

Inland Fisheries Service

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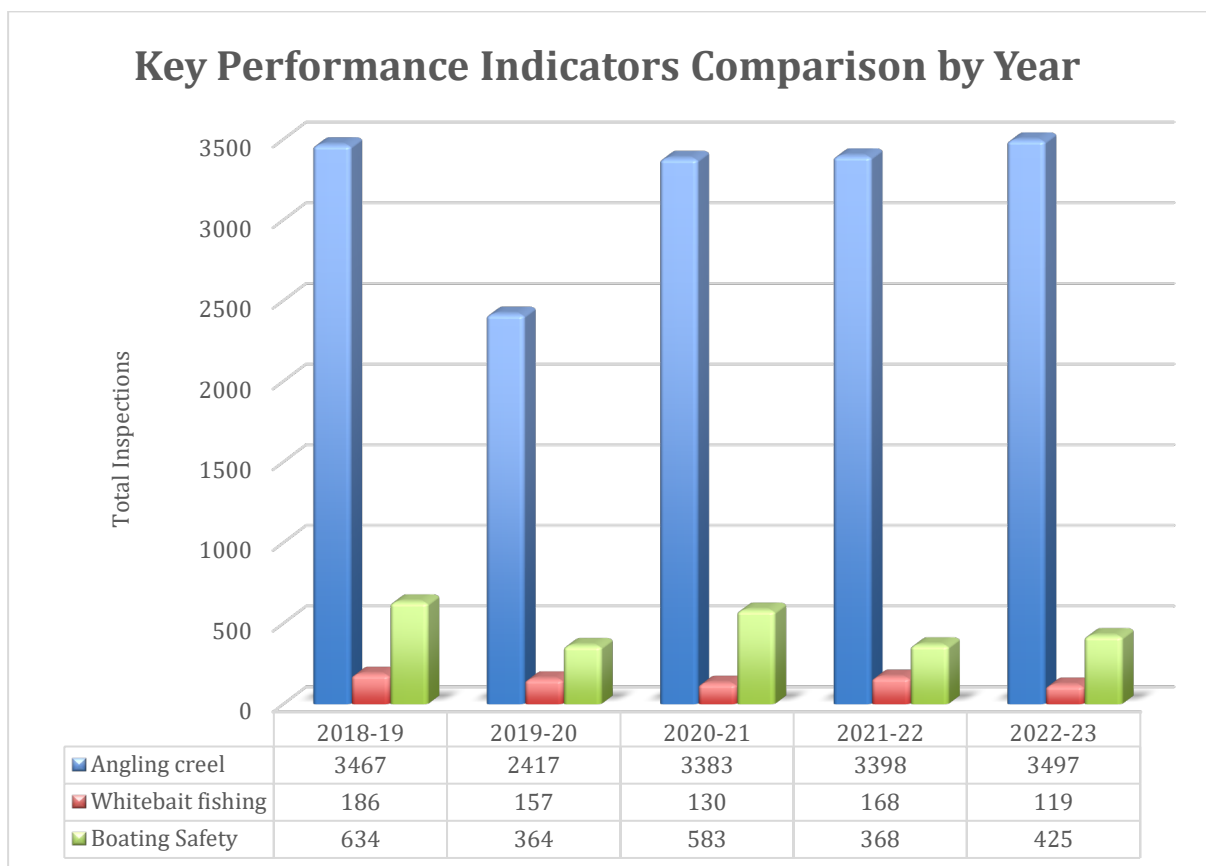
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Resources

Two full-time and eight part-time Officers authorised under the *Inland Fisheries Act 1995* (the Act) delivered fisheries compliance for the year. This included enforcement activities, investigations, and prosecutions, as well as education/awareness and public relations activities. Fisheries Officers enforce a wide range of regulations under the Act and conduct angler creel surveys to help with fisheries assessments. The Compliance Operational Plan guides activities. We work closely with other State agencies such as Tasmania Police, Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service (PWS) and Marine and Safety Tasmania (MAST) to patrol remote areas and to detect, and respond to, illegal activity.

Key Performance Indicators

Inspection type	Total in 2022-23
Angling creel	3 497
Whitebait fishing	119
Boating safety	425

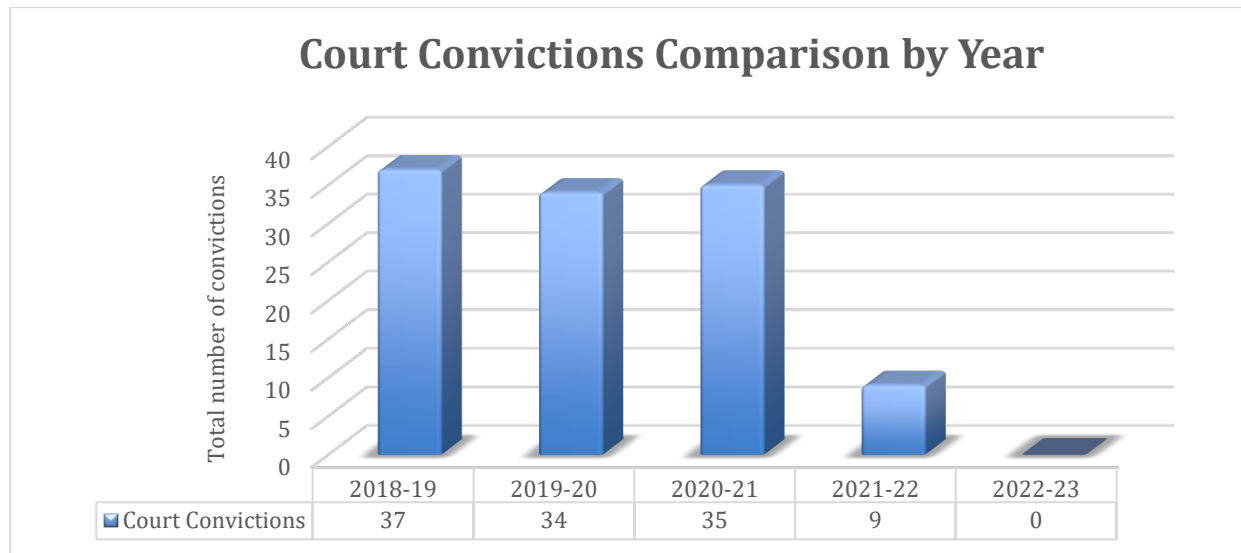


Public Meetings Attended

Date	Organisation
Saturday, 2 July 2022	North-West Fisheries Association
Sunday, 10 July 2022	North-West Fly Fishers Club
Tuesday, 12 July 2022	North-West Fly Fishers Club
Thursday, 28 July 2022	Fromberg's Dam Junior Anglers
Thursday, 28 July 2022	North-West Fisheries Association
Wednesday, 1 March 2023	Longford Angling Club
Sunday, 12 February 2023	Anglers Alliance Tasmania
Monday, 3 April 2023	Penguin Angling Club
Wednesday, 10 May 2023	Ulverstone Angling Club
Friday, 12 May 2023	North-West Fly Fishers Club
Sunday, 14 May 2023	Anglers Alliance Tasmania
Wednesday, 7 June 2023	Tasmanian Fly Fishers
Monday, 19 June 2023	Lake Pedder Anglers Club Meeting

Breakdown – Court Convictions

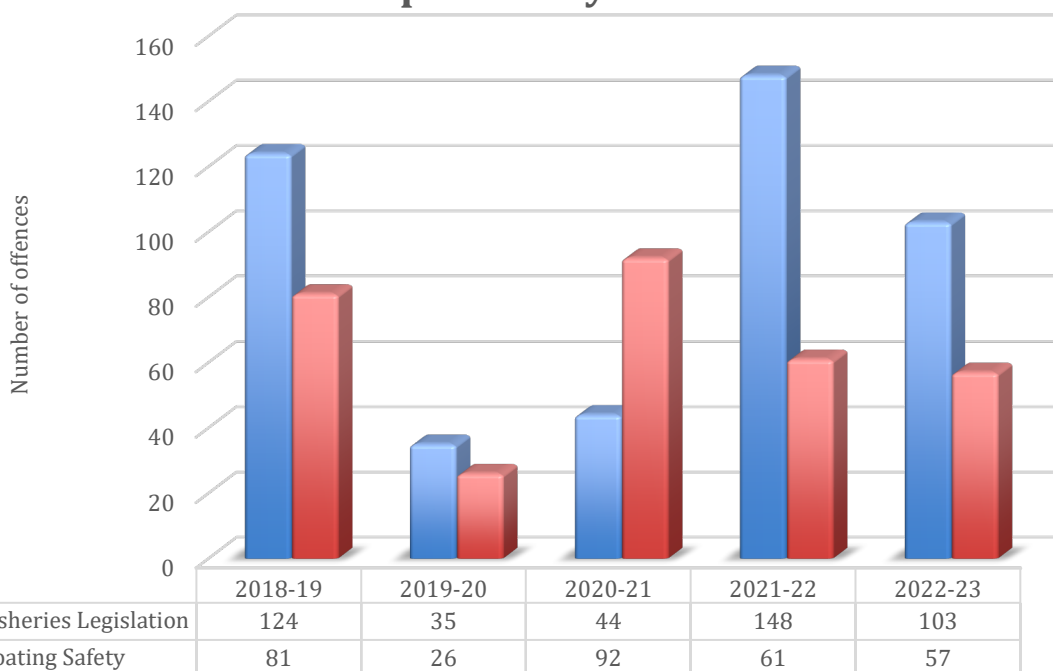
Prosecution offences (Magistrates Court)	Number
Total	0



Breakdown – total offences detected

Type	Defendants		Offences		Value	
	No.	% of total	No.	% of total	\$	% of total
Court Convictions	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Infringement Notices Fisheries	47	31.7	50	31.5	19,005	34.6
Infringement Notices Boat Safety	18	12.2	18	11.3	3,258	5.9
Conditional Cautions Fisheries	49	33.1	52	32.7	22,444	41.0
Conditional Cautions Boat Safety	34	23.0	39	24.5	10,136	18.5
Total	148	100	159	100	54,843	100

**Non Compliance Rate (number of offences)
Comparison by Year**



Breakdown – Infringement Offences (Inland Fisheries – Fishing)

Offences	Infringement Notice Offence	Detection Rate (total/number of checks undertaken)	Infringement notice offences endorsed as Conditional Caution	Detection Rate (total/number of checks undertaken)
Taking acclimatised or indigenous fish without an angling licence	29	0.83	13	0.37
Possessing assembled rod, reel, and line without an angling licence	4	0.11	5	0.14
Not complying with Ministerial order about taking fish-closed water	1	0.03	6	0.17
Hinder / abuse officer	2	0.06		
Using bottle jar, can or similar object to indicate movement in the rod and line			1	0.03
Fishing with more rods and lines than endorsed on licence	3	0.09		
Taking fish with unattended set rod	1	0.03	1	0.03
Take more than 2 salmon > 500mm in defined waters	2	0.06		
Fail to provide details to an Officer when required	1	0.03		
Take fish by means other than rod and line			1	0.03
Introduce fish to inland waters without the consent of the Director			3	0.09
Total	43	1.24	30	0.86

Breakdown – Infringement Offences (Inland Fisheries – Whitebait)

Offences	Infringement Notice Offence	Detection Rate (total/number of checks undertaken)	Infringement notice offences endorsed as Conditional Caution	Detection Rate (total/number of checks undertaken)
Take >2kg whitebait in one day	2	1.68	1	0.84
Take whitebait without a whitebait licence	1	0.84		
Use non permitted net in inland waters			3	2.52
Possess non permitted net in inland waters	1	0.84	1	0.84
Fail to attach tag to whitebait net			8	6.72
Total	4	3.36	13	10.92

Breakdown – Infringement Offences (Inland Fisheries – Other)

Offences	Infringement Notice Offence	Detection Rate (total/number of checks undertaken)	Infringement notice offences endorsed as Conditional Caution	Detection Rate (total/number of checks undertaken)
Fail to comply with the conditions of a Commercial Freshwater Fishing Licence	1	N/A		
Possess non permitted net in inland waters			1	N/A
Use non permitted net in inland waters	1	N/A	1	N/A
Possess protected fish	1	N/A		
Deal in applicable fish without a registration certificate			4	N/A
Fail to comply with the conditions of a fish farm licence			1	N/A
Consign controlled fish			1	N/A
Possess controlled fish			1	N/A
Total	3	N/A	9	N/A

Breakdown – Infringement Offences (Boating Safety)

Offences	Infringement Notice Offence	Detection Rate (total/number of checks undertaken)	Infringement notice offences endorsed as Conditional Caution	Detection Rate (total/number of checks undertaken)
Fail to wear PFD on vessel under six meters while underway	17	4.00	10	2.35
Fail to wear PFD on PWC while underway	1	0.24	1	0.24
Master of vessel fail to ensure person under 16 years PFD				
Fail to maintain PFD to manufacturers specifications			2	0.47
Exceed five knot speed limit in restricted area			1	0.24
Fail to carry minimum safety equipment			19	4.47
Fail to display registration number			5	1.18
Fail register motorboat			1	0.24
Total	18	4.24	39	9.19



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