., Lilydale	9	4 & 5	-	2550
Marysville Dam, Marysville	9	4 & 5	-	400
Mooroopna Rec Res Lake	10	5	-	200
Morwell L., Morwell	9	5 to 7	-	1500
Old Dunkeld Aboretum	9	4 & 5	-	400
Pakenham L., Pakenham	11	4	-	2000
Police Paddock Dam, Horsham	9	4	-	600
Rabl Park L., Murtoa	9	4	-	300

<i>Water Stocked</i>	<i>Month</i>	<i>Fish Size</i>	<i>Brown trout</i>	<i>Rainbow trout</i>
Rowville Lakes, Knox	9	4 & 5	-	1500
Roxburgh Park Lakes	9	5	-	400
St. Augustines, Geelong	9	4 & 5		400
St. Arnaud Old Swimming	6	5	-	200
Sambell L., Beechworth	9	4 & 5	-	1000
Seagull L., Corio	9	5	-	2100
Tea Tree L., Mortlake	9	4 & 5	-	400
Tom Thumb L., Eaglehawk	9	5	-	200
Victoria L., Ballarat	9	4 & 5	-	800
Westlake Reserve, Melton	9	4 & 5	-	800
Yarrambat L, Yarrambat (RFL)	9	5	-	850
Sub Total			-	30 050

2. Total Releases – Numbers

	<i>BT</i>	<i>RT</i>	<i>AS</i>	<i>CS</i>	<i>TOTAL</i>
<i>(Parts 1.1 to 1.4 above)</i>					
Yearlings	225293	91245	2500	34685	348723
Advanced yearlings	-	30050	-	-	35050
2 YO	2645	3477	-	-	6122
3 YO	581	480	-	-	1061
Sub-Total	228 519	125 252	2 500	34 685	390 956

3. Total Releases – Weight

	<i>BT</i>	<i>RT</i>	<i>AS</i>	<i>CS</i>	<i>TOTAL</i>
<i>(Parts 1.1 to 1.4 above)</i>					
Yearlings	23390	8411	-	75	31876
Advanced yearlings	-	6984	-	-	6984
	<i>BT</i>	<i>RT</i>	<i>AS</i>	<i>CS</i>	<i>TOTAL</i>
2 YO	5290	6259	-	-	11549
3 YO	2034	1680	-	-	3714
Sub-Total	30 714	23 334		75	54 123

4. Fish Release Sizes

<i>Size</i>	<i>Weight Range (g)</i>	<i>Size</i>	<i>Weight Range (g)</i>
1	<10	7	500-999
2	11-49	8	1000-1999
3	50-99	9	2000-2999
4	100-199	10	3000-3999
5	200-299	10+	4000+
6	300-499		

<i>Fish weight ranges 2005 (Fisheries Victoria Programs):</i>		
Yearlings:	Brown trout	20 – 145g
	Rainbow trout	32 – 120g
	Atlantic salmon	<50g
	Chinook salmon	67 – 178g
Advanced yearlings:	Rainbow trout	150 – 250g
2YO	Ranged in individual fish weight between 1.9 and 2.2kg for brown trout and 1.5 and 2.0kg for rainbow trout	
3YO	Ranged in individual fish weight between 3.0 and 4.5kg for brown trout and 3.0 and 4.2kg for rainbow trout	

5. Transport

Man Days	224
Km's traveled	86 148

6. Notes

- * Indicates fin-clipped fish were released. Adipose was the standard clip for 2005.
- ** Indicates fin-clipped fish were released. Adipose and right ventral fin clip.
- ^ Indicates dart tagged fish were released
- (a) Received partial allocation in 2005 due to low water level.
- Month The date of release in months (i.e. 4 = April, 10 = October). Where the total allocation was released over several months, the first and last months of releases are usually shown.
- BT Brown trout.
- RT Rainbow trout.
- CS Chinook salmon
- AS Atlantic salmon
- 2YO Two-year-old fish.
- 3YO Three-year-old fish.

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