

FISHING TIPS

SPRING WAHOO FISHING

WHERE

For spring Wahoo fishing you are going to want to fish the Gulf Stream edge (break) anywhere it runs over a heavily contoured bottom. This will generally be between 45 to 50 miles offshore.

DEPTH

Fishing depths will run from as shallow as 120ft out to over 600ft. Your best success will be found in the depths between 180ft out to 400ft.

EQUIPMENT

Trolling gear should consist of 30lb to 50lb class rods and reels, and line of 50lb to 80lb test. Lures should be an assortment of Sea Witch's or Islander Lures in various head styles, with bullet style being the most popular for Wahoo. All lures should be rigged on single strand wire or 49-strand cable and be ready for a medium or select size ballyhoo to accompany the trolling skirt.

TROLLING SPEED

5-8 knots is the desired speed while trolling for Wahoo with skirted ballyhoo lures.

PRESERVING THE CATCH

It is very important to kill the Wahoo as fast as it comes to the boat. This is done by hitting the fish in the head with a Billy Club then cutting the gills to let the fish bleed out. By doing this before the fish goes on ice it will greatly improve the quality of the meat for table fare.

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