

## **ISLAND POINT LODGE ORIENTATION PACKAGE**

This orientation package will help to answer some of your questions and will familiarize you with the lodge and its operations. Please read the information and upon your arrival at the lodge, we will hold a brief orientation meeting to clarify what is contained in this package as well as any other questions you may have. A brief orientation at the lodge will allow you to gear up and do some fishing shortly after your arrival.

### **MEALS**

In the eating area at the lodge, you will see a chalkboard on the wall which posts the breakfast and dinner times. These will vary from day to day depending on the tides and schedules of our guests. Also posted, will be the times of the high and low tides as well as the exchange of water. The water exchanges can be as low as 8 feet with high exchanges in excess of 25 feet.

The kitchen staff will try to accommodate those fishermen who will be leaving early in the morning due to tides and charters. Please talk to the kitchen staff if you have any special requests. We will do the best we can to accommodate early departures.

If you have any allergies to specific foods, please let us know. We will try to accommodate your needs.

Breakfast may be available earlier than 5AM, otherwise you will find cereal in the cabinet to the left of the refrigerator and milk in the refrigerator. Cookies, muffins, cakes, pies or other types of pastries may be available on the coffee counter. The coffee counter is right outside the kitchen area. Coffee is always in the pot. **Please use the top coffee pot first**, the bottom pot may be filling. Coffee condiments, Creamora, sugar and sugar substitutes are on the coffee bar as well as the spoons. Milk is in the refrigerator. Place used cups, bowls and silverware in the sink in the sandwich preparation area.

Lunch is normally a do it yourself. Make your own sandwiches to take with you while you are fishing. Bread may be found inside the door at the end of the room. Sandwich meats, cheese and fish spreads can be found in the refrigerator's bottom shelves. Mustards, mayonnaise and other

condiments are also found on the refrigerator door. Help yourself and please only take what you will eat. Forks and knives are located in a bowl in the far left corner. Shelves to the left will have sandwich bags and brown paper bags for your lunch.

There is a soup pot located in the sandwich making area. Every day there will be something in the pot. It will be available for lunch as well as dinner. Bowls, spoons and crackers will be next to the soup pot. Help yourself. At any time except for dinner, we request that you put used cups and dishes in the sink at the sandwich making area. We will remove them to be washed.

We try to do hors d'oeuvres before dinner every day. We do our best to have a sufficient quantity but as you know, appetites will vary.

Thermoses for beverages to be taken out on the boats are located on a shelf below the micro wave. Please return them in the evening so that we may wash them for reuse. We serve bulk drinks such as ice tea, Tang and lemonade. Plastic drinking cups are provided and they are located on the shelf to the left of the sink. These cups are reusable, please place used cups in the sink so that we may wash them.

Do not use the tap water for drinking. There is a bottle water machine in the eating area with cold drinking water.

Dinner at Night is normally set for 7 PM. It may vary. The Kitchen will close at 9 PM. If you are very late be prepared to have a sandwich.

## **BATHROOMS AND SHOWERS**

All cabins have bathrooms with showers. Guests whose rooms are in the main lodge will use the bathrooms and showers located in the back of the main lodge. These are located behind the kitchen, up the stairway next to the coffee maker, pass the coin operated washer and dryer and to the far right. There are several important things for you to remember about the bathrooms. When using the bathrooms in the lodge and the cabins, please be considerate of others since they will also be using these facilities. Please try to keep these areas clean after using them. If you have any problems with either the toilets or showers please notify one of the staff.

**PLEASE DO NOT FLUSH ANY SOLID ITEMS IN THE TOILETS.**  
**LADIES PLEASE NO SANITARY NAPKINS ETC..**

Be mindful, we are on an island. There are no septic pumping services here. We need to care for our tanks carefully.

The water that is used for showers and the toilets comes from a storage tank behind the lodge. Rain water and brook water is used to fill the tanks. We chlorinate the water, carbon filter the chlorine out, and UV to eliminate anything in water. Sometime the water may have a brownish tint, this is because the brook water source is rain runoff which passes through the muskeg, and peat.

The showers have a water saver lever beneath the hot/cold adjustment knob. Use this lever to turn the water off, it does not change the water temperature, lather up and then turn it on to rinse. The water saver will turn the volume to low or completely off. Please try to conserve water.

In the main lodge on the floor between the shower and the sink is a black mat in a shower base unit. The mat has holes in it that allows the water to pass through it and drain out the bottom. This helps to prevent the plywood floor from getting wet after you step out of the shower.

There is a rug folded on the floor next to the sink or under it. Use this rug on the plywood floor to stand on while changing your clothes. After drying yourself in the shower and on the black mat, use this rug to take the dampness off your feet when putting your socks and shoes on. Please do not walk on this rug with your wet and dirty shoes. When you are done using the rug, fold it and put it off to the side where you found it so that the next person using the shower will have a clean rug to use.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Electricity is produced by diesel generator, power is on 24 hours around the clock.

We separate cans, glass, paper and plastics. Outside the door on the side of the main lodge are several containers and a trash can. Please put cans and glass into the appropriate containers, and place paper and plastics into the

trash can. We bring the aluminum cans to town and give them to the Boy Scouts. The bottles and tin cans are brought to town and given to the town's recycling.

You can help us by buying beer in cans rather than bottled beer. It is easier for us to recycle cans.

Please do not throw any food into outside trash containers. We have a garbage waste bucket for food waste in the kitchen. Food products left in the trash outside can attract bears and dogs.

Ice cubes in the refrigerator are for cold drinks, NOT FOR COOLERS. If you need ice for your coolers, there are frozen bottles of water in the freezer by the fish wrapping station.

We make daily trips to town, if you need something from town, there are form is the dining area below the VHF radio near the TIDE CHART. It will have a place for your name, room or cabin number, description of what you want to be picked up and a place to mark how much money you are giving to us to pick up what you want. Place the slip and the money in a plastic sandwich bag and give it to someone in the kitchen.

Please do not smoke in the lodge or in the cabins. Non-smokers appreciate your concern for the clean air. Use the decks for smoking.

Do not wear boot cleats in the lodge or cabins. The cleats, like golf shoes will damage the plywood floors. The floors are plywood because the sand and stones that are tracked in on our shoes and boots can damage other flooring materials.

Some of our clients will bring lap top computers with them. Internet service is available.

There is a telephone in the lodge for emergencies. Telephone calls can be made with a credit card or collect calls. Late in 2010 the telephone company activated two new towers providing cell phone reception in the lodge and on the water. If you have any problems while fishing. try to call the lodge number for help.

The lodge telephone number is **907-772-2719**.

The cabins have propane heaters, please turn the switch to **OFF** when you are gone for the day. It only takes a few minutes to warm up the cabin when you return. **DO NOT DRY ANYTHING** on the heaters. It may cause a fire and it can burn anything that you put on it. **YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY DAMAGE CAUSED BY SUCH A FIRE.**

If you would like to purchase some shrimp to take home, we have 4 – 5 pounds frozen packages available at the lodge. Ask someone in the kitchen to help you with the purchase.

**END OF YOUR TRIP** Friday morning you will be leaving the lodge around 7:30 AM. You will stop at our walk in freezer to get your fish. Fish boxes are available at the freezer. \$25.00 per box plus \$1.50 tax. You may wish to stop at Tonka Seafood for smoked fish, or the post office, etc. Alaska Airlines want us at the airport 2½ hours before the flight. Everyone must leave the lodge on Friday morning regardless of their flight time. We will have someone in town all day with the van. Those spending time in town you may go for a tour at Tonka Seafood processors, visit the museum, walk around town sightseeing or doing some shopping. Everyone must leave the lodge so that we can clean the lodge, rooms and cabins, do the laundry and prepare for the next group arriving Saturday morning.

## **BOATS AND FISHING GEAR**

**EVERY ONE MUST SIGN A BOAT AGREEMENT** even if you will not be operating the boat. A boat and equipment will be assigned to you for the week. One person in your boat group will need to have a credit card imprint done at the time of boat assignment. There will be a boat inspection with you at the time of assignment and again at the end of your trip. If there is no damage the imprint will be destroyed.

Emergency equipment, such as flares, signaling devices, first aid kit and other items required by the US Coast Guard are located in an aluminum holding box directly in front of the steering console on the boat. The boat registration will be on the inside cover of the box. The Lodge's telephone number will also be taped to the inside cover should you need it while out on

the water. Life jackets for every person are in the front of the boat. There will be at least one floatable cushion per boat.

Optimum fuel efficiency gives you more distance of travel and that can be achieved by running at  $\frac{3}{4}$  throttle. Plane out the boat and pull back a little on the throttle to get better fuel efficiency. It may take you a few minutes longer to get to where you are going but you will have more fuel in reserve. When switching gas tanks check the vent cap to make sure that it is open.

Operate you boat carefully. The operator and the people aboard should always be watching for floating debris, which can damage the boat, motor, and also effect your safety. Overheating is normally a result of seaweed caught in the water cooler intake hole of the motor. Always avoid large areas of seaweed. The operator and someone aboard should occasionally check the water discharge (pisser) from the motor. Make sure that there is a water discharge stream coming from the motor. A whistling or buzzing noise is normally an indication of the engine overheating. Shut down the motor and pull it up to see if seaweed is caught on the motor. Remove the seaweed and let it cool off a few minutes restart the motor put it in reverse to blow out the seaweed and then you can resume you trip.

**NEVER** continue operating the boat when this alarm is sounding. You will cause damage to the motor. Call the lodge for help, the telephone number is in the box in front of the console. Normally someone is in the kitchen to take your call. Use the small motor or get towed back to the lodge. You may be responsible for the damage to the engine.

Call the lodge on your cell phone for help 907-772-2719

If you are going into rivers or shallow areas, please use the trolling motor. Have someone on the bow of the boat, proceed slowly so that the person on the front of the boat can watch for rocks and shallow areas. If it gets too shallow, you may need to have someone get out and pull the boat. Damaged props will cost you \$150.00. If a prop is severely damaged and you destroyed the skag there may be damage to the lower unit. Any cost of repair will be your responsibility. A gear case, lower unit cost around \$2550.00. Please be careful. We are going to check the condition of the prop and skag with you when a boat is assigned to you and again at the end of your trip. Should you damage an engine, you will be responsible for its

repair and if we do not have an extra boat at that time you will be assessed the cost of a rental if it is needed by you or another group. Normally the boat marina has all the parts to repair an engine and return it to us in a few days.

Upon your arrival at Papkes Landing, you will cross Wrangle Narrows to get to the lodge. You should start taking mental notes of location, direction and condition of the tides. The lodge, with a red roof, is located diagonally to the left, at about 11 o'clock, across the Narrows and it can be seen from Papkes. It is approximately a 5 minute ride to the lodge. As you approach the lodge the boat will be leaving the main channel of water and enter a smaller channel of water. To the left you will notice two small islands with channel markers. Never take a boat in or out to the main channel by going between these islands. They are connected by a strip of ledge and it will be very noticeable at lower tides. Going between the two island could cause damage to the engine. Go around these islands to get to the main channel. Never go between them. We will review all of this again at the lodge during a brief orientation. We are trying to make you aware of where you are and what you are doing. Your safety and making your trip an enjoyable fishing vacation is our goal.

Operating a boat is like operating an automobile on the highway. Stay to the right between the channel markers. Do not go on the outside of the channel markers. There may be a rock ledge right behind or in front of them, which can cause damage to the boat and engine. Concrete markers are set on ledge, do not get too close to them. Use common sense when you are operating a boat. Large boats in the channel have the right of way. When trying to cross the wake of another boat, slow down, try to cross the wake perpendicularly. HOT RODING can cause injuries. A vacation with injuries is no fun.

Do not start the engine at the dock if it is in seaweed. Push the boat out of the seaweed before starting the motor. Seaweed hides logs and other debris that could damage your prop. Seaweed can also block the cooling system of the engine. After starting the boat, let it warm up for a few minutes, check the cooling water, **back out** a good distance from the dock and other boats before going forward. Be aware of the tides, especially if it is pushing the boat into the dock, you will need to back out further so that your boat will not be pushed into the other boats or the dock while you are attempting to change your direction.

When returning to the lodge and parking the boat at the dock, be sure that both engines are up. If you were using the Mercury trolling motor, the motor must be in forward gear to lift it out of the water. Excessive yanking on the engine will bend or break the motor brackets. After turning the big engine off, push the throttle handle forward, so that it lies flat to prevent damage to the handle from other boats hitting it or someone tripping on it while trying to get out of the boat.

When you are in shallow areas, trim up the big engine and go very slow so that you do not hit any rocks or the ground which could cause damage to the prop and/or motor.

Please keep your boat clean, if you get fish blood in the boat there will be a brush in the back motor well. You should have a bucket with which to bail in some water. Scrub the blood clean and rinse. The boats have bilge pumps or you can use the drain plug to suction the water out as the boat moves at a moderate speed. If you use the plug be sure to lock it shut when you reinstall it.

Fishing techniques for salmon and halibut will be discussed during the orientation at the lodge when you arrive.

Each boat can be assigned a crab pot for the week. Check with someone at the fish cleaning station and he will help you get a crab pot. A \$100.00 deposit will be required on the assigned boat credit card slip.. You will be responsible for bringing it back at the end of the week. When the crab pot is returned we will remove the deposit from the credit card. We do not want to be looking for crab pots. When putting the crab pot out, you will need your name, address, the boat AK identification number marked on a piece of duct tape and it must be attached to the buoy.

Fish nets are for netting salmon, not for netting halibut. For halibut fishing use the assigned harpoon. We will give you instructions on how to use the harpoon. Take a fish net with you when you are fishing for halibut. In some areas the crabs will be eating your bait. Pull your line up with the crabs on the bait and quickly net them before they drop off near the surface of the water. There is a crab gauge in every boat. 6 ½ inches, male only. The picture below shows how to differentiate a male from a female crab.

You are allowed 3 crabs per day, per person, under the Alaska Fishing License regulations. We cannot store/hold live crab at the lodge, (Alaska Fish & Game regulations). We will clean and prepare your crab for you to eat that day or blanch them to kill the bacteria so that they can be frozen and taken home with you. At home, store them in a deep freezer. To cook at home, put the crab in boiling water for about 10 to 12 minutes.

The lodge has a tackle shop, which has lures, weights, flies, polarized glasses, pliers and other items for sale. Check it out, ask a lodge employee to help you. All items must be paid in cash at time of purchase.

A halibut fishing kit will be rented to you, it includes two weights, two hooks and two spreader bars. The second is a spare for each component in the kit in case you lose one. The extra hooks must be kept in the package and kept dry. We will buy back all the weights, spreader bars and undamaged hooks. You will only be charged for lost or damaged gear.

Bait – Please take care of it. Sometimes it is hard to come by. When halibut fishing use only a half a herring. Halibut will attempt to eat anything large or small. If you plan on going fishing before breakfast, please ask for bait the evening before and put it in a bait cooler for the morning use.

Please do not put fish on the dock. The slime will make the dock slippery. Use the fish dolly to bring them to the fish cleaning and weight stations.

Keep your boats clean. Wash out the fish blood. Do not throw any trash in the water. Leave it in the boat until you get back to the lodge. Place the trash in the appropriate containers on the deck. We, the fish and sea creatures appreciate your help in trying to keep our ocean clean.

There will be fish stringers in the back of the boat next to the engines. If there are none in your boat please ask one of the lodge workers to get you some. Do not cut or take the dock tie up lines off the boat.

There is a shark hook with a line in the back of the boat to be used for hooking the halibut to control them.

## FISH CLEANING AND PREPARATION

We will clean and filet all your fish. Please tell one of the lodge workers how you will like them prepared. The fish cleaning station will close at 10 PM.

You will be assigned a number according to the cabin or room you are in. This number will be put on all your fish packages. If you are in a group and you intend to pool and divide your fish, use one of your groups number. This will make it easy when we store the fish in the walk in freezer. You will be able to divide the fish equally on the morning of your departure . The smaller amount of numbers we have at the walk-in freezer the faster the process takes and it helps to eliminate confusion . There will be a list of numbers at the fish cleaning station, at the packaging station and in the lodge on one of the vertical poles next to one of the tables.

There is a wrapping table located on the left side rear of the lodge. A long stainless steel table with wrapping supplies for your use and a freezer to temporarily hold your catch. Please keep it clean, wash the table when you are done. Wash all trays used to bring fish to the wrapping station and return them to the fish cleaning stations. If you want us to wrap your fish, please ask and we will wrap your fish. Mark your fish for identification. Your assigned number and an S for salmon and an H for halibut (AF&G

reg.). Put them in the chest freezer for temporary storage. The fish will be taken that night or the next morning across the Narrows to the walk-in freezer for storage until your departure. Your catch will be frozen in a -30 degree freezer and ready for you when you leave. We will need your cooler marked with your ID number on a piece of duct tape at the wrapping station. We will use your coolers to bring fish to the walk-in freezer. At the walk in freezer the fish will be put on racks to be frozen. On the next trip the frozen fish will be removed from the racks and placed in the cooler with the same ID number. The process continues each day until you leave. Remember, on Thursday evening we need to bring that days catch to the freezer at a reasonable time. Plan to end your fishing by 5 PM so that this process can be accomplished.

### **SMOKING YOUR FISH**

If you want to have your fish smoked they can be done in town. Ask us and we will give you a form to fill out and we will bring the fish to the smoker. You can smoke any of your fish, salmon and halibut and trout. Wednesday is the last day that we can bring fish in if you are going to pick up the fish on the way to the airport. The fish can also be shipped home by UPS.

### **LODGE MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION**

Please review the fishing regulations. Please be aware of fishing limits. There will be several copies at the lodge for your use. You must carry your fishing license with you when fishing.

The lodge has a fishing derby. You can win a free week of fishing if you catch the largest fish in any of the following categories, King Salmon, Sockeye Salmon, Coho Salmon, Halibut from one of our skiffs. Check the derby chart on the wall in the eating area.

There are several other side trips that can be arranged. We utilize Kupreanof Flying Service for fly-in trip to Swan Lake. Check with us at the lodge as we will have the information available. Here's one example, SWAN LAKE – round trip from the lodge is approximately \$175.00 (2008 price) per person, with 3 fishermen in the plane. Swan Lake is great fishing

for rainbow trout. Trout size 1- 3 pounds. Plenty of fish and a fantastic ALASKAN EXPERIENCE. All trips are subject to weather conditions. Kupreanof Flying Service also offers glacier tours from the air. All Kupreanof flights will pick you up and deliver you back to the beach in front of the lodge.

While fishing in some of the rivers you may see black bears. They will normally not cause you any problems. However, the best policy is to make them aware that you are there, never tease or disturb the bears, leave them alone and by all means do not get between a cub and its mother. We have never had a problem with them. Use common sense when encountering a bear. You will most likely not have a problem. If you intend to fish some of the rivers and feel that you would like a little insurance, you can purchase a can of bear pepper spray in town or from any sporting store or sporting catalog.

Halibut is available almost anywhere in salt water. Halibut have been caught in the Narrows, some over 400 lbs. Trolling for Kings have sometimes produce Halibut. However, the best areas for Halibut are in the larger bodies of water. We provide maps which indicate good spots. Depending upon weather conditions, we will give you options for fishing. For your own safety it is best that boats travel in pairs or groups. Should something happen or engine failure, the second boat may be able to provide assistance. If your group has only one boat, introduce yourself to the other guests and ask them if they would not mind that you would like to fish in the same vicinity that they are.

If you are fishing in fast moving water be sure to take extra precautions. If you are anchoring in these areas, tie the anchor off the bow of the boat, have a knife available to cut the line should the anchor get caught up on the bottom and the boat is being compromised. If you need to abandon the anchor, release all the rope with a buoy or boat bumper attached to it. Please take a good description of the area so that relocating it can be easier. If you are trying to retrieve the anchor, drive the boat in a large circle around the stuck anchor. If the lodge has to go out and attempt to retrieve the anchor, there will be a **\$50.00 retrieval fee** which will cover the cost of fuel and time. If it cannot be found and retrieved, the retrieval fee will be added to the lost anchor fee.

Raffle tickets for the next fishing season are also available at the lodge. The cost is \$10.00 per ticket. One name is drawn for every 50 tickets or less sold. For example, if 190 tickets were sold, we would draw 4 winning names.

**LAUNDRY** – There is a coin operated washer and dryer located in the main lodge. If you need change, check with the kitchen staff. The cost is \$2.00 in quarters for a wash and \$2.00 in quarters for the dryer. Soap is provided as well as dryer sheets.

**ALCOHOL** – Please do not drink alcoholic beverages while you are out on the boats. Alaska has an open container law. This is a new law passed in 2001 and you could possibly have your drivers license revoked if you are caught in violation of this regulation. You are placing yourself and possibly your companions at risk. It is only common sense. There is plenty of time for you to have a few drinks at the lodge after fishing. The same rules apply on the water as those when driving a car. We want you and your companions to have a good time fishing.

**GRATUITIES** - Many times during the summer I am asked, “What should I leave for a tip.” Here is what I tell the clients. Just as when you go to a restaurant, you tip for service. Here at Island Point Lodge the staff gives you a week of service, a great deal of attention at meals, and the kitchen staff works hard and tries to provide you with special meals and service. Other lodge staff employees will help you with your fish cleaning and processing, giving you advice on fishing and picking up things in town for you, and so on.

A two hundred dollar tip from each guest is approximately a 10% tip. You should consider the service you have gotten. Again, tipping is arbitrary, just as in the restaurants. It is best for you to tip each of the lodge staff individually, based on what you feel they deserve. There are lodge employees doing thing for you that you do not see. We have provided envelopes in all the cabins and in the main lodge’s eating area next to the fishing derby board. The envelopes have the names of the staff on them. You can put your tip in the envelope and mark the amount of tip you would like to leave for each member of the staff or mark it divide equally. The staff will appreciate your tips. You can put your tip on your credit card if you so desire.

As we have stated elsewhere, please do not litter. The National Forests are your forests, your taxes provide you the opportunity to enjoy the Alaska outdoors and hopefully enjoy an Alaskan experience.

I hope that this orientation package has answered many of your questions and that it has given you an insight of what is expected of you and what you can expect once you are at the lodge. As I have stated previously, upon your arrival at the lodge, you will be given a brief orientation. We will clarify any questions that you may have and most likely cover some new items that I have failed to cover in this orientation package.

This is your fishing vacation and we want to make it a safe and enjoyable fishing experience for you as well as for those who are with you and our other guests.

If you have any questions after reading this package, please feel free to call our office so that we may help you.

Thank You.....Good fishing....