

LOCAL FISHING GUIDE – WEIPA REGION



SPECIES	BEST TIMES	RECOMMENDED BAIT/LURE	TACKLE WORLD TIP
BARRAMUNDI	Feb to May, Sept to Oct Season closed 1 Oct to 1 Feb.	Baitcast or Spin, 30lb Finns Braid, Instinct leader. Lures: Strada Pro, Old Dog Jackson, Classic, Reidys, Halco, Boom Baits, Squidgies, Gulp Prawn. Live bait, mullet or prawn.	Cast lures or baits into flags, drains, snags, rocks or eddies. Use twitch and stop method with lures and work very slowly. Best time is 1 hour either side of high or low tide. Ask in-store for more information.
KING SALMON	All year round but slower Jun to Aug	Same as Barra	Same as Barra
FINGERMARK	Feb to Oct	Spin or jig gear with 40 – 80lb Finns braid to 80 LB Finns braid and 100 lb Instinct Leader. Baits, live squid or herring ideal in same areas as above rigged with 6/j0 ro 8/0 Instinct Octopus Hooks.	Slowly jig soft plastics and vibes around shoal areas just offshore and small Bombies. Night is the best time especially if you use live squid. Ask in store for more information.
BLUETUSK FISH	All year around	Spin or overhead gear with 50 to 80lb Finns braid with 100lb leader. These fish are fierce and dirty fighters so get them before they snag you. Best baits are ghost and solider crabs or prawn on 8/0 or 9/0 Instinct octopus hooks on paternoster rig with sinker size to suit tidal flow.	Fish drop offs from bombies or rocky shoals. Ask in store for more info.
SPANISH MACKEREL	May to Nov	Spin or overhead tackle with 30 to 50lb mono or Finns braid and 100lb Instinct leader with wire trace.	Methods include pilchards or live bait under a float with around 2 metres of leader or troll hard bodies like Strada, Halco, Rapala, Yozura. The gif method is also good using metal jigs or plastics but be sure to use 2/300 metre of wire to prevent being bitten off. Ask instore for more info.