

## Oregon & Washington Salmon Fishing Opportunities

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**Ocean Salmon Oregon (April-September)** Coastal salmon seasons off the coasts of Oregon and Washington typically begin in April and run through July for Chinook salmon, Coho salmon normally opens in July. North Oregon coast opens June 26 and Buoy 10 at the mouth of the Columbia River typically opens around August 1. Seasons can vary from year to year. Call for updates or visit Ocean Salmon Seasons [ [OR](#) ] [ [WA](#) ] Trips: 6 hour, 8 hour and 10 hour trips are available at some, but not all, locations. Add crabbing (in season) for \$10-\$20 extra. Combo trips for salmon and bottomfish also available at some locations. We offer trips at many coastal ports and rivers in Oregon and Washington.



### **Columbia River (Buoy 10) and Pacific Ocean (August-September)**

If you are looking for fishing trip that has both quality and quantity this is it! An extremely fun, action packed fishery and boat limits are the rule. These fish live up to their name -- big and bright!

The combination of big fish, light tackle and great weather makes every trip enjoyable. The average catch per boat is 10 to 40 fish per day with lots of big Chinook in the bag also. Dates fill fast for this popular fishery so book early, at least 4 months in advance. Prime fishing is experienced mid August to mid September. Boats fish the mouth of the mighty Columbia River estuary, commonly referred to as Buoy 10.

Call for current prices. Two fish per person limit in most areas baring inseason changes.

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### **Mid Columbia River (Mid September-October)**

Around the second or third week of September the mid Columbia River near Longview, Washington and Rainier, Oregon typically heats up for Chinook salmon and summer steelhead. Seats book several months in advance so early reservations are necessary if you would like to partake in this fishery.



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### **Tillamook Bay (September-October)**

Tillamook Bay Hogs -- need we say more? This is Oregon's most sought-after fishery with your best chance at a very large 40- to 50-pound salmon. Last year was a banner year and this year should be no different, based on the current forecasts and ocean conditions. In 2005, during the last few weeks of September, most anglers found easy limits; many were back at the docks before 12 noon with limits of two salmon each.



### **Coastal Rivers (October-January)**

Rivers along the coast begin to see good numbers of fall Chinook in October along with the fall rains. This is the time our guides break out their drift boats and float productive rivers like the Wilson, Trask, Nehalem, Necanicum, Nestucca, Umpqua, Rogue, Elk and Sixes.



Drifting the river is a fun and scenic experience where a plug or bait is let out and rods are placed in a holder. Or you can hold the rod to feel the power of the strike. The guide then drifts the boat slowly down stream into each hole, where the big salmon lay, at a pace that is a bit slower than the current. Casting bait and/or yarn and corkie, or flies, is also employed in some areas.

Steelhead trips also offered on many inland rivers like the Sandy, Clackamas, Wilson, Cowlitz, Lewis, White Salmon, Klickitat and many others.

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### **Ocean Salmon Washington (June 26-Sept 18)**

Nothing beats the taste of fresh-caught salmon and the excitement of doing battle with one of these powerful ocean fish. On opening day for Salmon, daily Fishing Derbies are held at Westport and Neah Bay. Prizes range from \$500.00 for the biggest King salmon to \$100.00 for the largest Silver. At the end of the season, the anglers that caught the

biggest Coho and the biggest Chinook each receive an additional \$1,500 prize. Tickets cost \$5 each, and can be purchased from charter office at check in.

The Washington Ocean Salmon Season typically opens around June 26, and runs through September 18. Sunday through Thursday only! The limit is usually two Salmon per day, of which no more than one can be Chinook (King). Chinook must be at least 24 inches to keep. The season may be expanded to 7 days a week, but you should expect that it will remain 5 days a week (Sunday through Thursday) for all or most of the season.

### **Charter boats**



Sturgeon trips are offered at Astoria, Oregon and Ilwaco, Washington on both large and small charter boats (4-6 and 8-14 persons). Call for current prices.

### **Guide boats**



Trips are also provided from the lower Columbia River at Astoria / Ilwaco to Cascade Locks (Bonneville Dam) on smaller private guide boats (2-6 persons). Call for current prices. Two fish per person limit in most areas barring inseason changes. 7-8 hr trip. Guided trips are a bit more private and personal than the larger boats can provide. Guide boats have a porta-pottie on board and will at times take clients in to facilities on shore as needed. Private trips are available.

All equipment is provided on both Guided and Charter trips. You will need to bring something to eat and drink. Daily fishing licenses are available onboard most vessels or at charter office.

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You can reserve your seat(s) by calling our office at **503-720-9033**. Hours 8:00 am to 8:00 pm seven days a week.

After we receive your reservation payment we will send a confirmation by e-mail that will contain; all contact information for your captain/guide along with a map and driving directions from your location to the meeting location and check in time.

Information on near by fish processors that can fillet, vacuum seal, can, freeze and/or ship your catch, along with information on near by lodging accommodations are available by request.

**For more information or to book a fishing trip please call**

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