



# Salmon Tales from Land's End Lodge

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## Thank You for Another Great Year!

Another terrific season has come and gone for the Miller Family at Land's End Lodge. We were able to complete some major facility improvements in a short period of time. But, most importantly, we were blessed with the opportunity to host many new and returning guests. The renewing of old friendships and the making of new ones is what makes life so special for us. Thanks to all of you!

Bob, Pat, Bill, & Nicole Miller

## New Lodge Completed on Schedule

Facing a time crunch and coping with the typical cold, wet springtime weather of Southeast Alaska, Bob and Pat Miller, owners of Land's End Lodge, breathed a sigh of relief when the construction of a new main lodge was finished in time for the 2005 season.

Thanks to a talented architect, skilled contractor and sub-contractors, and a small army of hard working family and friends, the construction commenced on a snowy day in mid-January and was completed just 6 months later.

Building the structure in remote Pt. Baker was no small task. No roads go to the tiny community on the northern point of Prince of Wales Island, so every component of the building from nails to trusses had to be barged to this isolated community 100 miles south of Juneau. The construction materials originated in Seattle, Washington and were transported on huge ocean-going barges to Petersburg, then off loaded to a small inter-island barge for conveyance to Pt. Baker. The small barge maneuvered into a small cove near Land's End Lodge, then unloaded the supplies using its crane. From there, everything was hand carried to the building site. All told, over 120 tons of building materials reached the site this way.

Everyone is thrilled with how beautiful the new main lodge building turned out. The upper floor has 10 nicely appointed guest rooms with comfortable beds, lounge chairs, televisions, and private bathrooms. The rooms open onto a spacious deck where guests can relax and soak in the gorgeous views of the surrounding forest, islands, and bays. The lower level houses a dining room, kitchen, gift shop, utility room, and bathroom. The dining room is finished in knotty pine and features a spectacular view looking across the bay toward distant Kupreanof Island. Guests are able to watch fishing boats and float planes come and go as they enjoy the delicious meals served at the lodge.

Without question, this beautiful new facility will provide first class comfort and enjoyment for the guests who visit Land's End Lodge in the future.





# Location is the Key

"Location, location, location!" is an expression often heard when real estate agents refer to a premium piece of property. That same expression could also be used by fisherman when talking about a great fishing spot.

Unfortunately a number of Alaska's great fishing locations are negatively affected by three problems: 1) A long, tiring boat ride to the fishing spot; 2) Uncomfortable water conditions while traveling to and from and while at the fishing site and 3) Crowds of competing fishermen at the fishing location.

The answers to the problems? The superb location of Land's End Lodge where close up fishing, protected waters, and uncrowded conditions are attracting more and more anglers each year. Let's review each of those problems mentioned above and see how Land's End Lodge avoids them:

**1. A Long, Tiring Boat Ride:** At Land's End Lodge, fishing literally starts at the lodge's dock. Guests catch King Salmon in the spring less than 5 minutes from the dock and summertime halibut and salmon fishing begins at the mouth of Pt. Baker bay, just ½ mile from the lodge. The northern tip of Prince of Wales Island projects into Sumner Strait, one of Alaska's prime fisheries. In essence, the lodge is surrounded by first class salt water fishing. Additionally, Prince of Wales Island is laced with streams and rivers. Steelhead, Salmon, Dolly Varden, and Rainbow Trout provide plenty of action for the fresh water enthusiast.

**2. Uncomfortable Water Conditions:** Land's End Lodge is located in Southeast Alaska on the Inside Passage. Our fishing waters are surrounded by 5 major islands: Prince of Wales, Kuiu, Mitkof, Kupreanof, and Zarembo islands. This ring of islands creates sheltered water allowing our guests to focus on the fun of fishing instead of worrying about rough water conditions. We enjoy hearing the comments about the smooth water and spectacular beauty of our area. Recently one of our guests commented that Land's End Lodge was the first place she had visited in Alaska where she didn't have to wear a patch for seasickness.

**3. Crowds of Competing Fisherman:** Land's End Lodge is a fly-in lodge. There is no road access. Our seclusion allows our guests to free themselves from the crowds that plague some of the other lodges in Alaska. At our lodge the guests enjoy not only the outstanding fishing but also the wildlife, natural beauty, and peace and solitude of this special location.

If you are a fisherman trying to find that proverbial "location, location, location" then come to Land's End Lodge where great fishing and a great location go hand-in-hand.



A Note From The Owners:

## Holding The Line on Price

Despite the substantial rise in operating costs caused to a major degree by rising fuel costs, Bob and Pat Miller, have decided to keep the prices the same for the coming 2006 season. We are able to do this because of the dramatic increase in guest bookings. Not raising our price is one way to say Thank You to all of the wonderful guests who choose Land's End Lodge for a special Alaska adventure.

The price for 2006 will remain at \$1,794.00 per person. We feel this is a real bargain for a week-long, all inclusive Alaska fishing trip and unlike some business that have cut services in order to keep their price the same, we will continue to provide the same comprehensive and reasonably priced lodge package which we have offered since we started our business.

We sincerely hope to see you in 2006!

Pat's Travel Tip:

## Alaska Airlines Tickets on Sale!

Alaska Airlines has their PFD sale running until November 3<sup>rd</sup>. These Positively Fantastic Discounts (PFD) will get you to Petersburg for half of what you would pay if you purchase tickets in mid-summer! For example, a one-way ticket from Pocatello, Boise, Portland, or Seattle will cost you \$169.00. A one-way ticket from Los Angeles, San Francisco, Phoenix, Denver, or Las Vegas will cost only \$199.00. Don't let this opportunity pass you by. To purchase your tickets, go to [alaskaair.com](http://alaskaair.com), select Deals, click Air Deals, and then click PFD sale.

### Land's End Lodge - 2006 Trade Show Schedule

San Mateo, CA: Jan 12 - 15	Seattle (Monroe), WA: Feb 22 - 26
Sacramento, CA: Jan 19 - 22	Boise, ID: March 2 - 5
Seattle (Puyallup), WA: Jan 25 - 29	Redmond, OR: March 2 - 5
Denver, CO: Jan 26 - 29	San Diego, CA: March 15 - 19
Harrisburg, PA: Feb 4 - 12	Salt Lake City, UT: March 16 - 19
Portland, WA: Feb 8 - 12	Pocatello, ID: April 20 - 22