



Packing Suggestions: Rainbow Bay Lodge, Alaska

The weather during the summer in the Bristol Bay area of southwest Alaska can vary from a warm sunny 75° to a cold rainy 45° day. This area is not far from the Bering Sea and as the old saying goes, “if you don’t like the weather just wait a few minutes.” Layer your clothes so that you can add or subtract layers as the weather changes. You will want to bring a light backpack with you daily with your rain gear and possibly a wool sweater to ensure your comfort while in the field.

Bring Polarized sunglasses!

Clothing

- Passport
- Photocopy copy of passport
- Pen and paper
- Good Rain suit (we recommend Gore-Tex)
- 2 sets of light cotton or silk long johns
- 2 pair of wool socks (padded)
- 2 pair of cotton socks (padded)
- 2 pair of wool or Levi jeans
- 1 light down jacket
- 1 medium weight wool sweater
- 2 long sleeve shirts
- Tennis or deck shoes for use at lodge
- Warm cap & fishing gloves (fingerless OK)
- Remember the lodge staff will do your laundry as needed.

Fishing Equipment

Rainbow Bay Resort has a complete inventory of fishing equipment that we furnish to our clients at no additional cost and includes hip boots.

Remember only single hooks are allowed in Alaska.

We recommend that you bring chest waders, Gore-Tex works best, if you have neoprene you need not buy new ones!

We also recommend you bring needle nose pliers or hemostats & nail clippers.

Spinning Equipment

The equipment listed below is for everything but King Salmon. Kings will weigh upwards of 50 lbs and you need pretty heavy bait casting equipment to “play with them.” We furnish this heavy equipment at the lodge, but if you wish to bring your own equipment for the Kings to break, contact us.

- Light wt spinning rod (1/8 – 1/8 oz)
- Light wt reel loaded with 8 lb line
- Medium to heavy spinning rod (3/8 – 3/4 oz)
- Medium wt reel loaded with 17 lb test line
- Chest Waders (Gor-Tex recommended)
- Mepps Spinners #1, 3, 4 & 5’s
- Vibrex Spinners # 1, 3, 4 & 5’s
- Pixie Spoons 3/8 – 5/8 oz.
- Dare Devil Spoons 3/8 – 5/8 oz.
- Black Crappie jigs 1/8 – 1/8 oz.

Tipping recommendations:

Tipping is optional at Rainbow Bay, the staff pools all the tips received and divides them between the staff. The average tip left by our guest in past is around \$500/angler/week. You may leave your gratuity with any of the lodge management; it will be greatly appreciated by the staff at the lodge.