

FISHING BEAR LODGE, ALASKA

August 4 – 11, 2019

Hosted by
the Worley Bugger Fly Shop

Prior to departure

To complete the arrangements for your trip you will need to:

- ✓ Review Itinerary
- ✓ Arrange flights to/from Dillingham, Alaska
- ✓ Arrange accommodations at Beaver Creek B&B in Dillingham (independently arranged, not included; use code SUMMER2019 for FWT discount)
- ✓ Send Fly Water Travel Dillingham flight information so we may coordinate your pick up by the B&B.
- ✓ Purchase Alaska fishing license (see below for details)
- ✓ Complete your personal online guest registration form

Sunday, August 4

Arrive in Dillingham Airport (DLG):

In Dillingham you will be met by a representative from Beaver Creek B&B who will take you to their B&B to overnight. They will confirm your pick-up time for the following morning.

- Beaver Creek B&B
Gordon & Susan Isaacs, Owners
907.842.7335

Monday, August 5

Depart Dillingham: This morning you will take a Tikchik Airventures charter flight from Dillingham to the lodge. The flight has been pre-arranged by the lodge but is not included in your package.

Flight check-in time and Departure time: Will be given to you by the B&B.

Please limit baggage to 60 pounds per person.

Arrive Fishing Bear Lodge: Approximately Noon- weather and flight time dependent. Your charter flight is payable (approximately \$500 round trip per person) by cash to the lodge owner.

Note: Fishing Bear Lodge does not accept credit cards.

Upon your arrival at Fishing Bear Lodge, the staff will help you move into your waterfront cabin, get settled in and then you will head out for a half day of guided fishing. **Note:** Anglers who miss their scheduled transfers to the lodge will be responsible for any incurred costs related to delays and special transfers.

Tuesday, August 6 - Saturday, August 10

Five full days of guided fishing.

A typical day at Fishing Bear Lodge:

7:00 AM:	Breakfast
8:00 AM:	Depart for fishing
12:30 PM:	Break for picnic lunch
5:30 PM:	Return to the lodge for a hot shower
6:00 PM:	Cocktails and appetizers
7:00 PM:	Dinner

Please keep in mind your daily schedule may shift depending on fishing conditions.

Sunday, August 11

Depart Fishing Bear Lodge: After breakfast you will have time to finish packing your gear and then you will take a charter flight back to Dillingham.

Depart Fishing Bear: approximately 9:00 AM

Arrive Dillingham: approximately 11:00 AM (weather dependent)

Depart Dillingham: Board flight home or points beyond. **Note:** There is typically a flight that departs Dillingham mid-afternoon which would be a good departure time as you begin the return portion of your trip. Please do not book your departure flight prior to 12:30 PM as weather delays are possible.

Included: Accommodations and meals at the lodge, guided fishing, airport Meet and Greet in Dillingham, ground transportation in Dillingham, fishing equipment.

Not Included: All airfare (including float plane to lodge), accommodations and meals in Dillingham, alcohol, staff and guide gratuities, fishing license, personal towel, sleeping bag (optional).

Note: Anglers who miss their scheduled transfers to the lodge will be responsible for any incurred costs related to delays and special transfers.

Contact Information

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Gordon and Susan Isaacs, Beaver Creek B&B: 907.842.7335

Alaska Airlines: 800.252.7522 // <http://www.alaskaair.com>
Tikchik Airventures: 907.842.5841

Fly Water Travel: 800.552.2729; 541.488.7159 (Monday – Friday 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM)
Fly Water Travel Emergency Answering Service: 844.560.0853

Fishing Bear Lodge Travel Notes

Travel Agent Recommendation: For assistance in making your travel plans (flights, hotels, airport transfers and tour arrangements), we recommend using Alicia Regueiro of Holdy Tours, 800.446.1111, alicia@holdytours.com.

Location: Fishing Bear Lodge is located in southwest Alaska, west of Dillingham. The time in Alaska is US Mountain Time Zone.

Suggested Accommodations in Dillingham: Beaver Creek Bed & Breakfast is our recommend accommodation in Dillingham. Typical rates for the summer season are \$285 to \$335 per night plus a 10% hotel tax. Please note that this includes all ground transfers upon arrival in Dillingham as well as a self-serve breakfast. They also offer extra services such as rental cars and/or local rides to the grocery or liquor store upon request.

Arrival Information: To get to Fishing Bear Lodge you will need to book a flight through Alaska Air or partner Pen Air to Dillingham, Alaska. All guests need to arrive in Dillingham the day before your trip to the lodge and overnight at Beaver Creek Bed and Breakfast.

Getting to the Lodge: In the morning you will take a Tikchik Airventures charter flight from Dillingham to the lodge at about 8:00 AM. There are generally two flights to transfer all guests if the lodge is full.

Departure Information: On your departure day you will take a morning charter flight back to Dillingham with Tikchik Airventures.

Documentation Requirements: To participate in the activities at Fishing Bear Lodge, you will be required to sign a waiver form when you are on-site.

Travel Cash: You will need cash for staff and guide gratuities and charter flight if you have not prepaid for it. We recommend traveling with a minimum of \$500 in cash (not including \$500 for charter flight). The lodge does not accept credit cards so please plan accordingly.

Gratuities: We recommend staff and guide gratuities of approximately 10%-15% of your package price. Tips are pooled and may be given to Justin at the end of the week for distribution to the entire staff. Cash is greatly appreciated.

Fishing Licenses: Please plan on purchasing your Alaska fishing license online ahead of time at: <http://www.admin.adfg.state.ak.us/license/>. You will need a seven-day sport fishing license for approximately \$70 (start on the day of arrival to the lodge). **Note:** Alaska requires that you carry your license and identification with you while on the water.

Climate: The weather in Southwest Alaska is highly variable. Anglers should always come prepared for cold rainy conditions, especially early and late in the season. Typical daytime temperatures range from 45°-70° Fahrenheit.

Travel and Health Considerations: Insect repellent and a head net are recommended especially through mid-August. Bears are also very common and your guides are trained to deal with them.

Medical Facilities: The nearest hospital is 50 miles by floatplane, which is approximately an hour away. Guests have the responsibility to disclose any special medical, physical, or dietary needs to the lodge ahead of time. In emergency situations, a charter flight may be required to reach a medical facility. Guests may want to consider medical evacuation coverage. We recommend Global Rescue.

Power and Communications: The lodge generator runs about three hours in the morning and again in the evening. There are limited plug-ins in the main lodge and no power in the rooms. Cell phones do not work at the lodge. Fishing Bear has wireless satellite internet. Guests can bring their personal laptop or are welcome to use the lodge's computer a couple of times during their week. Fishing Bear also has a C-PAP power inverter available (12v to 110v).

Water: Water is great to drink out of the tap. Bottled water is available.

Clothing: Typical fishing clothing consists of synthetic long underwear, fleece jacket and pants, hooded sweatshirt, and a good fishing rain jacket. Fingerless gloves are nice for cold mornings, and bring along a warm hat for early and late season fishing. For anglers made particularly uncomfortable by biting insects, pack along a mosquito head net, especially if visiting during the first half of the season. Dress at the lodge is neat and informal.

Laundry: Fishing Bear Lodge does not provide laundry service.

Beverages/Alcohol: Fishing Bear provides limited box wines (red and white) for dinner. The lodge does not supply any beer or hard alcohol; however, guests are welcome to bring their own. We encourage folks who like higher quality hard alcohol to purchase it in the lower 48, as once you get to Alaska, you will be met with half the selection at twice the going rate. Non-alcoholic beverages are provided; however, no bottled water is available and specific soda brands can be requested ahead of time. Anglers can request a custom alcoholic beverage order from Justin, the lodge owner, prior to June 1st and pay him on-site. **Note:** Dillingham is a dry town on Sundays (alcohol sales are prohibited by law).

Tackle and Equipment List

Please feel free to call at any time to discuss equipment options for your trip. Below is a brief description of suggested tackle. Do note that the list is a general guideline and more options can be discussed for your specific trip dates.

Lodge Equipment: Fishing Bear provides any and/or all fly fishing equipment. The lodge stocks a complete selection of rods and reels if you should need them. For beginners they have equipment to use at no cost. The lodge also provides dry fly, nymph and streamer patterns for all of the guests at no cost in selections which are best for their waters. Pike flies are available hand tied by Conner and Kia at a minimal cost. Fishing Bear provides all leaders, tippet, and indicators, sink tips, etc...anything you might need to fly fish successfully in their waters.

Rods: Trout- 9-10 ft. 5-6 wt., Salmon- 9-10 ft. 7-9 wt. rods.

Reels: Any well-made reel with at least 100 yards of backing.

Lines:

Trout- Weight forward floating lines are the norm but if you are fishing in June, July, or September bring along sinking tip lines such as the Mastery wet tip type 4, Teeny 200, or the Rio Versi-Tip in the appropriate weights.

Salmon- Weight forward floaters are the most common but bring along at least one of the following if you are deliberately targeting Salmon: Mastery wet tip type 4, Teeny five-foot mini tip, or the Rio Versi-Tip in the appropriate weights.

Leaders/Tippet:

Trout- 9-10 ft. tapered leaders in 2-5X (two or three of each) and tippet to match.

Salmon- 9-10 ft. tapered leaders in 2-0X and tippet to match.

Note: Fluorocarbon has become popular for the trout fishing.

Flies: The lodge does have an assortment of flies that they are happy to provide you with but feel free to bring your own. For rainbow grayling and dollies consider the following: Whitlock's Near Nuff Sculpin in size #4-8 and the # 6 Morrish Sculpin (brown and dark olive). Additionally, come well prepared with black, brown and olive woolly buggers (bunny leaches too) in sizes #2-8 as well as similar sized egg sucking leaches in both black and purple. Also bring along your standard dries including parachute Adams, elk hair caddis and general attractors like the madam X and other larger rubber legged creations. Just for grins throw in a few mice.

Waders/Boots: Chest high breathable waders and rubber soled wading boots. We recommend a good quality Gore-Tex type wader like Simms. Keep in mind that you will be spending a lot of time in your waders, so have a pair you are comfortable with. Having waders that are loose fitting makes them easier to get on and off. Studded wading boots are strictly prohibited, as they can damage the boats and aircraft. Anglers are free to bring removable traction devices such as the Patagonia River Crampons for additional traction. **Note:** Felt-soled waders and wading boots are no longer legal footwear when fishing in Alaska's fresh waters.

Fishing Pack/Vest: Fishing pack/vests are not required, but can be very useful if you do not want to be entirely dependent on your guide.

Fly Water Travel's Packing List

We understand packing for an adventure is not easy. On a trip like this it is very important to have everything you need and nothing you do not. Below you will find a detailed list of items we recommend bringing on this trip.

Documents	Plane tickets, itinerary, photo ID, credit card, cash, fishing license
Socks	Four pairs of wool or synthetic socks to wear under your waders. Two pairs of camp socks.
Shirts	Two or three long sleeve fishing shirts. One or two camp shirts.
Undergarments	Two pairs of synthetic long underwear to wear beneath your waders. One mid-weight and one heavyweight. These can be worn singling or together depending on conditions.
Hats	Two fishing or baseball hats. One warm wool hat.
Rain Jacket	One high quality rain jacket.
Warm Layers	Two warm insulating layers. Synthetic fleece is good. Avoid cotton.
Camp Shoes	One pair of shoes for around camp.
Gloves	One pair sun gloves (optional) and one pair of warm fishing gloves for early or late in the season.
Bandana	One bandana.
Buff	One "Buff" facial sun protector (good for bugs too).
Sunglasses	One pair of polarized sunglasses. It is great to have a lens cleaner and a soft cleaning cloth as well.
Sun Screen	One bottle 30+ SPF.
Lip Balm	One tube of 30+ SPF lip balm.
Bug Dope	Insect repellent and a lightweight head net.
Tape Measure	Optional
Nippers:	One good pair
Pliers:	Needle nose pliers for releasing fish
Backpack	One waterproof backpack or boat bag for day gear.
Camera	Camera with extra batteries and waterproof case/bag.
Headlamp	One small LED headlamp with batteries.
Toiletries Kit	Toothpaste and toothbrush, deodorant, razor, lotion, mini shampoo bottle, anti-inflammatory, sleep aid, ear plugs, band aids, anti-bacterial ointment, antihistamines, Gold Bond powder and Pepto.
Book	Optional

Fishing Bear Lodge

Describing a place as unique and special as Fishing Bear Lodge is anything but easy. At its core this modest and endearing family run Alaskan fly fishing lodge offers its guests just the right amount of “roughing it” and an opportunity to experience a remarkable diversity of true wilderness fly fishing. Backed up against the surreal spires of the Wind River Range in the heart of southwest Alaska’s 1.6 million acres Wood-Tikchik State Park, Fishing Bear employs jet boats to fly fish a host of seldom seen small streams for hearty rainbows, abundant arctic char and large surface oriented graylings. In addition to these smaller “under the radar stealth” systems, guests can enjoy trophy rainbow fly fishing sessions on the renowned Agulapak. For dry fly enthusiasts, lovers of solitude and exceptional scenery, or families in search of the enduring wilderness adventure and rewarding introduction to the wonders of wilderness fly fishing; this is a place you will want to visit more than once.

Fishing Program: Fishing Bear is located at the mouth of Alaska's Peace River in the center of the Wood-Tikchik State Park. This park was created in 1978 to enhance and protect the area's naturally rich prolific fish and wildlife breeding and support systems and the regions vast and pristine wilderness character. Named for its watershed systems of large, clear, interconnected lakes and rivers, the area spans a unique variety of terrain and vegetative zones and is renowned for its diverse beauty. The lakes vary in length from 15 to 45 miles, each fed by numerous streams and interconnected by clear flowing world-class fly fishing rivers. Spired peaks, high alpine valleys, waterfalls, hanging glaciers and great glacial scoured mountains make the scenery at Fishing Bear and the western reaches of the lakes some of the most magnificent on earth. Freshwater fish are prolific throughout the area. Rainbow trout, arctic char, Dolly Varden, grayling, whitefish and northern pike abound in the lakes and interconnected rivers. An average of 1.3 million sockeye salmon spawn in the system each year.

A typical day on the water...

Each morning after a hearty breakfast, you and a fly fishing partner will set out with your experienced guide (1 guide for every 2 anglers) via your guided jet boat for a full day of adventure and fly fishing. Fishing Bear will customize each day the way you want to fish. They combine 22 years of experience and intimate knowledge of the area with your desires. You will jet boat from river to river and through the interconnected lake system to various streams throughout the heart of the Park to fly fish select locations.

Your fly fishing options are unlimited, as you will be fishing the most diverse freshwater system of rivers, lakes and streams in all of Alaska! Once you've flown via floatplane to the Fishing Bear Lodge location daily fly-outs are not required, so every day is a fishing day, regardless of the weather. You even have great fishing within 100 feet of your waterfront guest cabin. From mid-July to the first of October Fishing Bear Lodge has Alaska's most diverse fly fishing. During each day you are apt to fish dry fly, streamer and nymph patterns depending on seasonal variations, weather, temperatures, cloud cover, etc., as the choices are dependent on insect development, salmon fry or sculpin movement, spawn activity, etc., as well as matching the fish feeding habits of the moment.

After a good day of fishing there is still the best part of the day, the evenings. While some evenings are spent enjoying a beautiful chef prepared dinner at the lodge, other evenings you may enjoy an incredible shoreline dinner hot off the riverside grill. Their goal is for you to catch a lot fish and have an amazing time. So if you are willing, and conditions are right, we encourage you to stay out on the river.

Rainbow Trout: For wild, native Rainbow Trout we fish four spectacular Alaska Rivers and several streams. The rainbow trout fly fishing is generally good from the first of July through October. July through the end of August is our peak dry fly fishing. From the end of August through the third week in September, the rainbows are concentrating on the salmon spawn. From the last week in September through October the salmon spawn is finished and the rainbow return to aggressively taking insect and streamer patterns. Size of fish in general averages 18" - 24" inches.

Arctic Char: The Arctic char fishing is exceptional in July when they are voraciously feeding on the salmon fry and smolt as these schools of small salmon migrate down the Alaska river systems. From mid-August through October the char are abundant and like the rainbows are concentrating on the salmon spawn. Size of fish in general averages 16" -26".

Arctic Grayling: These beautiful fish with the large dorsal fin "sail" and vivid iridescent colors are abundant in these Alaska rivers which are some of the most beautiful streams in the region. Grayling readily take a dry fly or nymph pattern and are exceptionally fun to sight cast to in small crystal clear streams. Grayling are generally abundant thru-out the season. A light weight 1-3 wt. rod makes a day of grayling fishing one of the most gratifying and fun days of fly fishing in Alaska you will ever experience with a light fly rod. There are large grayling in this region with the average fish being 16"-18" with fish up to 22 inches possible.

Northern Pike: In the shallow bays and weed beds of our lakes in this Alaska fly fishing region, from mid-July thru September, we have some exceptionally exciting northern pike fishing. If you have ever tried "piking" it is a lot of fun. These fish are explosive when taking a fly and most of the guests ask to fish for pike again after trying it the first time.

Sockeye Salmon: Beginning the last days in June, an average of 1.5 million sockeye salmon begin their annual spawning migration from the ocean to their spawning beds thru-out this Alaska River and lake system. During the month of July the fly fishing for fresh Sockeye in Alaska is excellent. These fish are 6-12 pounds and pound for pound are as strong, wild and exciting as any fish in North America. A quality 7-8wt. rod is perfect with a matching reel with a good drag system. These fish are wild and spend a lot of their time giving you an incredible out of the water acrobatic aerial display while you are trying to catch up with your line.

Accommodations and Meals: Fishing Bear Lodge, hand built by its owners, is a small family operated fly-in lodge catering to a maximum of eight guests per week. Their unique wilderness location is in the Wood-Tikchik State Park and gives its guests unparalleled access and opportunity to share in Alaska's most diverse river and stream fly fishing.

Their main dining lodge has an atmosphere of relaxed, friendly comfort. During your stay the place is yours to enjoy. Out on the front deck you can relax, visit and share tales of adventure. Inside a variety of teas and coffee are always available to go with some of Alaska's best homemade cookies. You can enjoy the cozy warmth of the woodstove while reading, tying flies, or visiting. Your comfortable personal waterfront sleeping cabin is built of spruce and cedar. Cabins have propane lights and heat. Cabins have two single beds with warm cover blankets, chairs, table, clothing shelves, art work, decorative candles and floor rugs. The bathroom facility has flush toilets, sink and mirror. The shower house has an endless supply of on demand hot water for a great shower after an incredible day of adventure. **Note:** The lodge can provide sleeping bags or you may bring in your own sleeping bag or sheets. They provide clean cover blankets and plenty of warm

blankets. You should bring their own towel. If you would like additional padding for your bed, please ask the lodge.

Each day begins with a hearty breakfast. For the noon day meal you will be out on a river or stream each day. You will take a break from your busy fishing schedule to enjoy the beauty of our surroundings and a fine shore lunch.

At dinner Fishing Bear Lodge has a tradition of incredible dining fare. All meat entrees are prepared on the outdoor grill nightly. Superb fresh salads and homemade breads are served with every dinner along with a variety of side dishes and desserts.