

Minister's Recreational Fishing Advisory Council

Meeting 3 Communique

Wednesday, 4 March 2020

The Minister's Recreational Fishing Advisory Council held its third meeting in Adelaide.

The Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, Tim Whetstone MP, attended the meeting and Mr Graham Keegan chaired the meeting.

Outcomes of the meeting

The Council:

- will begin planning and delivering the public consultation phase on the development of the recreational fishing plan for South Australia.
- endorsed a list of fish species to be stocked and the rates of fish stocking in reservoirs around South Australia. This plan will be submitted to the Reservoir Taskforce for consideration.
- will consult with community about recreational fishing size limits, bag limits, and catch and release, for the following reservoirs: Little Para, South Para, Warren, Myponga, Happy Valley, Bundaleer and Beetaloo. Proposed stocking requirements for Reservoirs table (Attachment A)
- recommends the Minister add pyramid nets as an allowed gear type under the *Fisheries Management Act*.
- will appoint at least one representative to the *National Recreational Fishing Survey Steering Committee*. The committee will establish a modern recreational fishing survey methodology which will use the latest technologies to develop a more accurate picture of the recreational fishing catch data.
- will develop an engagement and communication strategy.

The next meeting is tentatively planned for May 2020.

MRFAC Reservoir Stocking Proposed Schedule 2020

| | STOCKED FISH | OPENING DATE** | RESERVOIR SIZE | STOCKING PLAN (Annual for 5 Years) *Subject to funding and approval by the Reservoirs Taskforce |
|--------------------------|--|-----------------------|---|--|
| LITTLE PARA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nil | Mid-late 2020 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 125 ha • 20 GL | 30000 natives |
| SOUTH PARA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Murray Cod, Golden Perch, Silver Perch (2019) | Open | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 400 ha • 45 GL | 80000 natives |
| WARREN | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Murray Cod, Golden Perch, Silver Perch (2016, 2017, 2018) • Golden Perch (2019) | Open | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 105 ha • 5 GL | 20000 natives |
| MYPONGA (Stage 3) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Murray Cod (2020) • Trout (planned for mid-2020) | Open | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 280 ha • 27.5 GL | 40000 natives 20000 trout |
| HAPPY VALLEY | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nil | Late 2021 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 178 ha • 12.5 GL | 40000 trout |
| BUNDALEER | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Murray Cod, Golden Perch, Silver Perch (2016, 2017, 2018) • Trout (2017, 2019) | Open | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 63 ha • 6.5 GL | 10000 natives 10000 trout |
| BEETALOO | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Murray Cod, Golden Perch, Silver Perch (2018, 2019) | Open | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 33 ha • 3.2 GL | 5000 natives 5000 trout |
| TOTAL | | | | 180000 natives 35000 trout |