GENERAL TIPS AND INFORMATION

• Ask a local fisherman
• The weather and tide movement are the number one priority. Conditions are generally calmer early in the morning.
• To obtain your Boat Ramp Permit visit the Beachport Visitor Information Centre, Jarmos Petrol Station or 4Shore Fishing & Giftware and whilst there pick up a Size, Bag & Boat Limit brochure.
• Mulloway like deeper gutters & bite best on a rising tide, an overcast sky & murky water. They respond best to vibration of live bait. Best 2-4 days either side of a full moon.
• The months between October and May are best for Snapper and Whiting. Try for these on a filling tide and snapper on a high tide.
• Flathead bite well an hour each side of low tide and also when the moon and tides are rising.
• Beach Fishing best when dawn or dusk coincide with a high tide.
• A cheap option for Burley - chicken pellets or bran, mixed with a little tuna oil.
• Deep Sea Fishing - Try on very high tides.
• Recreational Fishing Licenses are not required in South Australia (excepting crayfish).
• PIRSA Mt Gambier Office - 08 8735 1300
• South East Regional Office - 08 8735 1177
BEACH FISHING

Types of fish caught:
Salmon, Mulloway, Rays, Flathead, Snapper, Small Shark & King George Whiting

Bait: Cockle (for whiting), fish fillets, pilchards, squid or octopus

Gear: Longer Rods (12 foot) are normally required/advised but if not available try what you have. A good reel with 300 yards of at least 20 pound line with 6.0 to 7.0 hooks is suggested. This type of fishing is best at sunrise, sunset or an overcast day.

Location: Excellent surf beaches stretch around Rivoli Bay from Beachport to Southend. Various locations within the Beachport Conservation Park and Canunda National Park. Accessible by 4WD or take 2WD vehicles as far as possible and then travel on foot.

Why not try your luck at the Beachport Lions Club Salmon Fishing Competition held annually over the School Holidays in July with great prizes to be won!

JETTY FISHING

Types of fish caught/Gear:
Light gear is used for: Salmon, Garfish, Tommies, Whiting, Trevally

Hooks: Small Hooks (long shank No. 10)

Bait: There are no rules when it comes to this. One day they will take cockles, then cray tail and then shrimp. A No. 10 hook will land a pound whiting and you have the advantage of being able to catch the smaller fish on the same gear. Keep your bait small. Burley is a help to bring the fish around.

Gear: When fishing with 2 rods it is advisable to have a float on one and use the other on the bottom.

Location: Jetties at Beachport & Southend

ROCK/REEF FISHING

Caution: For large waves & unsafe cliffs. Do not wear rubber waders as they could possibly fill with water

Types of fish caught:
Salmon, Mullet, Snapper & Sweep

Bait: Cockle, pilchards, red meat, fish strips. Float fishing is best but heavier gear can be used if trying for Salmon etc. Snapper can also be tried for but be prepared to lose some gear through snags.

Location: Various locations within the Beachport Conservation Park and Canunda National Park. Accessible by 4WD or take 2WD vehicles as far as possible and then travel on foot.

Area for night dabbing Garfish near Jetty.

Gear: For fishing outside this area a good sea boat of at least 5m is a minimum requirement. The wind can rise very quickly & cause trouble if you are not prepared. If you have an echo sounder look for the higher peaks & drop offs. If not, and there is a swell, look for the “bowls”. Drifting can also be productive in these areas, anchoring when fish are found. Heavy Gear is used for: Snapper, Mulloway, Gummy Sharks

BOAT FISHING

Caution: Keep well away if breaks show up on larger swells.

Types of fish caught:
Whiting, Flathead, Salmon, Mullet, Garfish & the odd Snapper

Bait: Burley is a must for good fish catches. Do not overfeed.

Location: Rivoli Bay - Good