

ALASKA

ALASKA WEST LODGE

One of Alaska's premier king and silver salmon rivers



A LASKA West Lodge is a remote fishing camp located on the banks of the Kanektok River in Southwest Alaska, which guarantees first-class fishing in complete wilderness.

The river has a tremendous run of kings that come in from mid-June until the end of July. The absolute peak of the fishing is the first two to three weeks. This is a big game fish adventure and once bitten by the bug, it's a hard habit to cure. Atlantic salmon anglers leave bewildered by the awesome power of these fly gobbling

giants. The fish are tide bright and sealed and can be caught on traditional "down and across" swinging tactics with double handed rods and big spider patterns. This will appeal to the cognoscenti of the Atlantic salmon world.

Not to be overlooked is the fact that the river also has one of the best silver salmon runs along with superb rainbows and very strong runs of the other species. This means it can also offer out of this world fly fishing during the rest of the season.

With an angler to guide ratio of two to one, Alaska West offers incredibly hard working guiding professionals who stop at nothing short of "making it

happen" for their angling clientele. The equipment, although an integral part of the ensemble, is second only to the can do attitude, enthusiasm and expertise of this exceptional group of individuals. Alaska West is very proud of its entire staff. The crew is comprised of motivated, dedicated and highly skilled persons, whose commitment to a good job well done is seldom equalled in this industry.

Alaska West is one of Alaska's most fly fishable rivers offering a varied range of fishing options, including prolific runs of the five species of Pacific salmon, as well as dolly varden and resident rainbow trout. It is true wilderness fishing at its best.



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The Area

Alaska West Lodge is located in the Togiak National Wildlife Refuge, five miles upriver from the Alaska native village of Quinhagak, on the banks of the Kanektok River in far western Alaska along the coast of the Bering Sea.

The wildlife refuge encompasses over four million acres of land that the US government deemed should be managed for the benefit of fish and wildlife populations and as a result the area is habitat to over 48 mammal species, including caribou, wolves, moose, brown and black bear, foxes, beaver, muskrats, minks, river otters, voles and porcupines.

In summary, the refuge offers the visitor the chance to experience a wilderness in its purest form.

The Lodge

The Alaska West Lodge is run as a deluxe tent lodge. This means that anglers sleep in heated tents with carpeted wooden floors. The tents are very comfortable and provide a very high standard of accommodation.

Showers and sinks with hot and cold running water are all provided. There is a separate drying tent for wet waders and clothes. The lodge offers a staff to client ratio of nearly one to one ensuring your every need is fully catered for.



The large dining tent gives plenty of room to spread out, relax and enjoy the Alaska gourmet cuisine. It is not a lodge of white linen tablecloths and formality but rather a cosy place to spend the week fishing, relaxing and enjoying a very special place.

Hospitality, Food and Drink

The resident Chef, Robert, is a culinary magician. His resume reads like a who's who in world wide fine dining. It is amazing what mouth-watering surprises come forth from this humble kitchen in the bush and many long-time returning anglers contend that they will keep coming as long as Robert is cooking.

Wise Men Tips

Weather in Alaska can be very unpredictable. No matter when you visit, be prepared for highs in the 70s and lows in the 40s. July is typically the warmest month, with cooler temperatures in June and August. Always be prepared for wind and rain. No Alaskan goes anywhere without good rain gear.

Client Comments

"The trip was beyond our wildest expectations. The guides constantly had us into fish, and seemed to be having as much fun as we were. The quality of the people is just one of the reasons Alaska West is such a great experience."

B. Whiting — Glenwood Springs, CO



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TRIP DETAILS

Season: **June to early September**

Fish Species: **Pacific salmon (all five species), rainbow trout and dolly varden.**

Tackle: **A 10 to 12 weight for kings, 8 to 10 weight for other salmon and 5 to 7 weight for rainbows and dolly varden.**

Clothing: **Adopt a layered approach. Good quality rain jacket, fleece and cotton underwear, lightweight waders and felt soled boots are necessities. A small rucksack, sunglasses, bug repellent and of course a camera.**

Package includes:

- **Seven nights accommodation (based on double occupancy)**
- **Six days guided fly fishing (usually Saturday to Thursday). There is a 2:1 angler to guide ratio.**
- **All flies, tackle and gear.**
- **All meals and soft drinks.**
- **All local and state taxes.**

Lodge Capacity: **Twenty-two anglers**

Getting there: **Fly into Quinhagak from Bethel, Alaska. Transportation to the lodge from Quinhagak is provided**

