

WHAT'S BITING FEB REPORT

Summer is making a comeback! With more warm weather and calmer days than we've experienced for a while there's no better time to go fishing along the McLaren Vale and Fleurieu Coast!

With water temperatures peaking, yet with autumn rapidly approaching, there's a melting pot of fish species swimming around in this area at the moment, from summer species like kingfish and yellowfin whiting, through to cooler water species like salmon and mullet. It's a great period to get a mixed bag and target a variety of species.

Below are the main hit list on offer at moment and few local tips to get you hooked-up!

FISH SPECIES	WHERE TO FISH?	HOT TIPS
Mulloway	Onkaparinga River, Maslin Beach, Southport Beach, Christies Beach, Sellicks Beach, Moana	Mulloway cruise right along the coast and can be caught anywhere. Use squid or saury for bait. Putting in the time is the key.
Mullet	Sellicks Beach, Southport, Moana, Onkaparinga River, O'Sullivan Beach	Fish light, using bungum worm, cockle or 'mullet mix' for bait on size 6-8 long shank hooks.
Squid	Land-based: Port Noarlunga Jetty, O'Sullivan Beach breakwater, Seaford (south of river mouth), Aldinga Reef. Boat-based: Aldinga, Port Willunga, Maslin Beach, Horseshoe Reef (Christies)	Cheap jags can work, but investing in good brands like Shimano, Yo-Zuri and Yamashita is well worth it
Bream	Onkaparinga River, Seaford, O'Sullivan Beach, Port Noarlunga, Witton Bluff (Christies)	Use gear as light as the area you're fishing allows. If fishing Witton Bluff use berley and use a float to avoid losing tackle
KG Whiting	Boat-based: Sellicks Beach, Aldinga, Maslin Beach, Moana, Seaford, Port Noarlunga (outside furthest boundary of marine park)	Take a variety of bait, cockle, squid (tenderise) and worm. For something different try an inch of Gulp Camo worm on a long shank hook size 6.
Garfish	Port Noarlunga Jetty, Horseshoe Reef (Christies Beach), O'Sullivan Beach (by boat and off rocks), Aldinga (boat and land-based off reef)	A moving bait can entice finicky or shy fish into a bite
Snook	Aldinga, Maslin Beach, Moana and Seaford	Trolling a lure, either bibbed or with a paravane, is a great way to find fish
Tommies	O'Sullivan Beach Breakwater, Maslin Beach, Seaford, Port Noarlunga Jetty	Why not try a lure? A 3-5g gold Halco Twisty is a winner
Bronze Whaler Sharks	Sellicks Beach, Aldinga, Port Willunga, Southport, O'Sullivan Beach	Check regulations for shark fishing restrictions in this area.
Yellowfin Whiting	Onkaparinga River, Aldinga, Moana, Christies Beach, O'Sullivan Beach (inside rock wall)	Try peeled prawn from tackle shops as an alternative bait (not supermarket prawns)
Salmon	Port Willunga, Maslin Beach, Onkaparinga River, Southport	Casting metal lures from the beach is a winning formula for getting a feed of salmon
Kingfish	Boat – O'Sullivan Beach, Seaford Moana Land-based – Port Noarlunga Jetty, O'Sullivan Beach (off rock wall)	A school has recently made an appearance at both shore locations mentioned. Live squid or garfish under a float is highly recommended

