

## How-to-Fish Pt. Wilson Jigs

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Before selecting your Point Wilson Dart Jig, you need to decide how deep you plan to fish and choose a suitable line that won't be so thick it catches the current. When possible, always choose the lightest jig that will maintain the depth you wish to fish. Many anglers who fish with jigs have converted to the high-tech Spectra type lines. They offer very low stretch, usually just 3% and have a super thin diameter, which keeps your jig where you want it in the water column. While these lines cost more money, they allow you to use lighter jigs, which cost less money. And you will have a more positive hook-set on the jig because of the low stretch. Here's a rule of thumb when fishing with jigs. If you use a 2 1/4 ounce Point Wilson Dart Candlefish Jig and it barely stays on the bottom in 100 feet of water, you will likely need a 4 1/2 ounce jig to fish 200-feet of water. The increased depth, in this scenario, doubled the amount of line effected by currents. Remember this simple math and you will be able to properly choose the right jig weight for the right depth.

Always try to jig downhill to avoid snags. If you jig uphill you will likely snag bottom as the drifting boat moves into shallower water.

When choosing where to jig, look for underwater structure. Baitfish, and larger sport fish hide on the "lee side" of the current, where they can find slack waters. Big fish like halibut, lingcod, big rockfish and chinook salmon use these areas as ambush sites.

Point Wilson Dart jigs are very versatile. They can be jigged, cast or trolled. When drifting from a boat you can cast parallel to the gunwale, toward shore or underwater structure.

When jigging for mid-level fish you can cast up current and retrieve the jig. this helps use all of the deck space while still effectively jigging and catching fish.

Some Dart jiggers use a short, "lazy" jig stroke. This can be quite effective. Others use a long stroke, which allows the jig to flutter to the end of the line. You should also try mixing up your stroke, by combining a short stroke with long strokes. It works!

When drift jigging from a boat, if you want to reach bottom with lightweight jigs, cast down current as far as you can and let the jig sink to the bottom. If you feel any "pause" reel in your slack and set the hook fast! Once your jig reaches bottom jig it as long as possible before it ends up past the bow of the boat. At that point you should reel up and cast down current again.

We hope these Point Wilson Dart jigging tips and tricks help you catch more fish. Watch this website for more great jig fishing tips and tricks.