



The Hon Katrina Hodgkinson MP

Minister for Primary Industries

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SUMMER FISH STOCKING TO BENEFIT NSW ANGLERS

Recreational fishers throughout NSW have even more reason to enjoy their sport in the years to come with the stocking of various fish species in lakes, dams and rivers across the state, announced today by the Minister for Primary Industries Katrina Hodgkinson at a visit to the Narrandera Fisheries Centre.

The Department of Primary Industries' (DPI) four hatcheries plan to produce and release a total of more than 4 million fingerlings and fry by the end of summer.

Minister Hodgkinson said over one hundred popular fishing spots across NSW will benefit from the DPI's fish stocking program this season.

"Throughout the 2014-15 fishing season, DPI plan to stock NSW public waters with around 60,000 Australian bass, 240,000 Murray cod, 650,000 golden perch, 225,000 silver perch, 150,000 Atlantic salmon, 560,000 brown trout, 100,000 brook trout, 24,000 trout cod and 1.9 million rainbow trout," Ms Hodgkinson said.

"Here at the Narrandera Fisheries Centre, around 1.2 million Murray cod, golden perch, silver perch and trout cod will be produced for dams and rivers from Albury all the way to Inverell.

"The DPI hatcheries in Gaden and Dutton produce all trout that are stocked into our waters, while the Narrandera and Port Stephens hatcheries produce native fish for stocking primarily into dams and lakes."

Ms Hodgkinson said that DPI, in conjunction with local acclimatisation societies, has been successfully stocking freshwater fish in dams and rivers in NSW for many years.

"The DPI's fish stocking program is recognised for the benefits it provides to local communities by improving recreational fishing, ensuring conservation of certain species, and providing employment and tourism to regional areas," Ms Hodgkinson said.

"The fish stocking program is another great example of how the funds raised through the NSW Recreational Fishing Trust is invested back into projects and initiatives that directly benefit recreational anglers.

"The NSW Government is proud to support the recreational fishing industry, which generates about \$1.6 billion into the NSW economy each year and creates about 14,000 jobs."

The location and details of the scheduled stocking activity can be found in the attached.