



KERRY'S TAILOR FISHING TIPS

Fishing is not permitted 400m south of Indian Head to 400m north of Waddy Point between August 1 and September 30, due to spawning.

Tailor Season: July to October

1. Have the right equipment and bait

- A long fishing rod or surf rod is a must to cast your bait beyond the shore break.
- Braid is preferable to fishing line, as it is lightweight and easier to cast long distances.
- We attach a 30lb Nylon Leader (section below swivel to the hook) to the braid to ensure the line won't break.
- Use gang hooks to secure your pilchards. Size is determined by the size of the bait.
- Make sure you bring extra tackle and include a measuring tape (legal size for Tailor is 30cm)
- Carry Bogagrips or pliers as Tailor have teeth, so best not remove the hook with your hands.
- Tailor love **pilchards**
- You can also use a 75g blue and silver Spanyol Raider lure. We typically change to the lure when heaps of tailor are around. This is evident when multiples have been caught over a short period of time. This saves on bait.
- If you plan on doing a lot of fishing, we recommend waders in July to early September, especially when fishing at dawn and dusk.



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2. Find a Gutter

Gutters are deep sections of water situated between the shore and a sand bank. You will notice that the water will drain out of the gutter in one direction (rip). Tailor can be caught at the draining end of a gutter. So it is best to aim your cast at that end of the sand bank.

3. Fish at Dawn or Dusk

Dawn and dusk are the best times to fish for tailor. As the sun drops behind the dunes, the fish come in for a feed. Large Mulloway may also be caught at this time, as they chase the tailor in close.

4. Fish in front of large dunes

To make the most of the sunset, fish in front of large dunes. The most popular fishing spots are between the wreck of the Maheno and Indian Head. The sun appears to set earlier in this section of beach due to shadows cast by the tall sand dunes.

5. Join other fisherman in a gutter

The more bait in the water, the more tailor there is likely to be. It is not unusual on K'gari for several anglers to be fishing the same gutter.

6. When you catch a Tailor:

- When you catch a tailor cut underneath the gills and pull the head back to bleed it. This makes the flesh more palatable.
- Tailor are fairly slippery. A rag is great to have on hand to give you grip.

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Extra tip

- Typically we pinch off the pilchard's tail because the tailor's first bite is always the tail. Throw the tail into the sea to attract them.

Our Recommended fishing spots

- In the middle of tailor season, cast a line out in front of the Beach Houses at **Eurong**. Make sure to find a gutter first. You know you're in business when you see birds working or bait fish ripples in the water. Please talk to reception, if you would like to know where we are catching them.
- It's widely known that fishing from **north of the Maheno to Indian Head** are the best spots along Seventy-Five Mile Beach. The afternoon fishing session starts early in front of the tall Cathedral sand dunes. As the sun drops below the dunes, the Tailor chase small bait in for a feeding frenzy. Please remember that fishing is prohibited 400m south of Indian Head to 400m North of Waddy Point in August and September.
- Large gutters can be found just **north of Hook Point** on the southern tip of the island. This is a favourite of ours early in the season.
- Both the **rocks at Pouygun and Yidney** also provide great fishing spots.

For More Information Check Out:

- Website- <https://www.fishingspots.com.au/s/fraser-island/>
- Youtube- Sammy Hitzke Fishing- Beach Fishing with Sammy Hitzke
- Youtube- The Hook and Cook- How to Catch and Cook Tailor on Fraser Island.
- Kerry's Fish Bits Recipe- visit our website