



MEDIA release

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MURRAY COD SEASON OPENS 1 December 2006

Environment Protection and Heritage reminds anglers that the Murray Cod fishing season opens at midnight on Thursday 30 November 2006.

Anglers are reminded to take note of the following:

Minimum allowable sizes have been set to ensure all fish taken are sexually mature, allowing the fish the opportunity to breed before being harvested by anglers. The Murray Cod has a minimum allowable size of **50 centimetres**.

The number of Murray Cod taken from public waters by recreational anglers is limited to ensure sustainable populations of these fish remain, whilst guaranteeing fair access to the fishery for all anglers. A maximum of **two** Murray Cod are permitted to be taken on any one day.

A limit is set on the number of fishing rods or handlines that can be used in open waters. **Two** rods or handlines are permitted per person in the ACT. It is important to note it is an offence to use fishing gear unless you are within 10 metres of the gear, and it is within your line of sight.

Call Canberra Connect on 132281 during business hours for more information or visit www.environment.act.gov.au to obtain a copy of the information sheet Recreational Fishing in the ACT.

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