



# ALF Podcast – Jewfish Tackle Guide

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## Rod, Reel, Line And Leader Combo's For Jewfish (Mulloway)

### Jewfish Tackle For Estuaries and Bays

The next jewfish to be caught as a bycatch on bream tackle certainly won't be the last! They're typically fairly clean fighting fish, so it's possible to target them on quite light tackle if you play them sensibly. In fact, it's often necessary in shallow, clear estuary waters to use gear at the lighter end of the scale just to get your lures working effectively.

On the other hand, if you're fishing close to structure, they may well cut you off simply by making long runs and increasing the amount of line in the water that might potentially touch something sharp. Plus of course, big fish can sometimes be mixed with a school of smaller fish, so going a bit heavier can help when you really need to put the brakes on.

As always, selection of the best fishing rod depends a little on the size and type of lure being used. Faster action rods are best for imparting action to soft plastics, soft vibes and blades. Medium action rods work better with hard bodies and stickbaits.

Reels need smooth drags to handle the runs of jewfish and the characteristic head shakes.

### Light Tackle Options

A 7', 3-5kg spin rod coupled with a 2500-3000 size reel, 8-10lb braid and a 8-12lb fluorocarbon or monofilament leader allows the angler to throw small, light lures and present them naturally when fishing for smaller jewies in clear and/or shallow water.

### Medium Tackle Options

A 7' to 7'6", spin rod in the 4-8kg line class paired with a 3-4000 size reel and 10-15lb braid with a 15-20lb leader is a good mid-range combo that will handle most jewfish whilst being light enough to fish all day.

### Heavy Tackle Options

A 7' to 7'6", 6-12kg rated rod and 4-5000 size reel loaded with 20-25lb braid and a 30-50lb leader is great when you find yourself fishing areas where large fish need to be controlled to prevent cutoff on structure. This outfit is also perfect for land-based jewfish along rockwalls in estuaries.

### Jigging, Vibe and Blades Options

A 6'3" to 6'6" baitcast rod with 200 size reel, PE2 braid and 20lb fluorocarbon leader is perfect for dropping micro jigs, blades and vibes on Jewfish from a boat or kayak.

### Land-based Jewfish Tackle For Rock, Beach and Seawall Fishing

Targeting jewfish from land-based locations such as ocean rocks, surf beaches or ocean seawalls requires heavier tackle to cope with the conditions, and longer rods to aid in managing fish safely when you're landing them.



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## Medium Tackle Options

Rods in the 12-15kg line class that are 9-11' in length are well suited to targeting small to medium jewfish in rock potholes, beaches and rock walls during relatively calm conditions. Couple them with an 8-10000 size reel, 40-50lb braid and 40-80lb monofilament of fluorocarbon leader to complete the outfit. Many seasoned jewfish anglers prefer to use straight-through mono instead of braid.

## Heavy Tackle Options

PE 6-7 Rods of 10-12' in length, 10-14000 size spin reels and 50-60lb braid or mono are the tools of hardcore big-fish specialists from the rocks and rockwalls. These are not outfits you can spend all day casting but come into their own when there are big fish or heavy conditions.

## Lures

The following summarises information shared by ALF guests regarding their lure preferences for jewfish fishing. Please keep in mind, that many guests modify these lures by upgrading the terminal tackle, changing the weighting, adding stinger hooks and so on. It is advisable to [listen to podcast audio and refer to show notes](#) for the locations you'll be fishing for more detailed information on how to use these lures in specific locations and conditions.



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## Jewfish Lure Styles Most Frequently Recommended By ALF Podcast Guests

Lure	Size	Estuaries						Coastal		
		Flats/River Mouths	Rockwalls and Bars	Tidal Lakes	Deep Holes	Wrecks & Pylons	Offshore	Rocks and Beaches	Ocean Seawalls	Bays/Inlets

### Hard Bodies

Suspending	75-100mm	✓		✓	✓					
	100-120mm	✓		✓	✓					
Shallow Running	75-100mm	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
	150-200mm									
Medium Running	75-100mm	✓		✓	✓					
Deep Running	100-120mm	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Sinking	100-120mm	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				

### Soft Plastics

Jerkshad	75-100mm	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
	150-200mm			✓			✓	✓	✓	
Paddle Tail	75-100mm	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	
	100-150mm		✓	✓	✓	✓				
	150-200mm		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
Curly Tail	100-150mm			✓	✓					
Soft Prawns	75mm	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
	100mm	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			



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## Soft Vibes

Small	75-80mm	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
Medium	90-100mm		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓

## Other Lure Styles

Multi-joint hard bodies	150-200mm	✓		✓	✓					
Fizzers	100-120mm	✓		✓						
Micro Jigs	30-60g			✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
Metal Blades	35-42	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				



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## Jewfish Lure Makes and Models Used By Australian Lure Fishing Podcast Guests

<b>Soft Plastic Jerkbaits</b>	- Berkley Gulp Jerkshad - Yum Houdini Shad - ZMan Jerkshads - Squidgies Whipbait	- ZMan Paddlerz - Berkley Jerk Minnow - Prolure Prey Minnow
<b>Soft Plastic Paddletails</b>	- Daiwa Bait Junkie - Munroe's Paddletail - ZMan Minnowz and Diesel Minnows - Keitech Easy Shiner and Swing Impact - Squidgies Shad and Fish	- Prolure Fish Tail - Lunker City Swimfish - Samaki Bomb Shad - Gobbler Paddletail - Rick's Fish On Plastics
<b>Soft Plastic Curly Tails</b>	- Berkley Gulp Nemesis	
<b>Soft Plastic Prawns</b>	- Holt Productions Swim Prawn	- Live Target Fleeing Shrimp
<b>Soft Vibes</b>	- Jackall Transam - Samaki Vibelicious and Thumpertail	- Zerek Fishtrap - Nomad Vertrex
<b>Hard Vibes</b>	- Bassday Range Vibe	- Pro Lures V35 & V42
<b>Hard Bodies – suspending</b>	- Daiwa TD Minnow - Samaki Redic DS	- Bassday Sugardeep
<b>Hardbodies – shallow</b>	- Rapala 3X Minnow - K-Ten Blue Ocean - Atomic Harz Shiner	- Croaker Lures Jewie Jewel - Rapala X-Rap SXR120 - Bills Bugs Jewie
<b>Hardbodies – medium</b>	- Atomic Hardz medium-diving shiner - Halco Scorpion - BTD General	- Lucky Craft Pointer 100XD - Sealure Barra Pro
<b>Hardbodies - deep</b>	- Samaki Redic DS - Oar Gee	- Downunder Boomerang
<b>Hardbodies - sinking</b>	- Rapala Clacking Minnow	
<b>Swimbaits</b>	- Zerek Live Mullet	
<b>Topwater</b>	- Jackson Tanto Stickbait	- River2Sea Whopper Plopper
<b>Jigs</b>	- Palms Slow Blatt Oval Micro	- Surecatch Knight