

**Fishing Charters Oregon 503-720-9033.** 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, sturgeon and tuna. (May through October)

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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!

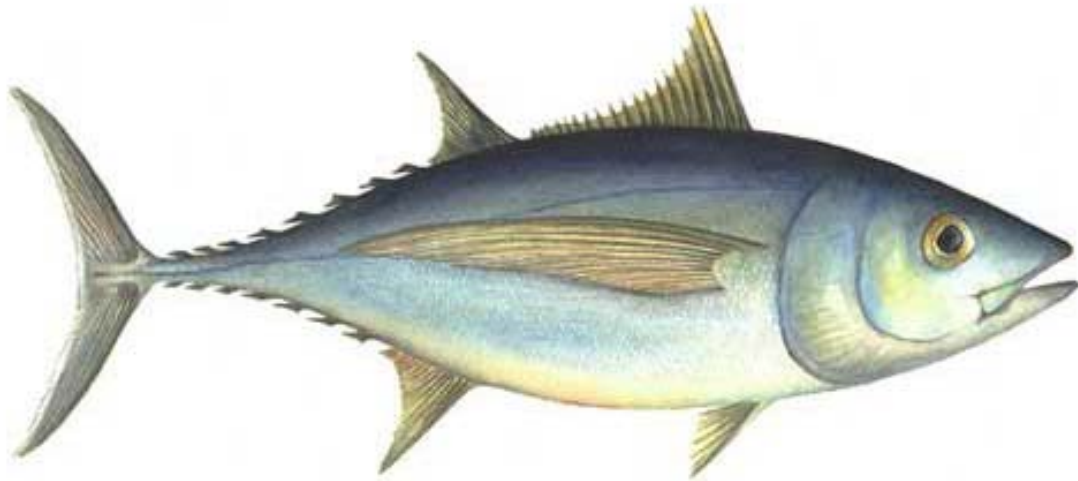
A fishing license is required. Average catch is 5 fish per angler. Best time to catch tuna is typically late July through September when warm currents move within 20-40 miles of shore. Warmer currents are usually found closer to shore along the central and southern Oregon coast. Therefore Oregon is one of the best locations 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 fight 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 per angler is 8 to 10 fish. There is no limit on tuna.

This 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
- Fish bag for your fish

What to bring

- Dress warm. Preferably in layers
- Light rain gear recommended
- Wear nonskid shoes or rubber boots
- Bring a lunch and a hat
- U.S. Coast Guard certified boats and licensed crews

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 us for pricing.

**Oregon & Washington Tuna Fishing Trip Prices**

12 Hour Tuna	\$250.00 - \$265.00
18 Hour Tuna	\$320.00 - \$350.00
33 Hour Tuna	\$395.00 - \$425.00

*Longer Tuna trips are available for groups. Average number of persons per boat (8)  
12 and 18 hour trips not available at all ports. Prices may 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. Most reservations are tentative until it has been confirmed that tuna will show close enough to shore so we can fish for them. Some years warm water currents will remain far off shore, 100 miles or more, too far to make tuna a viable target.

After we determine that tuna will be close enough for us to fish them we will contact you and reserve your seats. At this time a confirmation along with more information on the trip, including a map and driving directions to the boat, will be e-mailed to you. Deposits are 100 percent refundable up to 14 days prior to scheduled trip.

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

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