Fishing around the Tamar Estuary

Location

Shark Refuge Area
No taking of sharks, skates and rays

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What will I catch from shore?

Sand flathead - caught on sandy bottom using baited hooks or soft plastics and a sinker. Tassie’s most caught fish.

Australian salmon - taken mid-water by spinning a silver lure or casting a baited hook and sinker. Often caught around river mouths.

Garfish - taken using light gear with small hooks fished under a float. Baits include fish flesh, prawns or raw chicken.

Elephantfish - caught on rod and line using fish or squid bait. Taken over sand or muddy bottom, usually in the summer.

Cod - a reef fish caught near the bottom using large baited hooks and a sinker.

Gurnard - a common species in Tasmania taken when fishing for flathead. Use a dehooker to release as their spines are venomous.

Licences

You don’t need a licence for rod and line fishing in marine waters in Tasmania. An Inland Fisheries licence is required for any fishing in inland waters including some river mouths and estuaries.

Licences are required for abalone, rock lobster, scallop, set line (longlines and droplines), graball net, mullet net and beach seine net fishing.

Sea Fisheries licences: www.fishing.tas.gov.au/licence
Inland Fisheries licences: www.ifs.tas.gov.au

Catch Limits

Size and possession limits apply for most recreational species. Possession limits apply everywhere including your home.

Fishing Rulers

Use a fish measuring ruler to measure your catch. Free rulers are available from Service Tasmania and tackle shops.

More Information

Web: www.fishing.tas.gov.au
Phone app: Download the Tasmanian Sea Fishing Guide for iPhone or Android.
Print: Pick up a copy of the Recreational Sea Fishing Guide from Service Tasmania and tackle shops.

Fishcare

Fishcare Tasmania promotes sustainable fishing. Ask Fishcare volunteers for advice at a community event near you.

CONTACT

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Visit: www.fishing.tas.gov.au
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Facebook: www.facebook.com/FisheriesTasmania

Local fishing facts

- From a boat you can also catch wrasse, barracouta, elephantfish, mackerel, mullet, garfish, King George whiting, longfin pike, calamari, snapper and gummy shark (outside the Shark Refuge Area).
- Try fishing outside the Tamar Estuary for good-sized flathead. Release any undersize fish using a dehooker.
- The Tamar River is a Shark Refuge Area. No taking of sharks, skates or rays other than elephantfish.
- Do not eat wild shellfish from the Tamar River Estuary. More information: www.publichealthalerts.tas.gov.au

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