

Media Release

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Brook trout bag limit remains five per day

The Department of Environment and Primary Industries is reminding recreational fishers that the daily bag limit for brook trout is five per person in all Victorian waters.

Northern Regional Fisheries Officer Mike Hosking said DEPI had become aware of false information being circulated in social media claiming there was no bag limit for brook trout in the Rubicon River in North East Victoria.

Brook trout are not a listed species of trout as they belong to the genus of salmonid fish known as char, which originates from North America.

However, brook trout are subject to specific regulations that place a bag limit and possession limit of five fish per day, with no minimum or maximum size as opposed to other listed trout species.

“DEPI wishes to make it clear that recent information being circulated in social media about brook trout in the Rubicon River is completely false and without foundation,” Mr Hosking said.

“The daily bag and possession limit for brook trout in Victoria remains five per person and the Rubicon River is no exception.

“We are also reminding recreational fishers that the daily bag limit for all listed species of trout remains at five per person in the Rubicon River, with no more than two fish to exceed 35cm.

“Fisheries Officers will be maintaining an active presence at the river to ensure all fishers observe the bag limits before the trout season in rivers closes on midnight on Monday, June 9.”

Mr Hosking said DEPI was currently investigating the source of this false information and would continue reminding fishers of the need to observe all relevant fisheries regulations.

“Daily bag limits and minimum sizes are in place to protect the sustainability of Victoria’s fisheries and where the regulations are ignored, Fisheries Officers will not hesitate to issue on-the-spot fines or court summons,” he said.

Anyone who sees or suspects illegal fishing is urged to contact the 24-hour fisheries offence reporting line 13FISH on 13 3474.

Rules and regulations governing the fishing of trout and salmon in Victorian waters can be found at www.depi.vic.gov.au/fishing