

WHAT'S BITING APRIL REPORT

With the temperature dropping, yet with more than enough mild days dotted in between the average ones, now is still very much prime fishing time along the McLaren Vale and Fleurieu Coast whether from the shore, kayak or boat.

With the onset of cooler weather this has only further encouraged species like mullet, salmon and flathead to start invading the area's waters in greater numbers. The beauty of Autumn is many warmer weather fish are still possible also, which means mixed bags and a mixed angling experience when you visit.

Below we've outlined many of the likely fish you'll encounter, and tricks for success that are currently getting results along this southern hot spot – best of luck!

FISH SPECIES	WHERE TO FISH?	HOT TIPS
Mulloway	Onkaparinga River	River has slowed, but the current weather should stir things up. Increasing mullet and salmon will also fire up the mulloway inshore
Mullet	Maslin Beach, Moana, Port Noarlunga, Onkaparinga River, O'Sullivan Beach	Mullet mix and preserved bloodworms are working the best at the moment for bait
Squid	Aldinga, Moana, Port Noarlunga	Use a UV torch to 'charge' up your jigs while were experiencing overcast weather
Bream	Seaford, Onkaparinga River	Seaford is much underestimated for bream numbers
KG Whiting	Sellicks Beach, Seaford, Moana	Recent blows should stir up fish in close
Garfish	Aldinga, Port Noarlunga	As the mornings have been cool, sunnier afternoon hours have been producing better
Snook	Aldinga	Broken bottom in close towing a lure (70-120mm), or alternatively a pilchard tail. Try near garfish schools for them
Tommies	Aldinga, Maslin Beach, Moana, Port Noarlunga, O'Sullivan Beach	Tommies don't mind the choppy conditions
Flathead	Sellicks Beach (Shark Bay), Seaford, Onkaparinga River	Being caught as bycatch, but using 2-3-inch soft plastic grubs with a slightly heavier jighead works well and covers ground
Yellowfin Whiting	Onkaparinga River	Fish a rising tide, or around high tide
Salmon	Port Willunga, Maslin Beach, Onkaparinga River, Southport, Port Noarlunga	Perfect weather for it, and early results bode well for a long and productive season on these fish

