

Oregon & Washington Salmon Fishing Opportunities

Ocean Salmon Oregon (April-September)

Coastal salmon seasons begin in April and run through October for Chinook salmon, Coho salmon normally opens in July. North coast opens June 26 and Buoy 10 typically opens around August 1. Seasons can vary from year to year.

Trips: 6 hour, 8 hour and 10 hour trips are available. Add crabbing to any trip for \$10-\$20 extra. Combo trips for salmon and bottomfish also available at some locations. Trips are available at all coastal ports and most 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.

Prices range from \$95.00 to 150.00 per person depending on location, type of trip (chartered or guided) and length of trip. Two fish per person limit in most areas. Some locations may have a one fish per angler limit. *(Prices subject to change).*

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.



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.

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You can reserve your seat(s) by calling our office at **503-720-9033**. Hours 9:00 am to 9:00 pm seven days a week. We accept Visa and Master Card. You can also pay online at our secure PayPal site. (If using PayPal please call for deposit amount. We can email you a pay now button).

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

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

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