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One problem I've had with inexpensive rain jackets over the years is the lack of ventilation. They may keep the rain out but if they don't breath then I end up almost as wet from the condensation inside the jacket. That's doesn't mean you have to spend \$\$\$ to get a good jacket. I've got several years on a Columbia rain jacket I picked up for something like \$25 at Gander Mountain. It has lots of openings to allow for ventilation while still being waterproof.

As to the vest inside or out, for me that depends. If I expect to be fishing in the rain all day, I'll wear the vest outside and just let it get wet. It'll dry out overnight. If I'm just covering up for a shower that I don't expect to last, the jacket goes over the vest so when it stops raining I still have a dry vest when I remove the rain jacket.

I will add that I did splurge and get myself a Patagonia "Deep Wading" Jacket for Christmas, on sale at Madison River Fishing Company (www.mrfc.com). Haven't worn it yet so can't offer a review. I wanted a shorter wading length jacket as opposed to the full length Columbia jacket.