

## ALASKA PACKING LIST

1. There are several stores in the area in case you forget something. .
2. Pack so you can check in only ONE bag. You're also allowed one carry on, and one personal item on Alaska Airlines.
  - The first checked bag is \$35
  - 2nd is \$45
  - 3rd bag is \$150- This obviously will be fish.

### Clothes:

3. Take enough clothes for only a few days. There is a washer and dryer at each of the homes. Typical weather to expect is a rainy, cool October day. Layering is always recommended.
4. Socks- 4 to 5 pair, wool or synthetics are best. Cotton tends to hold onto moisture and will result in cold feet from sweat.
5. Fingerless Gloves are optional if you get cold hands.
6. Long sleeve shirts for layering. Again, avoid cotton, opt for moisture wicking fabrics that are insulating. Occasionally it can get very warm.
7. Hoodie
8. A hat and a beanie
9. **POLARIZED SUNGLASSES ARE A MUST!** They not only provide sun protection, but also eye protection from hooks, and the polarization helps you see and identify fish underwater.
10. Sunblock (Optional)
11. Insulating base layer, top and bottom. I prefer fleece for this. You will wear these all the time under your waders to protect from the cold water.
12. Lounging clothes.
13. Clothes for going out to dinner

### GEAR

1. Rods, Reels, and Line
  - a. Fly Fishing - 8 wt rods and matching reels and line (Floating or slow sink are best)
  - b. 20 lb fluorocarbon leader can be used instead of tapered leader. You will want to learn the perfection loop in this case. If you prefer tapered leaders that's ok too.

- c. Spin Cast - 7-8' medium action rods are perfect (minimum of 2 piece) We recommend using a 30 lb braided line with a 25' length of 20 lb leader. Recommended reel sizes are 30, 35, or 3000, 3500. Casting distances improves greatly with a quality reel.
  - d. Rods can be carried on the plane as personal items and stored in the overhead bins. 4 piece fly rods, and 2-3 piece spin rods are recommended. Most rods come with travel tubes.
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- 2. Flies and Lures. Call me on this one.
  - 3. Rain jacket w/ hood. I suggest the best you can get, it's difference between being comfortable and having a bad day.
  - 4. Breathable Waders. **NOT** the 100% neoprene waders. Those are for duck hunters and very uncomfortable to hike and spend all day in.
  - 5. Wader Boots. Make sure to try these on with good socks and your waders. (FELT is not legal for use in Alaska. Must use rubber soles)
  - 6. Pliers (for removing hook).
  - 7. Snips (for cutting line).
  - 8. Mosquito Net for your head.
  - 9. Heavy duty rope fish stringer 6-8' in length
  - 10. Backpack or similar day pack to carry your fishing stuff. A fishing vest works for some, Zingers (retractable cord that hangs on your waders or vest) work well for holding nippers, and hook sharpeners within easy reach. I found that pliers, purchased with a holster that attaches to your wader belt are handy.
  - 11. Pocket knife (put it in your checked back)
  - 12. Licenses should be purchased online before arriving to Alaska. Start date will be the day you arrive and will run 7 days. Print your license and have it with you. Download the ADF&G app, it will also show your license. Lastly, take a screen shot of your license so that it is in your photo album. If the Ocean Run king salmon are around, a king salmon stamp will be purchased through the app or in the store once you find out what day your group is ocean fishing. No need to buy ahead of time.
  - 13. A camera is a must! Most of us have cell phones at all times.....use it! You'll be glad you did.
  - 14. Plane tickets (remember to check on Alaska air website for any last minute changes to your itinerary) The Alaska app is super useful.

15. Wallet, ID, Cash (recommended \$300-\$500 a person for tipping and souvenirs)
16. Hygiene products
17. Phone and camera chargers
18. Small flashlight or Headlamp.