

## World Class Walleye Fishing Trips on the Columbia River



The Columbia River provides some of the best walleye fishing available in the United States. The fish are plentiful and large in fact the next world record walleye is expected to be taken from the Columbia River. Most walleye will average 2 to 5 pounds, but many run into the teens. It is not unusual for professional fishing guides to direct their clients into walleye weighing as much as 15 pounds each.

Let AB Pro Guides help you design the perfect fishing adventure with a top northwest guide.

POWER BOAT TRIPS for Columbia River Walleye.



### Prices

1 Guide/2-4 Anglers (2 person minimum).

1 Day (7-8 hours) . . . \$200.00 - \$225.00

per person. *(All prices subject to change)*

Trips are standard 2 person minimum. We can sometimes pair up a single with another angler. Groups of 5 or more will typically fish from additional boats. 6-max per boat. Fishing tackle, bait

and poles are provided on most trips. Transportation to and from the river can be provided if needed. We will help arrange for licenses if you do not have them. Many of our guides sell them onboard (\$19.00).

## **Columbia River**

The Columbia River drains a 259,000-square-mile basin that includes territory in seven states (Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Wyoming, and Utah) and one Canadian province. The river is arguably the most significant environmental force in the Pacific Northwest region of the United States. It flows for more than 1,200 miles, from the base of the Canadian Rockies in southeastern British Columbia to the Pacific Ocean at Astoria, Oregon, and Ilwaco, Washington.

Although humans have lived along the river for more than 10,000 years, modern engineering in the 19th and 20th centuries has dramatically altered the Columbia. Some scientists believe that today the river is environmentally threatened and that drastic action should be taken to reverse the changes made to the Columbia during the last 150 years.

## **Walleye**

The Columbia River produces big walleye . . . very big walleye. There's no secret about that anymore. Sizes range into the high teens and anglers come to the Magnificent River from all over North America to tangle with a genuine wallhanger, and just maybe, get their name in "The Book".



Big walleye spend the warmer half of the year prowling the flats close to the bottom or lying in ambush near rocky structure . . . in both cases at 20 to 30 feet for fish over 4 pounds. They use their eyes to locate prey and their speed to overcome it. Target prey are shad and squawfish smolts, sculpins and the occasional salmon, steelhead or trout smolts. Walleye are NOT timid feeders. On the contrary, they are ferocious predators. When they see one of these fast-moving forage fish within their range, they strike with an aggressiveness that rivals ANY game fish!

## **Best time**

Summer is a good time to catch nice size walleye and the weather is typically warm and dry. If you are looking for trophy walleye spring has proven to be a good time in most areas of the Columbia River. Below Bonneville Dam the end of August through mid October is a good time. Mothers Day has provided good action at times. January is a good time to catch walleye and numerous trophy fish have been landed in January, although the weather can be challenging at times with cold wind and rain.

## **Areas**

LAKE UMATILLA (John Day Pool): Large walleyes are the target of anglers in this stretch. Best fishing is from Paterson Slough upstream to McNary Dam. The current 18+ pound state record walleye was caught in this area. Access is available near Plymouth Park.

LAKE CELILO (above The Dalles Dam): Biologists feel that there are a fair number of walleyes below John Day Dam, and this is a favorite spot for Washington and Oregon anglers. There is a boat launch just downstream of John Day Dam, and another near Maryhill.

BONNEVILLE POOL: This is another possibility for walleyes for Washington and Oregon anglers, particularly in the upper portion near The Dalles Dam, and in the Stevenson and Wind River areas. Access on the Washington side is available in Bingen, along Highway 14 at Drano Lake, at Waterfront Park near Carson and at Sailboard Park in Stevenson.

LOWER COLUMBIA RIVER: Walleyes are being caught in the Columbia River from Bonneville Dam almost to Ilwaco. The number of fish being caught is limited, but the fish are large. Numerous access sites exist along this stretch of the mighty Columbia, including: below Bonneville Dam, at Beacon Rock, in Camas, Vancouver, Kalama, on the Cowlitz near Kelso, and at Cathlamet.

If you have more questions or would like to reserve your seats now please call **503-720-9033**. We accept Visa, Master Card and PayPal. A 10-15 percent deposit is required to reserve seating.

After booking, a confirmation along with more information on the trip including information on nearby lodging, fish processing, transportation and a map and driving directions to the boat will be e-mailed to you.

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

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