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Fisheries & Aquaculture

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Let's celebrate fishing and aquaculture in South Australia

Fishing is a way of life for many South Australians and has underpinned the development and prosperity of many regional towns and communities. Almost every one of us has an association with fishing or seafood ... whether it be fishing with family and friends or eating our amazing seafood at a local restaurant or at home.

South Australian Aboriginal Nations have a long and deep spiritual connection to the sea and rivers and the seafood provided by these resources.

We have more than 277 000 recreational fishers in South Australia who simply love to fish. With the greatest growth in participation occurring in the 5-14 year age group.

Our stunning array of seafood is brought to plates not only locally but also around the world, thanks to our successful commercial fishing and aquaculture industries. In 2017-18, 70 000 tonnes of seafood, generating revenue of \$925 million in gross food revenue, was produced by both sectors. South Australia has the most diverse fisheries and aquaculture sector in the country for consumers.

World-class seafood depends on best practice fisheries and aquaculture management – in South Australia this is a partnership between industry, government and key community stakeholders, supported by the best available science and monitored by compliance activities.

This collaborative effort ensures consumers, recreational and traditional fishers will enjoy South Australian seafood for generations to come.

Tim Whetstone MP
Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development

The South Australian Fishermans Co-Operative Limited (SAFCOL) is one of the world's major suppliers of fresh, packaged and frozen seafood.





January

The Murray River is a popular fishing destination.

Image courtesy SATC/John Montesi.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 NEW YEAR'S DAY Murray Cod Catch and Release Season begins. WZ, CZ Abalone and Sardine quotas set.	2	3	4 Blue Water Classic Tournament	5 Blue Water Classic Tournament
6 Blue Water Classic Tournament	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Cape Jaffa Seafood and Wine Festival	14	15	16	17	18	19 Kingston Surf Fishing Competition
20 Kingston Surf Fishing Competition	21	22	23	24 Tunarama Port Lincoln	25 Tunarama Port Lincoln	26 AUSTRALIA DAY Tunarama Port Lincoln
27 Tunarama Port Lincoln	28	29	30	31		



Catch of the Month
Yellowfin Whiting

In Season

- Snapper
- Southern Garfish
- Yellowtail Kingfish
- Snook
- Yellow-eyed Mullet
- Gummy Shark
- Pipi (Goolwa Cockle)
- Rock Lobster
- Yellowfin Whiting

Fishwatch

1800 065 522

www.pir.sa.gov.au/fishing

Fishing Tip

Llife jacket laws changed in South Australia on 1 January 2017. Check you know the new rules at dpti.sa.gov.au/ondeck



February

Blue Swimmer Crabs are widely distributed throughout the inshore waters of South Australia.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 Wirrina Tuna Tournament	16 Wirrina Tuna Tournament
17 Wirrina Tuna Tournament	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Spencer Gulf Razorfish Closure ends.		



Catch of the Month
Blue Swimmer Crab

In Season

- Snapper
- Southern Garfish
- Yellowtail Kingfish
- Snook
- Yellow-eyed Mullet
- Gummy Shark
- Blue Swimmer Crab
- Pipi (Goolwa Cockle)

Fishwatch

1800 065 522

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Fishing Tip

It is the fisher's responsibility to be aware of the regulations that apply to their method of fishing. Check all of the devices you use and follow legal specifications. Devices that are not compliant may be seized and forfeited.

A man, identified as prawn fisherman Shaun Evans, stands on the deck of a boat. He is wearing a blue quilted vest over a dark long-sleeved shirt and dark trousers. His right arm is raised, holding onto a rope. The background shows the white structure of the boat with several windows and a red lifebuoy with the words "NIGHT STALKER" written on it. A green sign with the words "MUST STAY" is partially visible on the right. The word "March" is overlaid in large white text on the left side of the image.

March

Prawn fisherman Shaun Evans fishing for prawns in the Spencer Gulf.

Image courtesy Spencer Gulf and West Coast Prawn Fishermen's Association (by Randy Larcombe).

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday



Catch of the Month Yellow-eyed Mullet

In Season

- Snapper
- Southern Garfish
- Yellowtail Kingfish
- Snook
- Yellow-eyed Mullet
- Gummy Shark
- Blue Swimmer Crab
- Pipi (Goolwa Cockle)

Fishwatch

1800 065 522

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Fishing Tip

Spencer Gulf Prawns have been accredited by the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) since 2011 for environmentally sustainable fishing practices.

In 2018, the South Australian Sardine Fishery was accredited by the MSC in the world's leading certification and eco-labelling program for sustainable seafood. It received the highest ever assessment score for a first time assessment of any fishery in the world under this scheme.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 First day of autumn.	2
3 Clean Up Australia Day	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Port MacDonnell Bayside Festival	11 ADELAIDE CUP DAY	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 Snapper spawning closures end. Visit www.pir.sa.gov.au/snapper for up to date information on Snapper closures.						

April



A Fisheries Officer helps measure a fish to make sure it meets the size limit requirements.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5 Tasting Australia (5-14)	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 GOOD FRIDAY	20
21 EASTER SUNDAY	22 EASTER MONDAY	23	24 Barossa Vintage Festival (24-28)	25 ANZAC DAY	26	27
28	29	29				



Catch of the Month

Snook

In Season

Snapper
 Australian Herring
 Australian Salmon
 Yellow-eyed Mullet
 Yellowfin Whiting
 Pipi (Goolwa Cockle)
 Snook

Fishwatch

1800 065 522

www.pir.sa.gov.au/fishing

Fishing Tip

Use circle hooks when fishing as it helps to avoid gut hooking the fish. It also makes hook removal quick, easy and safer, while also minimising stress or damage to fish that will be released.



May

South Australia produced 2,970 tonnes of oysters in 2017 -18.

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Saturday

			1 King George Whiting Spawning Closure begins.	2	3	4
5	6 ●	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 ◐	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 ○	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 ◑	29	30	31 King George Whiting Spawning Closure ends. Southern Rock Lobster Closure begins in Northern and Southern Zones. Giant Crab Fishery in Northern Zone ends.	



Catch of the Month
Vongole (Mud Cockle)

In Season

- Snapper
- Australian Herring
- Australian Salmon
- Yellow-eyed Mullet
- Yellowfin Whiting
- Vongole (Mud Cockle)

Fishwatch

1800 065 522

www.pir.sa.gov.au/fishing

Fishing Tip

Make sure you wear a protective glove or tea towel around your hand when shucking oysters to protect yourself if your knife slips.

A man and a child are fishing on a beach at sunset. The man is sitting in a chair on the right, and the child is standing in the shallow water on the left. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a golden glow over the scene. The sky is filled with soft, colorful clouds. The beach is sandy and the water is calm.

June

Kangaroo Island's Antechamber Bay is a fishing getaway.

Image courtesy SATC.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 First day of winter. Pipi (Goolwa Cockle) Recreational Seasonal Closure begins. Aust. Salmon Fishing Championships Elliston (to 31 August)
2	3	4	5 World Environment Day	6	7	8 World Oceans Day Sea and Vines Festival
9 Sea and Vines Festival	10 QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY Sea and Vines Festival	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 SG Prawn Fishery Season ends.						



Catch of the Month

Southern Calamari

In Season

King George Whiting
 Southern Garfish
 Australian Herring
 Australian Salmon
 Gummy Shark
 Yellowfin Whiting
 Southern Calamari

Fishwatch

1800 065 522

www.pir.sa.gov.au/fishing

Fishing Tip

When purchasing bait, check its origin. Imported bait should be labelled appropriately and generally will have been treated to deactivate potential exotic disease. Local bait is best, and safest.

A commercial fisherman, Justin Cicolella, is standing on the deck of a light blue boat. The boat has orange life preservers stacked on the bow and the number '27588' and 'M205-3' painted on its side. The fisherman is wearing a dark blue hoodie with 'SMOKE TEST LABS' written on it and a blue cap. The boat is on a body of water with a forested shoreline in the background under an overcast sky.

July

Commercial fisher Justin Cicolella based at Port Wakefield works in the Marine Scalefish Fishery as an inshore net fisherman.

Image courtesy Fair Fish SA.

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	1 Vongole and Lakes and Coorong Finfish quota set.	2	3	4 ●	5	6
7	8	9	10 ◐	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 ○	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 ◐	27
28	29	30	31 Murray Cod Catch and Release and GSV Prawn Fishery Season ends.			



Catch of the Month
Flathead

In Season
Southern Garfish
Australian Herring
Southern Calamari
Australian Salmon
Yellowfin Whiting
Flathead

Fishwatch
1800 065 522
www.pir.sa.gov.au/fishing

Fishing Tip
Crabs are out in deeper water during the winter months, but come inshore during spring and summer to feed and reproduce.



August

Commercial fisher Craig Fletcher is based at Wallaroo in the Marine Scalefish Fishery.

Image courtesy Fair Fish SA.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31



Catch of the Month
Australian Herring

- In Season**
- King George Whiting
 - Southern Garfish
 - Australian Herring
 - Southern Calamari
 - Australian Salmon
 - Yellowfin Whiting

Fishwatch
1800 065 522
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Fishing Tip

Some fish species are protected and must not be taken, including Freshwater Catfish, Silver Perch, Seadragons and Seahorses.

Aust. Salmon Fishing Championships - Elliston ends



September

Lyndon Queama from Yalata Community taking part in a joint community and Natural Resources Alinytjara Wilurara Marine Debris Survey and clean-up of Yalata Beach.

Image courtesy Ninti Media.

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First day of spring.
Onkaparinga River
Bream Closure begins.

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Catch of the Month
Australian Salmon

In Season

- Snapper
- Southern Garfish
- Australian Herring
- Australian Salmon
- Gummy Shark
- Snook
- Blue Swimmer Crab

Fishwatch

1800 065 522

www.pir.sa.gov.au/fishing

Fishing Tip

Early detection is important to stop the establishment and spread of aquatic pests. If you see an unusual freshwater or marine creature, report it to the 24 hour Fishwatch hotline on 1800 065 522.









October

Adelaide's metropolitan jetties are a drawcard for both fishers and onlookers.

Image courtesy SATC.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 SZ Rock Lobster season and SZ Giant Crab Season begins. SZ Abalone quota set. SG Razorfish closure begins.	2	3	4 Oysterfest	5
6	7 LABOUR DAY 	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 	23	24	25	26
27	28 	29	30	31 Pipi (Goolwa Cockle) Recreational Seasonal Closure ends.		



Catch of the Month
Mulloway

In Season

- Snapper
- Southern Garfish
- Australian Herring
- Australian Salmon
- Gummy Shark
- Snook
- Blue Swimmer Crab
- Mulloway

Fishwatch

1800 065 522

www.pir.sa.gov.au/fishing

Fishing Tip

Rock Lobster pots used by recreational fishers must be registered.



November

Goolwa PipiCo fishers use nets to catch their pipis.
Image courtesy Goolwa PipiCo.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Pipi (Goolwa Cockle) Recreational Season begins. Statewide Snapper Seasonal Closure begins. Southern Rock Lobster and Giant Crab Season begins in Northern Zone. GSV, SG and WC Prawn Fishery Season begins.	2
3	4	5 ☾	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 ○	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 ☾	21 World Fisheries Day National Agriculture Day	22	23
24	25	26	27 ●	28	29	30 Onkaparinga River Bream Closure ends.



Catch of the Month

Pipi (Goolwa Cockle)

In Season

Southern Garfish
 Australian Herring
 Australian Salmon
 Gummy Shark
 Snook
 Blue Swimmer Crab
 Pipi (Goolwa Cockle)

Fishwatch

1800 065 522

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Fishing Tip

You can use a cockle net for taking pipis – they have a mesh net attached to a pole.

December

Carpenter Rocks fishing fleet.

Image courtesy South Australian Rock Lobster Advisory Council.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 First day of summer.	2	3	4	5 ☾	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 ○	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 ☾	21
22	23	24	25 CHRISTMAS DAY	26 PROCLAMATION DAY	27 ●	28
29	30	31				



Catch of the Month
Southern Rock Lobster

In Season

- Snapper
- Southern Garfish
- Australian Herring
- Australian Salmon
- Gummy Shark
- Snook
- Blue Swimmer Crab
- Southern Rock Lobster

Fishwatch

1800 065 522

www.pir.sa.gov.au/fishing

Fishing Tip

Return undersized Rock Lobster to the water as soon as you can so they have the best chance to grow and reproduce. This will help ensure Rock Lobster stocks in South Australia remain healthy.

Play your part in South Australia's sustainable fisheries

We all have a role to play in protecting our fisheries and it starts with learning about the rules that apply to recreational fishing and encouraging friends and family to do the same.

PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture has some great resources available with all the information you'll need to enjoy recreational fishing in SA.

Download the free SA Recreational Fishing Guide smartphone app at www.pir.sa.gov.au/recfishingapp

Visit www.pir.sa.gov.au/fishing

Join our Fishcare Volunteer Program

The Fishcare volunteer program raises awareness among the fishing community about the need to protect and preserve our resources for future generations.

For more than 20 years, dedicated volunteers have been patrolling the beaches and jetties of South Australia, providing fishers with up to date information on recreational fishing rules.

To become a volunteer or to find out more about the program visit www.pir.sa.gov.au/fishing/fishcare_volunteers

Fishwatch 1800 065 522 (24 hours)

- Report illegal fishing activities.
- Ask for information about rules and regulations.
- Find out about licencing and regulation.
- Report unusual activity around fish, including fish kills.