

STEELHEAD PACK LIST GEAR & EQUIPMENT

BRITISH COLUMBIA'S FINEST FISHING TRIPS CHROMER SPORT FISHING LTD.

Rods & Reels

SPEY RODS SUITABLE FOR BC

Double-handed rods are the norm now a days for steelhead fishing in British Columbia. If you're not familiar with spey fishing don't give it too much worry, our guides will have you throwing more line that you ever imagined your first day. If you are a spey angler then you're about to put your skills to great use!

Why do we spey fish? Well, with a double-handed spey rod you can cast longer sections of line with relative ease, this allows you to fish areas that would be difficult to reach with a single handed rod. Spey rods also give you the ability to cast in tight areas where there is little room for a back cast. Most importantly Skagit style spey setups allow for anglers to cast heavier sink-tips and weighted wet flies which are both used extensively when targeting steelhead on BC's coast. Here's what you'll want in a rod....

- Preferably 11-14 feet in length, remember longer is not always better, find something that is comfortable for you.
- A rod with the ability to turn over heavier lines and flies, when buying a rod make sure it is compatible with Skagit style lines and casting.
- Travel rods definitely help with ease in travel, make sure you have a four or three piece rod.

OUR ROD SPONSOR: PIEROWAY FLY RODS

Pieroway Rod Company of Canada is Chromer's official rod sponsor. This Canadian company has a complete line of specifically weighted spey rods designed by master casting instructor Brian Niska. The Metal Detector series is an affordable and fun rod to fish, specially designed for West Coast steelhead fishing. www.pierowayrods.com



WHAT MAKES A GOOD STEELHEAD REEL?

When targeting most fish species the reels is simply there to store line. Steelhead fishing is a little bit different, a quality reel will make the difference between putting fish to the net and having them make it down into the net run. Here's what you'll want in a steelhead reel...

- A reel with a larger arbor, this makes picking up line easier and catching up to fish quicker.
- Something that holds 100-150 feet minimum of backing. This is generally the case with most large arbor reels.
- A quality drag system that can be adjusted. Enclosed drag systems are popular and increasingly affordable.

OUR REEL SPONSOR: ISLANDER REELS

Islander reels are designed and machined right here in British Columbia. They offer a full line of saltwater and freshwater reels including reels specifically designed for steelhead fishing. These include the LX series and the Islander Classic Series. Canadian made and built to last, these reels are the only reels we fish while saltwater guiding on the coast and chasing chrome steelies on BC's wild rivers. Please visit their website to see their selection. www.islanderreels.com



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Outwear & Suggested Clothing

STAYING DRY

Regardless of when you come to British Columbia expect to get wet. Our coastal climate is temperate and even in the warm Summer months there is a good chance you'll experience wet days. When Spring and Fall steelhead fishing you can almost guarantee it! Keeping warm and dry is integral to your enjoyment on the river. Investing in some quality outwear and layering your clothing will make long days on the river that much more comfortable. Here are a few must have items for your steelhead trip to BC....

- **Rain Jacket.** A well seamed and comfortable butter rain jacket that will keep you dry and keep the wind out. A jacket with a well fitting hood and sized so you can have a heavier layer underneath is recommended.
- **Waders.** Nothing worse than wet feet, that's why we wear Simms waders. Simms offers a variety of styles and quality of waders, the G3 and G4 series have proved the best. Bring some Aqua Seal along for small repairs.
- **Wading Boots.** Felt soled wading boots are allowed in British Columbia. Tight wading boots will restrict blood circulation and make for cold feet, make sure you have supportive wading boots that you can still move your feet in.
- **Under Layers.** There are so many lightweight warm under layers to choose from on the market. Find some that suit you, that fit well and something that comes up and protects your neck. The combination of lightweight thermal pants underneath a warmer pair of fleece pants will certainly keep you warm in most situations.

RAIN JACKET



SIMMS WADERS



WADING BOOTS

TACKLE BAG



OTHER GOOD THINGS TO BRING

Don't worry about packing everything, for the most part the lodges and guides we represent will have all the little stuff in case you forget something. There are obviously a few items that come in handy....

- Passport and/or identification needed for flights and international travel.
- Printed fishing licenses, it's also a good idea to keep a copy on your smart phone.
- Medical prescriptions, never pack these in your checked luggage.
- Camera with a protective case.
- Medium sized dry bag for storage. Larger dry bags are suggested for the trips involved multi-day drifts.
- A variety of thermal layers for under your waders and outerwear.
- Several pairs of heavy wading socks.
- Fingerless gloves are nice for fishing in colder temps.
- Toque / knitted hat that will cover your ears and forehead when fishing and running in jetboats.
- Polarized sunglasses, an absolute must.
- Sunscreen and lip balm - the wind can dry out your skin and lips, have these handy.
- A sturdy wading staff will definitely assist in wading.
- Nail knot tool, line clippers and forceps.
- Variety of sink tip weighted to your line & rod.
- Tippet material 10-20 pound.

DRY BAG



THERMAL LAYERS



WADING SOCKS



CAMERA WITH A WATERPROOF CASE

SINK TIPS & TIPPET MATERIAL



WADING STAFF



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Steelhead Flies

YOU CAN NEVER HAVE ENOUGH

That's right, you can never have too many steelhead flies but don't worry if you come with none. Most packages include flies, we'll let you know if they don't, our crew of guides are well stocked with patterns that will make them bite.



Pink Intruder



Steelhead Prawn



Green Butt Spey



Skagit Minnow



Cone Head Moal Leech



Egg Sucking Leech



Bunny Leech



Blue Intruder



Steelhead Bomber (dry)



Articulated Skater (dry)



General Practitioner



Purple Brat



Pick Your Pocket



Sculpin



Partnered Fly Shop

M&Y FLYSHOP VANCOUVER

We've partnered with Michael & Young Fly Shop to bring you even more specialized service. With two locations in the greater Vancouver area, M&Y has been the source for quality fly-fishing tackle in British Columbia since 1985.

Their knowledgeable staff will help you get set up for your BC steelhead trip and have everything waiting for your arrival.



Simply call or shop online and we'll make sure your order is at any of our lodges upon your arrival. You can count an unbeatable selection of quality gear and local advice that will have you perfectly prepped for your trip.

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