

Columbia River Walleye Fishing – Prepare For The Fall Season

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Columbia river walleye seem to move to different current seams as the flows in the river decrease. The bait fish will move as well in or out as the seams move. To get Columbia walleyes to bite size up your lures like plugs that can be 3.5 inches to 5 inches in length.

Using Plugs For Columbia River Walleye

To properly choose the right plug and depths for your day of fishing and understand how to use it properly keep reading below. Right now the walleyes can be deep in the main channel.

To get down this deep using hot lips 3/4 oz plugs trolling upriver in that 24ft to 35ft deep. when you get upriver switch to bottom bouncer rod and drift back down through the same hole or move out to deeper water and shorten up your length of line out and troll downriver.

Remember when downriver trolling with plugs. plugs will dive deeper going downriver than when trolling upriver.

To avoid getting hung up on the bottom trolling downriver slow way down almost to a controlled drift and shorten up your length of line from rod to water. Versus when your trolling upriver to get your plugs to bottom run more line out from rod to water and speed upriver trolling.

The length of the bill on the plug will determine how deep the plug will run. by properly choosing a plug will determine how hard you fight keeping it near the bottom. Hot lips made by Luhr Jensen come in variety of sizes 1/4oz 1/2oz and 3/4oz are the most common. The 1/4oz size will run about 12ft deep without over pulling it the 1/2

oz plug will dive 18ft to 24ft without over pulling it

to get the deeper the 3/4 oz is a 30ft or deeper plug. These depths are based on trolling upriver. the 3/4oz plug will dive depths of 45ft or deeper by going downriver.

There are also many other ways to troll plugs. you can run bottom bouncer like you would use on spinner worm harness. tie on 4ft of leader and use a shallow runner stick bait plug. Sometimes getting creative to keep your gear on the bottom will allow you to use a variety of different plugs or baits.

Look for more tips and tricks as we post more how to catch walleyes on the columbia river.

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Columbia River Trophy Walleye

The 2016 Columbia Fishing Season is here and the Columbia River Trophy Walleye are biting. We are all wondering if this will be the year that someone will pull the next World Record Walleye from its waters. The Columbia River has become a destination for avid Walleye Fisherman world wide. The number of Columbia River Trophy Walleye is amazing. Walleye fishing on the Columbia is something every fisherman needs to experience. Winter time fishing for Columbia River Trophy Walleye can be very good and this year is proving to be no different. Because of the lower water temperatures and [...]

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It's getting close to fall now and the bait fish that Columbia walleye feed on are growing larger so plug fishing becomes a style of fishing that is easy and productive. Fishing current seams off the main channels is where the fish are hanging out in depths of 24ft

to 35ft deep. We have been out all week fishing Columbia river walleyes and caught 16 walleye and 10 small mouth bass fishing plugs. We fished spinner worm harness one day back to back with a day of fishing plugs and caught 13 walleyes and 8 bass. So its been pretty [...]

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The hot weather may be a bit much for the Sturgeon and Salmon but the Walleye are as active as ever. Drifting through long deep channels seems to be the best bet with bait and green attractant. Make sure you have a stiff pole to feel the "bumps"; once you get a feel for it you will be filling your boat with these tasty fish!

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