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FISHING FOR SALMON IN ALASKA

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By reputation, the Nushagak River is the premier destination for river King Salmon fishing in Alaska. With all the great rivers in Alaska, how can this claim be made? It's easy, the Nushagak produces the largest number of King Salmon returning annually (runs exceed 100,000 most years), access is extremely limited (fly-in only = no crowds) and regulations allow unlimited fishing opportunities (catch and release allowed after your daily limit). Why go anywhere else?



The Nushagak River is in southwest Alaska in the Bristol Bay region near the town of Dillingham. Because the river is only accessible by boat or floatplane, it receives limited angling pressure. By reputation, the Nushagak River is considered to offer the best freshwater King Salmon fishing in Alaska. Each June, Chinook Salmon enter Nushagak River. When these fish show up, it's a free-for-all with double digit catches most days through the month of June and the first few weeks of July.

The Nushagak also hosts staggering runs of Chum, Sockeye and Silvers. Chum Salmon start to show by mid-June and are everywhere by the end of the month right along with sockeye. If you have caught Chum in the lower 48, you will be awestruck by the quality and fight of Nushagak

Chum.

Double Occupancy tents and 4 anglers per boat

King Per Day	Camp Open	Chum Available	Camp Open	4 nights/5 Days	Rate
1 per day 4 per week	5 peak weeks of the year	Entire Season	June 17-July 10, 2018	3 full days, 2 half days guided	\$2,995.00 per person

The camp accommodates up to eight anglers. It was upgraded in 2016 season. Weatherport-style tents were replaced with 12x12 hard sided structures which sleep two anglers each and are equipped with two twin beds and bedding, carpeted floors, and propane heat. Showers facility has been upgraded. The dining tent is set up with a full kitchen for the chef and the meals are excellent. The camp has generator power, a 12-volt power inverter is available for nightly electricity.

Getting there: Pen Air and Alaska Air provide service to Dillingham. The best flight from Anchorage to Dillingham is Alaska Air jet service flight #166. It departs Anchorage (ANC) at 1:55 PM and arrives in Dillingham (DLG) at 3:00 pm. The best flight to return to Anchorage is Alaska Air #169 which departs Dillingham at 4:00 PM and arrives in Anchorage at 5:00 PM. An alternate flight is Pen Air but on the Anchorage to Dillingham leg, it is unreliable for flight scheduling and often cancels flights for unknown reasons. Pen Air seems to be OK on the flights going back to Anchorage. It is recommended that you arrive in Dillingham prior to 4:00 pm on the day your trip begins. You will be met at the Dillingham Airport by a camp representative and transported by floatplane a 25-minute flight to camp. (the floatplane flight is included in the package price.) The floatplane is either a deHavilland Beaver or Cessna 185, both on floats. You'll land at camp and never get your feet wet! Pack lightly and try to keep your luggage under 50 pounds for the trip in, as most likely you will be departing with a 50-pound box of fish fillets on the way out.



Sample Itinerary:

Day 1: From Dillingham, Alaska you will take a 25-minute floatplane flight to camp. If time permits, you will fish for a couple of hours before dinner and then, fish until late in the evening

Day 2-5: Breakfast at 7:00 am. Fishing begins after breakfast at approximately 8:00 am each day. Return to camp for a hearty lunch prepared by the chef. After lunch, you will continue fishing. In the evening you will return to camp to freshen up before appetizers at 6:00pm and dinner is served around 7:00 pm. The schedule is a bit flexible Evening fishing is available, and very good from the shore at camp.

Day 6: Optional, up to four hours fishing before the floatplane trip back to

Dillingham.

You will fish out of top quality, safe and comfortable Willie Predator river boats. Our 20'boats are equipped with newer 115 hp Yamaha 4 stroke outboards, 4 stroke trolling motors, electronics and all required safety equipment. The boats have a 6-foot-wide floor and nearly 8 feet across the beam, making them a very stable platform that an angler can stand up and move around while fighting big King Salmon. Boats are set up to fish 4 anglers plus guide. Padded seats have back rests and are mounted on moveable bases to maximize the amount of deck space"

They primarily use conventional bait casting gear, including Lamiglas Certified Pro series rods and Rogue Rods. Our rods are rated at 10-25 lb. med-heavy action making for a very sporting fight. Our main techniques include side drifting (or "dragging"), trolling with light lead and back trolling/bouncing. Most our methods are "active fishing" methods were the angler is casting and holding the rod prior to feeling the bite and setting the hook. Our reels are Ambassador or Okuma level wind reels rigged with 25 lb. mainline.



Boots and rainwear: Good, high quality chest waders are recommended by not mandatory. Felt-soled waders and wading boots are no longer legal footwear when fishing in Alaska's freshwater. Quality rain gear is mandatory (no light ponchos), as the weather in southwest Alaska can be unpredictable.

Fish care: Your catch is filleted, vacuum-packed, frozen and boxed for transport. Boxes are provided at no cost. Many guests transport their clothes in a cooler, along with a duffle bag, then use the cooler for fish transport and the duffle bag for their clothes.

Price Includes: roundtrip floatplane flight Dillingham to camp, fully guided fishing, all meals at camp, a reasonable amount of beer, camp accommodations, hot showers, use of all fishing equipment and tackle (except for fly fishing) and vacuum-packed fish care.



Price Does Not Include: roundtrip airfare to Dillingham, overnight in hotel if necessary, Alaska sport fishing license and King Salmon Stamp, requested alcoholic beverages, gratuities (10%-\$15% suggested), boots and rainwear, insurance, special food, cost of medications, immunizations, hospitalizations and services of doctors, charges for evacuation or rescue by ambulance, helicopter or airplane, and any other service or product that is not agreed or mentioned in this document.

Reservations and Payment: Per person in U.S. Dollars only, confirmation of your fishing date will be upon receipt of a 50% deposit with balance due 90 days prior to start of fishing trip. The deposit is non-refundable but can be applied to another guest for the same time slot. If trip is cancelled, any payments made become non-refundable. However, the outfitter will make every attempt possible to fill the space and provide a refund amount to the cancelled person when the space re-books. You must also read, understand and accept by signing the Terms and Conditions, Release of Liability and the Hunting Contract. All clients must comply with the U.S. Department of the Interior/Fish and Wildlife Services laws, requirements and conditions.



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