

# FORSTER ESTUARY CHARTERS

## FISHING REPORT 2/1/2011

### Wallis Lake

I have seen the water temperature reach 26 degrees in the lake over the last week and with the great weather we have been having there is a lot of traffic on the water and lots of swimmers so please take care out there. For most of this week we are going to have run up tides in the mornings so bream fishing is the way to go. Afternoons with the run out it is time to target the flathead.

### Whiting

The little trumpeter whiting seem to have slowed down a bit but there is some nice sand whiting hanging around on the sand flats in good numbers; remember a run out tide is the best time. If you are into lure fishing you might want to try some small poppers or the drop offs for the whiting if not a Number 6 long shank hook with cooked prawn or beach worm for bait. This rig and bait seems to produce some nice flathead as well.

### Flathead

There seem to be some good sized flathead hanging around in the area south of the airport wharf, (south of Hells gate, Wallis Island) the fish that I have seen taken in this area have been on strips of mullet. For the bank fisherman Palm Street Tuncurry is worth a go and Tern Island is a top spot. Breckenridge channel off little street is also worth a crack but by mid morning it is full of traffic and swimmers so take care

### Bream

There are some good spots for bank fisherman to target bream on the top of the tide and probably one of the best is under the bridge on the Tuncurry side. The rig that I like to use for bream is a 10 hook. Preferred bait is mullet strips. For the boaties it is hard to beat fishing the leases.

### Outside Fishing

Good reports of snapper, morwong, tragg and big flathead being caught outside of the reefs to the north. I have had reports of Dolphin fish ( Mahi Mahi) being taken which is a bit early in the season but if they are about they make a great sport fish and better eating

*Fish Well Travel Safe*

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