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Equipment List – Steelhead

Rods, Reels and Flies

You are coming to fish for some of the most explosive fish North America has to offer. These chrome bright fish are coming straight out of the Bering Sea on to the end of your line. This is a fish with amazing strength and tenacity.

It is very important that you come prepared. These fish will expose the weakness of equipment that is below par. To be frank, poor quality equipment will fail.

There are many rod manufacturers, all of which are likely to produce a variety of rods (low, medium and high quality). We recommend using a high quality 7 to 9 weight rod. If you are fishing a two handed rod, you can get away with a 7- 8 weight.

As with rod makers, there are lots of companies producing quality fly reels. Again, it is important to bring high performance equipment. Your drag system plays a critical role and in many cases will allow you to either land or loose the fish. Whichever reel you bring, be sure it holds at least 200 yards of 30 lb. backing.

Be sure your fly line is appropriately matched with both your rod and reel. We recommend using shooting head systems with a variety of sink tip options.

New fly patterns are being created all the time, most of which will work pretty well at one time or another. That said, many of the new fly patterns are more successful at catching the angler than the fish. When fishing, no matter where you are or what method you choose to use, the most successful anglers have the same thing in common, they are putting their fly in front of a willing fish. Most of the time, that is not a problem when coming to fish with us; we have the greatest populations of fish in the area and lots of willing fish ready and waiting for you. Below is a little information which will help steer you in the right direction when making your fly choices.

Bring a couple dozen flies, in various patterns and colors for a week of fishing. These flies should be fairly large (2-4"). The color combinations are infinite, but shown are some standard patterns which usually work well. If you are tying these patterns which are fairly long you may consider adding a trailing stinger hook. Stinger hooks are often used in order to avoid short strikes. Remember, if using a stinger hook, always cut off your front hook. Many rivers in Alaska require single hook only flies, also, the front hooks often is a source of unwanted tangles.

It is highly recommended to bring a variety of sink tips as well. Utilizing sink tips is a very effective way to get any fly down, weighted or not.

Below are flies we like and will have at all our locations. If you like tying flies, feel free to use these as a guide in terms of colors, size, and profile. If you are going to be purchasing flies, these are good, but feel free to pick up some which are similar.





Hope this is helpful. Please don't hesitate to give me a call if you have any questions or concerns regarding this or anything else related to your upcoming trip.

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