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For the first time in its history the Australian Fishing Championships will visit the mighty Murray River and target the almighty Murray Cod in Mildura.

Featuring some of Australia's best tournament anglers the waters of Mildura will host the AFC anglers and TV crew the week of May 23 where native species will be targeted using lures.

Big Cod is what the anglers will be searching for in the 3 session event that will be broadcast nationally and internationally in October this year as a 1 hour special.

“ It's a lifelong dream to cruise the mighty Murray and catch a legendary Murray cod. It's the most true blue dream ” said Team Garmin angler Matthew Langford from Kingaroy, Queensland.

Mildura Regional Development CEO, Brett Millington said, “We believe this is a great opportunity to put the Mildura & Wentworth region on the map to AFC viewers to consider the region as a fishing and camping destination.”

Mr Millington added, “With a wide and lengthy stretch of the Murray in our region, we want to showcase our landscape and product offerings to a national audience in the hope to change their perceptions of Mildura.”

There will be 3 sessions and a total of 12 hours of fishing over 2 days with the longest native bag of 5 fish being crowned the winner. Some of the anglers like Dean Silvestor from Brisbane whom arrives in Mildura on Sunday has never fished the area but is looking forward to the challenge. “We will spend 2 days on the water searching so hopefully come Wednesday we will have a plan of action all mapped out ” said Dean Silvestor from Team Invictus.

Narrabri angler Mitch Cone whom will be fishing alongside Matt Langford said, “The Murray River is the Dream factory, when it comes to chasing Murray Cod. Any cast can be a fish of a lifetime”

The Australian Fishing Championships was established in 2003 and features some of Australia's best tournament anglers in a head to head TV broadcast format. Until now the series has featured Bream, Bass, Barramundi and Sooty Grunter. Mildura will be the first time a mixed native species bag format has been targeted.

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