



Dear Angler,

Your "Angler's Paradise" sportfishing trip begins when you board our Katmai Air Navajo Chieftain in Anchorage. *Your check-in time is **one hour** prior to your departure time (this time is noted in your itinerary).* All flights depart from the Katmailand, Inc. main office (see enclosed map) located next to Lake Hood, near the Anchorage International Airport. The local office phone number is 243-5448. *Please note that the plane you will travel on does not have a restroom on board so you may want to rethink that extra cup of coffee!*

Upon arrival at Kulik, you'll be taken to the main lodge to receive your Alaska fishing license and a brief orientation. As you settle into your cabin a Kulik guide will stop by to answer questions about fishing options, flies and gear. They will outfit you with waders and fishing gear if needed. You will fish the Kulik River on the day of arrival. The Kulik guide staff will provide fishing equipment, instruction, boat service and techniques for releasing fish unharmed. During the full days of your stay float planes will provide fly out fishing for those who have chosen the fly out option, allowing you a chance to experience the wide variety of fishing challenges offered in the Katmai area. Lunches will be provided by your guide, and after a full day of fishing you will return to the lodge in time for a hot shower and complimentary cocktails before dinner.

The long summer evenings allow for more guided fishing, fly tying, bear viewing, hiking, casting instruction or just relaxing around our giant stone fireplace. While still in the developmental stage, our pitch-and-putt tundra golf is very popular (please don't bring clubs, we have some). Don't forget to bring your swim suit for our great hot tub and sauna.

The wildlife and scenery of Katmai are spectacular. Along with many species of sport fish, you will see a wide variety of water fowl and other bird life. Alaskan brown bears, bald eagles and parka squirrels are Kulik regulars. Caribou, moose, Canadian lynx, beaver, and mink are occasionally sighted. Forests of spruce, birch, cottonwood, aspen and willow are interspersed with large areas of colorful tundra. The area is mountainous with hundreds of lakes and rivers.

Alaska's native fish grow and mature slowly due to the short growing season and cold water temperatures. Kulik guests are asked to immediately release all of the fresh water species. Since millions of salmon are commercially harvested in the area, a limited catch of these species may be taken home if you book a guided fishing fly out.

We're looking forward to seeing you this summer

The Kulik Lodge Staff

# Packing List - Kulik Lodge

**\* Please separate the following essential fishing items in the case some of your gear is required to arrive on a later flight than your departure flight to the lodge.**

- Hat
- High Quality Raincoat
- Warm, long underwear
- Rods, reels, and other equipment
- Warm Socks
- Warm Outer Layers
- Fingerless gloves
- Wading boots (*please no felt or cleats*)
- Waders

The baggage weight allowance is limited to 50 pounds per person. Your clothing and gear should fit into two small soft-sided bags and a rod case. Baggage in excess of what is described above may have to be flown to Kulik on a later flight, space available. Storage is available at the Katmailand office in Anchorage for items not needed at the lodge. Phone cards may be purchased at the lodge for use of the satellite telephone. The lodge and guest cabins have wireless internet access and a computer is available at the lodge for internet use by guests that don't have any other means to access the internet.

The atmosphere at the lodge is casual. Comfortable, medium weight sport clothes are the norm. While fishing or hiking we recommend that you dress in layers to regulate your body temperature with the whims of the weather. Expect temperatures in July and August to average 55-60 F. with fluctuations varying from 40-75 F. June, September and October can be much cooler and wind chill can drop temperatures up to 30 degrees. Extra warm clothes are recommended for these months.

## ***You Should Bring:***

High quality rain wear, warm sweater or jacket, short and long sleeved shirts, wool or fleece underwear (for use under waders), good walking shoes or boots, a warm hat, warm socks, fingerless gloves, and personal items and toiletries. You will want a swimsuit for our hot tub and sauna.

***Sage Fly rods, Ross reels, Simms waders from childrens sizes up to mens size XXL and Simms wading boots up to size 16 are available at the lodge for you to use, but if you would like to bring your own gear, this is what we suggest:*** We recommend a 7 weight fly rod for most fishing situations. You should have a reel with a floating line and an extra spool with a weight forward sink tip line. Each spool should have about 100 yards of backing. Other items include tippet material (4 to 12 pound test), fishing vest or pack, forceps, polarized glasses, line nippers, waders and wading boots. The lodge has quality waders and boots if you prefer to use ours (up to size 16 boots). **Felt soled wading boots are not legal for use in Alaska and wading boots with cleats are not allowed at Kulik Lodge.** While we don't have big problems with bugs, a quality repellent could come in handy, especially for hiking. A camera or video will "capture" your trip for a lifetime.

Much of the fishing in Katmai is done with wet flies on both floating and sink-tip lines. During June and July the fish are feeding on the out migration of salmon fry and smolt. Bait fish imitations are excellent. Some dry fly and nymphing opportunities might develop so have a selection of dry flies and nymphs. August and September find the trout feeding on salmon eggs and flesh so naturally those imitations are very productive. Large bright streamers work on most of the salmon. Some of the more productive fly patterns are: Sculpins, Maribou Muddlers, Woolly Buggers, Bunny Leeches, Electric Leeches, various Matuka and Zonker patterns, and Egg-sucking Leeches (invented at Kulik) in various colors such as black, white, ginger, purple, olive and brown (size #6 is a good all-around size); small, sparsely tied fry imitations (size #10); salmon egg imitations (plastic beads, 6 and 8 mm) and flesh flies; dry fly patterns including Adams and Elk Hair Caddis in light and dark colors (sizes #12-#18); various nymph patterns in light and dark colors (sizes #12-#18); large bright salmon flies like Clousers, Street Walkers, Sockeye Johns and Green Marvels (sizes #2-#6).

## ***Do Not Bring:***

Sleeping bag, towels, landing nets, creels, or any type of firearm or ammunition. If you do bring bear mace, be sure to inform your pilot, it may not be packed inside the planes. ***WE DO NOT RECOMMEND BRINGING BEAR MACE.***

## ***Available at the Lodge Store:***

All the right flies and lures, miscellaneous fishing gear, insect repellent, various souvenir clothing, Katmai memorabilia and miscellaneous personal items.



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Our office is on Lake Hood and is a large **red** building (aircraft hangar) with white trim.

