Folk Toponymy and Offshore Fishing Ground Names on the Dudley Peninsula, Kangaroo Island, South Australia Joshua Nash University of Adelaide Australia HYPERLINK "mailto:joshua.nash@adelaide.edu.au" joshua.nash@adelaide.edu.au Abstract: This paper analyses data on two aspects of unofficial place-naming or folk toponymy on the Dudley Peninsula, the eastern peninsula of Kangaroo Island, South Australia, namely (1) local unofficial toponyms, and (2) offshore fishing ground names. These place-name categories reflect naming patterns that embody specific local events, history and land use in the island's colourful past, and represent an important element of the collective memory of the area. It argues that a deeper analysis of various taxa of folk toponymy, especially in remote island locations with brief histories, can help toponymists and linguists understand broad principles involved in place-naming. Furthermore, it suggests island toponymy in Australia is an under-researched field, which deserves greater prominence in Australian place-name studies. Keywords: Australia, islands, Kangaroo Island, naming motivation, offshore fishing ground names, toponymy, unofficial place-names © 2010 – Institute of Island Studies, University of Prince Edward Island, Canada. 3 Nash Folk Toponymy and Offshore Fishing Ground Names on Kangaroo Island PAGE 60 PAGE 59 Island Studies Journal, Vol. 5, No. 1, 2010, pp. 43–60