

SPECIES	BEST TIMES	RECOMMENDED BAIT/LURE	TACKLE WORLD TIP
Black Bream	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> October-March* Around high tide or early morning to late afternoon 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Soft plastics – ZMAN motor oil and bloodworm 2.5-inch grub Hard body lures – Daiwa double clutch in laser ayu, Ecogear SX40 in carmen red 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Best to fish early morning or late afternoon if possible around high tide. Murray river – target deep corners between Murray bend and South Yunderup fishing the downside of the snag to where the current is coming from. Serpentine River – fishes well between Lakes Road to Serpentine bridge, this large stretch of water supplies heaps of deep timber accessible from the boat or shore. Methods for both rivers – unweighted river prawn rigged on a baitholder size 4 with a 10lb fluorocarbon leader. Soft plastic rigged with a 1/16 oz. TT or nitro Jig head size 2 or 4. Some good hard body lures are Daiwa spike, double clutch, Ecogear SX40, Atomic shad.
Tailor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> October – February* High tide changes Early morning – late afternoon 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mulies Fresh whiting Metal spinners Halco poppers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trolling from a boat between the Dawesville Cut and the estuary is really effective using a Smiling Jack, Jackson Pintail and Halco metal spinners 15g - 30g. Whitehills Beach – early morning around reef and deep holes, using a Pilchard on a 3/0 gang with a running star sinker or paternoster rig.
Salmon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> mid-March to mid-May* All day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mulies Live herring Jackson Pintail tune Samaki flash minnow Halco 30g twistys 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> These fish school along the coast traveling between Bunbury to Perth and can be targeted on any of our accessible beaches, preferably early morning. Whitehills beach is good for this as it has 4WD access. Large schools enter Cockburn sound which is accessible via boat trolling the recommended lures and casting unweighted pilchards. Dawesville Cut ocean side groins attract schools and single fish early mornings.

<p>Yellow fin Whiting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November to March* • Mid-morning to Mid-afternoon 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surface lures – Jackson Ebi Panic, Strada dancer, Bassday sugarpen • River prawns • Blood worms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • yellow fin whiting are very active in warm clean water, targeting our Peel Estuary sand flats with surface lures with a walk the dog technique darting the lure left to right entices the whiting to strike at the surface. • Popular spots are the Coodanup foreshore, Point Grey (only accessible via boat) and Erskine. • River prawn and blood worm are effective on a small running ball sinker rig using a size 1 ball sinker and a size 6 Instinct bloodworm hook. • Depth 0.3m – 1m max
<p>WA Dhufish</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January – June* • Two hours before and after low and two hours before and after high tide 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fresh occy • Lunds squid • Pilchards • Mullet • Jigs (80-150g) • Soft plastics (ZMAN, GULP, MAD EYE, ABROLHOS – pinks, whites and glows) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paternoster rig, snelling squid and mullet fillets works well. These fish like to congregate from 20m-80m with fish still being caught as shallow as 5m. • Dhufish like flat shoal bottom, near and around reef. • Jigs are effective on the peak bite times, imparting your own action to create a wounded baitfish. Some good colours are the pinks, glow, black, orange and blue, rigged with occy or flasher assist hooks. • Soft plastics are also good such as, GULP power grub 8 inch, Mad Eye paddle prawns and ZMAN jerk shads rigged on 2-4oz. Berkley elevator and TT Jig heads.
<p>Pink Snapper</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All year round* • Large schools between May-August • Around low and high tide, early morning or late afternoon 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fresh scalies • Mulies • Lunds squid • 4 and 5 inch white paddle tail soft plastics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paternoster rig snell squid with 6/0 octopus hooks. • Floating squid or scalie with size 3 bean sinker. • Target the pink snapper on and behind the 5 fathom bank, from 5-15m of water. • Cockburn sound between May and August produces big schools of large fish. • They love 4 and 5 inch ZMAN paddle tails in white!

<p>Blue Swimmer Crab</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mid-November to end of March* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drop nets • Scooping • Mullet • Spleen 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peel Harvey Estuary is an awesome place to access from the shore and the boat. • Target deeper water with the drop nets, like drop offs and channels. • Scoop the shallow sand and weedy flats. • Murray river is good for drop netting and scooping in the early morning along the bank. • Warnbro Sound is home to some large Blue Swimmers, using mainly drop nets between 5-12m of water.
<p>Crayfish (Western Rock Lobster)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October to March (peak season) • Open all year round as of 2018* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Craypot with a jarrah frame and pine slats, and a steel base is the most effective. • Tuna heads • Mullet • Blue Mackerel • Hoki heads 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you have a small boat you can target crayfish early season between 5-18m of water. • As the crayfish start to walk out to deeper water, you'll want to follow them, dropping your pots over sand near and around reef. • Gradually getting deeper and deeper. • Remember a licence is required.

*remember to check www.fish.wa.gov.au for all the fishing rules, licenses and bans before your next trip!