

# Wackin' Breakthrough!

According to Kehde, the wacky-jigging system seems to have originated in Japan around 2004, as Toshiro Ono of Jackall Brothers Tackle and Takuma Hata of Zappu designed jig-heads for this presentation. "That year, Masahiro Yanase, a professional bass angler from Nagoya, Japan, also enjoyed success at Lake Biwa and other Japanese waterways," Kehde reports. "Shin Fukae, ranked among the world's top-10 bass pros, also began working with wacky jigs about that time."

Meanwhile, West Coast anglers in the U.S. caught wind of this tactic. David Swendseid of Oregon is a member of Jackall's pro staff, so received early intelligence on the rig's effectiveness from Seiji Kato and from Kota Kiriya, Jackall's pro staffer who'd been clandestinely using it on the Bassmaster Elite Tournament Trail. Swendseid has used wacky jigs in northwestern reservoirs and rivers, catching big largemouth and smallmouth bass as well as walleyes and trout.



Tru-Tungsten  
Reverse Stinger

5.8-inch Jackall  
Flick Shake Worm

Optimum Twin  
Teaser