

Summer Clinic - Course Details

Format - Classroom + On-Water Instruction

WELCOME AND ORIENTATION

- Meet the guides
- Course overview and safety
- Gear check and overview (participants' gear or provided equipment)

SALMON BEHAVIOR AND RIVER READING BASICS

- Life cycle and seasonal movements of salmon
- Identifying holding water, pools, runs, and seams
- How river levels, weather, and water temperature affect fish behavior

INTRODUCTION TO SALMON FLY-FISHING GEAR

- Rods: single-hand vs. switch vs. Spey
- Reels, backing, and drag systems
- Lines: floating vs. sinking vs. shooting heads
- Leaders, tippetts, and knots for salmon
- Essential accessories (waders, nets, pliers)

FLIES AND PRESENTATION TECHNIQUES

- Overview of common salmon flies
- Choosing flies for conditions
- Basic presentation strategies
- Understanding the swing and controlling depth



CASTING WORKSHOP

- Basic roll cast
- Intro to Spey casting (Double Spey, Circle C & Single Spey)
- Managing line, mending, and controlling the swing

GUIDED ON-WATER SESSION

- Deciding on where to start
- Casting practice with current
- Working a pool from top to bottom
- Fly choice per conditions, depth control, and presentation / when to change
- Reading water in real time
- Hook-set technique and fish-fighting basics in a river

CATCH-AND-RELEASE & FISH HANDLING

- Landing salmon safely
- Fish handling
- How to release safely

Q&A AND WRAP-UP

- Review of the sessions, group and individual
- Gear recommendations
- Local regulations and seasonal etiquette
- Optional next-step training opportunities

