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Native Fish Releases 2008

Departmental Stocking Program

Fisheries Victoria's native and salmonid fish stocking program is designed to enhance recreational fishing opportunities for anglers. Annual stocking plans are developed utilising information provided at regional stakeholder consultation meetings (CONS). Stakeholders involved are the Victorian Recreational Fishing peak body (VRFish), water and catchment management authorities, the Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE), Fisheries Victoria and other relevant stakeholders. VRFish represents recreational anglers at these meetings.

The meetings consider the performance of existing stocking programs, results of stock assessment, angler and creel surveys, prevailing environmental conditions, impacts of land and water management regimes and other issues that may impact on the fishery. Requests by stakeholders to vary current stocking programs are also considered.

Stocking Plans may be subject to 'last minute' variation due to natural factors i.e. flood, fire, low water level or quality, algal blooms or manmade impacts such as major works on storages.

Continuing dry conditions meant some scheduled releases were cancelled and others modified. Where possible, VRFish are consulted prior to a variation.

Table 1. Native fish Stocked

Water stocked	Month 2008	Fish Size (g)	Murray cod	Golden perch	Silver perch	Trout cod	Australian bass
Alans Flat Dredge Hole	Mar	1.1		1,000			
Amaroo Lake (Shepparton)	Mar	1.1		500			
Anderson Lake (Chiltern)	Mar	1.1		1,000			
Avoca River (Charlton to Nattie Yallock)	Jan	1.0	10,000				
Broken Creek (Dip Bridge & Nathalia)	Apr	0.7		15,000			
Broken River (Benalla to Gowangardie Weir)	Mar	0.8		20,000			
Calambeen Lake (Creswick)	Mar	1.5		200			
Charm Lake (Lake Charm)	Dec/2007 May	180 1.0	500 *	5,000 #			
Cudgewa Creek (Cudgewa)	Feb	1.2	5,000				
Cullulleraine Lake (Cullulleraine)	Feb Apr	1.3 0.3	10,000	10,000			
Eildon Lake (Eildon)	Dec/2007 Jan Mar Mar Mar May	1.0 1.1 1.3 0.7 0.8 1.0	40,000 16,000 12,300 9,700	20,000 83,000 22,000			

Water stocked	Month 2008	Fish Size (g)	Murray cod	Golden perch	Silver perch	Trout cod	Australian bass
Expedition Pass Reservoir (Farraday)	Feb	1.8	250	1,000			
	Mar	1.5					
Goulburn River (Seymour to Nagambie)	Jan	1.0	40,000	4,000 16,000			
	Jan	1.5	10,000				
	Mar	1.1					
	Mar	0.9					
Greens Lake (Corop)	Jan	1.0	10,000	12,500 7,500			
	Mar	1.5					
	Mar	0.9					
Gunbower Creek (Gunbower/Cohuna)	Jan	1.0	20,000				
Hume Lake (Wodonga)	Jan	0.8		90,000			
	Mar	0.8		60,000			
Kangaroo Lake (Lake Charm)	Dec/2007	180	500 *	20,000 #			
	Feb	160	1,500 *				
	May	1.0					
Kerford Lake (Beechworth)	Feb	0.3				300	
Kialla Lakes	Mar	1.1		1,500			
Kow Swamp (Leitchville)	May	1.0		30,000 #			
Little Murray River (Swanhill)	Jan	1.0	10,000				
Loddon River (Newbridge to Kerang)	Jan	1.1	20,000	50,000			
	Mar	0.8					
Lowanna Lake (Shepparton)	Mar	1.1		500			
Mitta Mitta River (Pigs Point)	Jan	1.0	10,000				
Molliston Creek Weir (Pyalong)	Jan	1.5	1,000	1,000			
	Mar	1.5					
Nillahcootie Lake (Lima South)	Jan	1.1		15,900			
	May	1.0		4,100			
Numurkah Lake (Numurkah)	Apr	0.7		5,000			
Pyramid Creek (Below Kow Swamp)	Jan	1.0	10,000	4,000			
	May	0.3					
Reedy Lake (First) (Kerang)	Dec/2007	180	500 *	5,000 #			
	May	1.0					
Richardson River (Rich Avon)	Apr	0.3		10,000			
Sambell Lake (Beechworth)	Mar	1.1		5,000			
Serpentine Creek (Durham Ox)	May	1.0		5,000			
Waranga Basin (Rushworth)	Feb	0.9	15,000				
	Feb	1.8	5,000				
Wimmera River (Horsham area)	Apr	0.3		34,000	10,000		
	Apr	0.8					
Total			257,250	565,700	10,000	300	

Table 2. Number

Murray cod	Golden perch	Silver perch	Trout cod	Australian bass	Total
257,250	565,700	10,000	300	0	833250

Table 3. Weight

Murray cod	Golden perch	Silver perch	Trout cod	Australian bass	Total (kg)
785.6	303.5	13.0	11.0	0	1113.1

Table 4. Transport

Kms travelled	Total Man Days
20,682	50

*	Yearling Murray cod – Dart Tagged
#	Chemically marked fish (Alazarin)

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