

Riverina Sportfishing Report

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With a few glimpses at warm days and fine weather, fishermen are starting to get itchy casting arms. Despite the days being quite pleasant, the water temperature is still very low and it takes a definite turn toward spring weather before we start to see the fish activity really start to improve.

All is not lost as there are always options if you can't wait for spring.

For the redbfin fisherman, Blowering is the pick of the locations with good results had trolling small minnows in deep water. The fish aren't really thick but by finding a school of fish trolling, you can then drop jigs, plastics or bait into the school and try to get a hot bite happening. Blowering is also producing the odd trout or two with the quality of the fish making up for the lack in numbers when compared to trout dam's such as Eucumbene or Jindabyne.



These two mountain lakes are fishing well with leadlining or downrigging being the most productive methods. There are trout cruising the shallows of both lakes allowing flycasters the

opportunity to stalk fish. Remember that all our Alpine areas are likely to have snow and ice for at least a couple more weeks, so be prepared with appropriate clothing.

On the south coast of NSW everyone has snapper on their minds, however they appear to be inconsistent with better catches being recorded of morwong and other reef species. For a trip down the coast at this time of year, snapper are the primary target with drummer from the rocks and salmon on the beaches offering shore based options.

Cod fisherman in NSW have August remaining to target these great fish before the season closes for three months to allow the fish to breed in peace. South Australia has extended their cod closed season to encompass 1st August through to the 31st December so be aware of the State borders if you are planning a trip along the Murray past Mildura.

The big cod of South Australia are being cooperative for Josh Hodges of Wagga who at last count has released three cod over a metre in length and one just under the metre. Josh and his crew have spent a week chasing these big fish and he has been lucky to land some massive fish.

If you would like a guided trip chasing winter cod call me on 0427 692522 or visit www.riverinasportfishing.com

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