

First class fully guided fishing charters departing from various ports in Oregon and Washington. Providing top quality angling experiences in saltwater for salmon, bottomfish, halibut, lingcod and sturgeon May through October and Tuna July-Sept. **AB Pro Guides 503-720-9033.** (Large or Small Groups 6-12 persons per boat).

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## Albacore Tuna



Albacore Tuna fishing has got to be the most exciting of all the fisheries. When fish are coming on, the action will be the experience of a life time and one you will never forget!

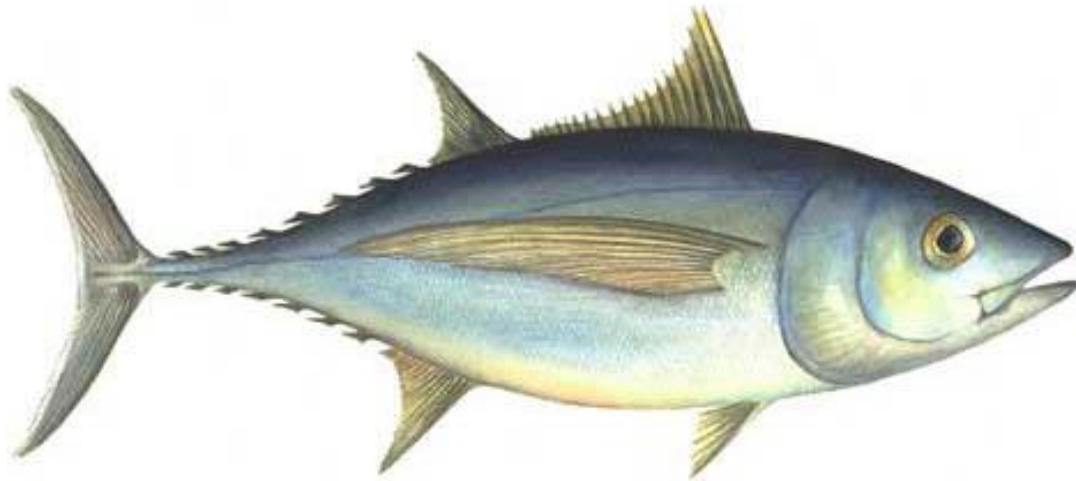
There is no limit for tuna, but a fishing license is required. Most anglers will average anywhere from 4 to 15 fish apiece. Best time to catch tuna is typically late July through September when warm currents move within 20-40 miles of shore. Warmer currents are usually found closer to shore along the central and southern Oregon coast. Oregon is one of the best on the west coast to fish for tuna.

But how do you catch em? Patience and attention to detail that's how!

The best method is with a pole trolling a jig at speeds of 6 to 9 knots. Everyone has a line in the water they're responsible for. This way you can play the fish and really feel its power. When someone gets a hook up, the captain will continue to troll for about 10 seconds for multiple hook ups then bring the boat to a slow trolling speed so the fish can be brought in.

All the other fishermen who do not have a fish on will continue to fish and move out of the way of those fighting fish. After the fish are boated, they will continue the troll and go back over the spot for more. So everyone has to be paying attention and be able to move your gear and help out. This is a proactive fishery with little room for looking at the scenery.

The other method many boats use is trolling with hand lines. This does not get as many hookups but you can get the fish in the boat quicker and you don't have to slow the boat. If the bite goes crazy, boats may switch to hand lines to increase our catch numbers. Many fishermen who have experienced the awesome fight on a pole, (and after they're pooped out) also like to use hand lines.



Albacore Tuna  
*Thunnus alalunga*

The Albacore will range in size from small at 9-12 pounds to large weighing from 30 to 35 pounds. When you're catching the large fish, charters encourage use of the poles. This is for two reasons. One is that Albacore tend to become more isolated swimmers the larger they get. They don't school up but travel in small groups of between 3 and 10 fish. So when you get one hookup of a large fish, chances are you will get another almost immediately. That's because Albies are line shy and can see the heavier stuff. So if you use a pole with lighter line, you have a chance to get more hookups.

The other reason is that a 30 to 35 pound Albacore will strike the jig at speeds up to 50 mph. Their weight coupled with their speed will often break 300 pound test tuna cord which is what we use for hand lines. There is no drag or extra line to feed out when they hit so a big strike puts a lot of strain on the line. That is why many charters use poles for the big ones. Average catch off the Oregon coast, over the past five years, according to ODFW stats has been 4-5 fish per angler.

Most Oregon charters run 30-35 foot boats for tuna. The advantage to the smaller boat is they can get out to the fishing grounds and back much faster than the larger boats. This is very important when the fish are 30 to 40 miles offshore and when ocean conditions change. The smaller boats, with their shorter running time, also provide more time to fish, a higher chance of success and make for a more enjoyable trip overall.

A tuna trip is something everyone should experience at least once in their life!

**Albacore titles by size:**

Coke Bottles - 5 to 9 pounds, fiesty fighters!

Schoolies -10 to 20 pounds, these will wear you out!

Fat Boys - 21 to 30 pounds, you'll be crying for your mama!

**All Trips include**

- Free coffee on board
- All poles, bait and equipment
- Transport of your catch to nearby processor
- U.S. Coast Guard certified boats and licensed crews

**What to bring**

- Dress warm. Preferably in layers
- Light rain gear highly recommended.
- **Note:** The blood from Tuna will not wash out of clothing so wear old close that you can discard afterwards or cover up with raingear. There will be lots of blood!
- Wear nonskid shoes or rubber boots
- Bring a lunch and a hat

You can have your catch processed at one of many local fish processors. Costs vary depending on processor, but the average is \$4 to \$5 per fish. Call processor for prices.

**Oregon Tuna Fishing Trip Prices**

12 Hour Tuna	Call for prices
18 Hour Tuna	Call for prices

*Longer Tuna trips are available for groups. Average number of persons per boat (6) 10+ person boats also available. 12 and 18 hour trips not available at all ports. Prices subject to change.*

If you have more questions or would like to reserve your seats please call **503-720-9033**. We accept Visa, Master Card and PayPal. A deposit is required to reserve seats. Many tuna trips, about 50 percent, are canceled due to poor ocean conditions. Some year's warm water currents will remain far off shore, 60-100 miles, too far to make tuna a viable target.

Once your seats are reserved a confirmation along with more information on the trip, including a map and driving directions to the charter office and check in time, will be e-mailed to you. Deposits are 100 percent refundable up to 14 days prior to scheduled trip. If the trip is canceled by the charter due to poor ocean conditions your deposit is 100 percent refundable.

**For more information or to book a trip please call 503-720-9033**