

TARFish

Tasmanian Association for Recreational Fishing Inc.

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*Looking after the
interests of recreational
marine fishers*



MEMBERS & DELEGATES CHARTER

This Members & Delegates Charter defines the roles and responsibilities of members and delegates of the Tasmanian Association for Recreational Fishing Inc (TARFish).

TARFish members and delegates recognize and accept that they bear certain responsibilities, obligations and commitments in relation to their roles within TARFish.

In accepting this Charter, members and delegates confirm their commitment to the objectives of TARFish and their willingness to work together for the best interests of TARFish and the benefit of the recreational fishing community in Tasmania.

This document applies to all members and delegates of TARFish.

1. GENERAL PRINCIPLES

- Members and delegates accept that TARFish is the peak body for recreational fishing in Tasmania and agree to work within the TARFish Rules.
- Members and delegates agree to uphold the objectives of TARFish as defined in the Rules and in these corporate documents.
- Members and delegates agree, in determining a policy issue, to promote the best interests of the recreational fishing community rather than their own personal interests.
- Members and delegates agree to act as a representative of TARFish only when authorized to do so, and in so doing, to promote the best interests of the Association.
- Members and delegates recognize that the heavy and increasing workload of TARFish necessitates their active involvement and participation in the work and commitments of the Association.

2. ROLE of Members & Delegates

- To represent the views and interests of their own particular interest group as well as the collective views of the wider recreational fishing community.
- To provide an open two-way communication of information between their constituents and TARFish; this includes bringing relevant information from the community to TARFish, and distributing relevant TARFish information (on issues, decisions, policy debates etc) back to the community and seeking comment.
- To contribute to TARFish the benefit of, not only their fishing experience but also, any other expertise such as in conservation, tourism, legal or political knowledge, government bureaucracy, education, research or business.

3. RESPONSIBILITIES

- To participate actively in the work of TARFish, for example:
 - attend meetings and be fully prepared
 - contribute constructively to issues, discussions, submissions, reports, activities, research projects, funding proposals etc
 - respond to calls for comments (on various issues) in a clear and concise form
 - take on tasks where necessary and carry to completion
 - participate in subcommittees, working groups and so on
 - represent TARFish where necessary (such as at public hearings, workshops, seminars, working groups, RecFAC, Recfish, TAFI groups, and other forums)
 - report back to TARFish on relevant activities (as above).

4. VISION Statement

Through commitment to their roles and responsibilities within TARFish, members and delegates shall work together in harmony with the community, to achieve a common goal.