



# Native Fish Releases 2004/05

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## Departmental Stocking Program

The Department of Primary Industries' (DPI) native fish stocking program is designed to enhance recreational fishing opportunities for anglers. The Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) stocks trout cod, a fully protected species that anglers are not permitted to take, to ensure the survival of the species in accordance with the National Trout Cod Recovery Plan.

Stocking Plans are developed as part of the annual regional consultation process (CONS) between 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. This might include environmental conditions and water levels. Requests by stakeholders for changes to current stocking programs and the implementation of new stocking programs are also 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 meant some scheduled releases were cancelled and others modified.

## Native Fish Stocked

Water Stocked	Month/year	Fish size (z)	Aust. bass	Golden perch	Murray cod	Silver perch	Trout cod
Allans Flat Dredgehold	3/05	1		1000			
Anderson Lake	3/05	1		1,000			
Avoca River	02/05	0.9			10,000		
	4/05	1		17,000			
Bartlett Lake	3/05	1		1,000			
Boga Lake	4/05	250			1,000		
	4/05	1.1		5,000			
Broken Creek	1/05	0.95			12,000		
	3/05	250			1,000		
	3/05	0.9		15,000			
Broken River	3/05	0.9		20,000			
Buffalo Lake	3/05	1		10,000			
Bullen Merri Lake	11/04	1.5	10,000				
Cairn Curran Res.	4/05	0.76		10,000			
Campaspe River	1/05	0.95			20,000		
Axedale to Elmore	3/05	1		40,000			
Charm Lake	2/05	250			500		



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	4/05	1.1		5,000			
Craigmuir Lake	3/05	1		1,000			
Crusoe Reservoir	4/05	0.76		5,000			
Cullulleraine Lake	2/05	1			10,000		
	4/05	0.95		10,000			
	4/05	0.45				10,000	
Eildon Lake	12/04	1		45,000			
	1/05	1			9,000		
	2/05	1			6,000		
	3/05	1		165,000			
Expedition Pass Res	4/05	0.76		3,000			
Goulburn River – Shepp	3/05	250			1,200		
	3/05	250			1,300		
	2/05	1			15,000		
	3/05	1			35,000		
Gunbower Creek	2/05	1			20,000		
Hume Lake	2/05	1		150,000			
Kangaroo Lake	2/05	250			1,000		
	4/05	1.1		10,000			
Kerford Lake	3/05	1		5,000			
Kialla Lake	3/05	1		1,500			
King Lake	3/05	1		1,000			
Kow Swamp	4/05	1.1		15,000			
Laanecoorie Reservoir	3/05	0.96		10,000			
Little Boort Lake	4/05	0.94		5,000			
Little Murray River	2/05	1			10,000		
Loddon River Bridgewater	3/05	250			1,000		
Above Fernihurst	2/05	1			7,000		
Bridgewater	2/05	1			10,000		
Newbridge	3/05	0.95		50,000			
Kerang					3,000		
Nillahcootie Lake	3/05	0.99		20,000			
Ovens River	12/04	522					900
	1/05						24,000
Pyramid Creek	2/05	1			10,000		
	3/05	0.96		10,000			
Reedy Lake (first)	2/05	250			500		
	4/05	1.1		5,000			
Richardson River	4/05	1		10,000			
Sambell Lake	3/05	1		5,000			

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Serpentine Creek	3/05	0.96		5,000			
Seven Creeks	3/05	1		5,000			
Sumption Gardens Lake	3/05	1		2,000			
Taylor's Lake	2/05	0.9			10,000		
	4/05	0.9		20,000			
Tullaroop Ck (Deep Ck)	4/05	0.76		5,000			
Victoria Lake (Shepparton)	3/05	1		2,500			
Wimmera River Horsham	4/05	0.95		17,000			
	4/05	0.45				5,000	
Dimboola	4/05	0.45				5,000	
	4/05	0.95		17,000			

### Total Releases

<i>Aust. bass</i>	<i>Golden perch</i>	<i>Murray cod</i>	<i>Silver perch</i>	<i>Trout Cod</i>	<i>Total</i>
<b>10,000</b>	<b>725,000</b>	<b>194,500</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>24,900</b>	<b>974,400</b>

### Notes

The Native Fish Release Program 2004/2005 involved 44 transport man-days with vehicles traveling about 20,000 km's. Total release weights were 2,861.4 kg for Departmental releases. The month and year of fish release is expressed as 4/05. The first digit is the month ie. 3 = March, the second two digits show the year 04 = 2004, 05 = 2005.

\*\* Internally marked for research purposes  
(z) Average weight per fish in grams

T Yearling cod dart tagged for research purposes  
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