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SPECIES	BEST TIMES	RECOMMENDED BAIT/LURE	TACKLE WORLD TIP
Murray Cod	December 1 to Early Winter	Bait's including Medium Yabbies or cooked Yabby tails , Good bunch of worms with a shrimp on as well , Bardie Grubs Frozen or fresh. Lures include Hard Bodies, Spinner Baits, Mumbblers and Surface Lures.	Baits are usually best coming out of winter when the yabbies come out of the mud, rig these using a running sinker a drift baits from upstream of structure down into the heads of fallen trees and the like. Scents also work very well on baits . The use of a stocking type sox on frozen Bardy Grubs stops Bream from sucking the guts out of them and last a lot longer. Hard Body Lures are ideal for trolling at slow speed and casting into structure as you would Barra. A slow constant retrieve rather than a twitching action works best and keep them at a slow speed. Spinner baits are ideal for either dropping right next to big logs or cast and retrieved past any structure, Log's, Stumps or fallen timber. Surface lures work well in the warmer months and even work well on those moonless nights.
Yellow Belly (Golden Perch)	All year round but starts around August when the days warm up through to May	Scrub Worms are one of the best baits as well as Yabbies 50 mm long , Shrimp are a good add on to these baits . Lures include Hard Bodies medium sized like the Strada Ambush colours yellow and purple, Bibless lures like Jackal's, shudder, and anything around 55 mm that swims well. Small framed Spinner baits built specially for the job and in natural colours and Soft Plastic's worked across the bottom of shallow lakes and scented.	Use a size 2 bait holder hook and load it to the Max with Bait . Cast under or into Timber on the upstream side and add a little Freshwater Stimulate liquid scent. Use a running sinker rig and Only put as much weight on to hold bottom and if they really touchy leave your bail arm open with rod tip pointed toward bait to give no resistance when fish picks the bait up. coming out of Winter fish the shallow edges in around 1 mt of water because this is where the water is warmer and the natural bait is sitting. Lures in creeks and rivers are best used along the edge of the bank where there is under bank erosion . this is where a lot of fish sit . Structure like Timber is always worth a shot as well . Yellow Belly will sit mid depth in Deeper Lakes in the top of trees and on rocky drop off's . Shallow lakes are best when there is water flow as a result of irrigation and around drop bars and water restrictors , colours Natural , Yellow , Purple and White / Black.

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RedFin	All year round , even in winter if you are a hard core fisho	Bait such as Little Yabbies , Worms , are best. Lures are varied in type, Hard Bodies like Feral , Ambush , Codger , Crazy deep , Oar-Gee are all good lures . Medium size . , Spinners , Like the Old Hog back with red Wool on the Hook, Spinner baits in Small profile, Bibless Lures like, Jackall, Shudder, and Soft Plastic's such as Stand	Size 2 Hook and fill to the bream with Bait , small sinker right on top of the hook if fished straight over the side of the boat next to trees in around 6 to 25 feet of water. Lures should be hitting the bottom when trolled in lakes, rocky points and drop offs around 4 mts deep are best . Shallow lakes are best in the morning first thing , working shallow lure's in colours Red/Black , Purple , Yellow/Black or White /Black around weedy or rocky edges,
		up Yabbies, Sqidgee and Sqid type all work.	Bibless Lures ,same colours , Spinners and Plastics , in colours White , Pink or Perch . Plastics can also be used on a loop tied 30 to 40 cm above a trolling lure. This works well when the bottom lure fowls with weed and catch's a lot of Fish by itself.
Trout	Mainly spring and the cooler months in Streams and winter in lakes	Lures including Small to Med/Small Hard Bodies Strada Piccola, Aif, Rapala Trout, Perch, Paul Nicel's Trout bait.	East of Shepparton in Streams and Lakes hold the biggest number of Trout . Streams fish well with Small Lures worked along the edge of back waters and eddy's best. Lakes fish well in Winter trolling a bait, Tassie Devil or Small Lure behind a Ford Fender. Trout are found in the Irrigation system around Shepparton , Tatura area , especially the inlet and outlet Channels of the Waranga basin between Tatura , Rushworth and Murchison . Small lures and Soft Plastic's in Trout or natural colors worked below the drop bars and along weed banks produce some nice Trout up to 50 cm's long . Best times are when water is being supplied to farmers and the flow.