

INFORMATIONAL LETTER DATED (10/04/23 revised for 2024 season)

Hello Future KODIAK FISHING FOR FRIENDS friends. The "let's make great family memories" adventure. Getting you up to date information is important to us, so where we go.

1. In preparation for your trip, please visit and ask to "JOIN" our Facebook group "Kodiak Fishing for Friends". We are continually updating information, adding videos, and informing you of any changes. It's important that you or a member of your group join this page. **This is where we want you to ask questions about your trip.** Why? Because others can help answer, AND others may have the same questions as you. Here is the link. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/349437392670970/>
2. Be sure to visit our website, www.kodiakfishingforfriends.com. Most of the information can be found there. Enjoy watching a few videos under the PAST GROUPS menu item. Other great pictures and educational material.
3. Pricing: There are 3 packages available. See website for what more it entails.
 - a. Kodiak Baby \$3000
 - b. Kodiak Mama \$3500
 - c. Kodiak Papa \$4100
 - d. \$300 discount for Veterans, School Teachers, and first responders
 - e. A \$1000 deposit is required to hold your trip for 2024. Balance is due June 1st 2024. Deposit is refundable by June 1st. If you need flexibility, please contact us.
 - f. An additional \$50 fee is required if we fish on the Afognak Native Corporation land on the Litnik River. The Discoverer Bay and Laura Lake Cabins do not require the additional \$50.
 - g. Trip cost does NOT include: 1- Licenses. 2- Food, many groups combine and shop and cook together 3- Baby bear package does not include the Halibut trip. 4- Special fly outs 5- Souvenirs 6- Fishing Gear and tackle 7- Tips (guide, ocean charter, etc) 8- Fish Processing (see below) 9- Shipping fish home (see below)
4. **We are now offering\ summer trips to Kenai River for the SOCKEYE run and Nushagak River (also kings as well as sockeyes on this river).** Great for school teachers and kids still in School. Inquire separately for these trips. Call 801-420-0595

for times but typically will schedule end of July and into August for Sockeye on the Cook Inlet rivers.

5. "Accident Waiver" form. This is found on the website and is due with your deposit. 6. Kodiak, Alaska is known for its big Silver Salmon. Having fished other parts of Alaska I can say, they average 25% bigger on Kodiak. They're hard fighting sons of guns and a hoot to bring them in. Called the Emerald Island, Kodiak is known for its beauty and amazing landscapes. It's also known for its genuine camaraderie, local cuisine, sightseeing, and the outstanding fishing experience. Weather is similar to our fall weather on a Utah October day. I've worn a rain jacket with layers underneath or have stripped to a t-shirt. **Layers are best with a GOOD quality rain jacket.** Expect weather in the 50's to lower 80's (and it is unusual if it gets that warm). If it's a little chilly in the morning, throw on an extra shirt.
7. We have a limited supply of extra waders and fishing gear. Mainly for back up and broken equipment. You can also buy what you need at Rays, or Walmart in Kodiak.
8. WHEN: Silver Salmon run on Kodiak generally end of August, peaking mid-end of September and slowing down mid October.
9. WHO: Anyone with a GREAT attitude and who will contribute to the fun. We have family, individuals, and parent/child teams.
10. ACCOMMODATIONS: We stay in rental homes. They have a washer and a dryer and will sleep 6-8.
11. KODIAK: It's a small town named after the island of Kodiak. It has about 7,000 people and it reminds me of a 1960's or 1970's small town community. The look and feel is very quaint with beautiful St. Paul's Harbor next to the main road.
12. There is a Walmart, Safeway, tiny Costco, several restaurants (we have our favorites), and the most popular sporting goods store called "RAYS". They have everything from tackle, waders, gear, flies, and most anything else you may have forgotten. It reminds me of a mini Cabelas.
13. FISHING RIVERS: We fish the road system which in total length of road from Pasagshak to Monoshka Bay about 65 or so miles. But, the main fishing rivers we like on this road system are within 30 minutes—many even closer. Our favorites being the Buskin River, and the Monoshka River. In reality, our favorites are which rivers are running heavily with salmon that week. That being said, every year the secondary rivers can surprise us like

- a. Salonie Creek, Pillar Creek, American River and many others. It's a fun challenge to see which rivers are producing best that year.
 - b. We have been developing Discoverer Bay and Laura Lake as wonderful fisheries.
 - c. Salmon Limits are generous here, 5 per day. Our goal is to help you get a total of 10 each over 2 - 3 days.
14. BEARS: Yes, there is high probability of seeing Kodiak Grizzly Bears and lots of other wildlife. They are respectful of fishermen if fishermen are respectful of them. It's best to be prepared with bear spray or a firearm that is suitable—although most don't carry a weapon. I can't make that decision for you, it's a personal choice. I have never used a weapon on a bear, nor do I want to and most encounters can be avoided. But again, you have to make that decision for yourself. There are no black bears or moose on this island, but there are blacktail deer
15. HALIBUT: The Mama, and Papa bear includes this awesome trip. We use very experienced local charters to provide this service. You can take up to 6 - 8 people. Tipping is common practice. A typical amount is \$75 per person, or if they did a great job for you, then tip more. We have tipped as much as \$100. The captain and the deck hands split this. This is combo trip which includes trolling for **King and Silver salmon, and jigging for rock fish, pacific cod, ling cod, and of course Halibut!**
16. FLIGHT: If you were to book your own flight from SLC to Kodiak, it's around \$900 - \$1100 typically. This option is there for you in which case your trip would be discounted \$500. Typically this pricing is for Western half of the United States. We try to book all flights early, by November or December. Booking early gives us the best options for shorter flights using airmiles.
17. WHAT TO BRING - SEE PACKING LIST (found on website)
18. BRINGING FISH HOME: We have companies on Kodiak that will process your fish for around \$3.50 per lb. (outgoing weight) and they vacuum pack, freeze, box, and have it ready to go by the end of the week. Plan on paying \$100-\$200 for fish processing. Goal is to bring home 40 -50 lbs of salmon. If you go Halibut fishing, you can expect to bring home more catching other species. This is why some folks pack all their gear in one bag and in carry-ons. You will probably bring back 2 boxes of fish and will get charged \$30-50 per box on Alaskan Airline. A 3rd box is \$100. It's still cheaper than Fedex or UPS. (Hint, for those who get Alaska airline credit cards, they give you a break in price for checked bags or boxes of fish. I don't dare say how much because it may change).

19. VIDEO: At the end of your trip, send me all of your videos and pictures and we will do a fun YouTube video for memories sake. It's always a kick to share with friends and families. I will set up a google drive for each group to send your pics to me.
20. RESEARCH: I highly encourage and recommend doing some of your own research on Kodiak for things to do and see, and watch YouTube videos on ways to fish. Watch YouTube videos on the history of the Salmon Run. Very, very fascinating and you will appreciate fishing them more. It's a MAGICAL place!
21. You may cancel on or before June 1st of your travel year. This allows us time fill your spot with a replacement. Your deposit will be refunded if canceled on, or before June 1st. Although we want you to use facebook to ask questions, we still provide other avenues. Starting in January we begin Google meet conference calls. We will do this in January, March, May, and July.
22. KODIAK PREP DAY 2024 will be AUGUST 10th, at 8:00 a.m. Breakfast will be provided. Plan for 2 hours. We go over pretty much everything and we ask you to bring your gear for us to go through with you to ensure you're ready to go!
23. **Though we prefer you use our facebook group page to ask questions**, it doesn't mean that Randy, or I, or others mind personal calls, but we do want you to do research on your own with the information we have worked hard to provide.
24. As mentioned earlier, one of the joys is making each group a memory adventure video. And those who have been with me know I am anal about how to take great videos and pics :)
 - a. On videos or pictures that you submit for your group, please **NO vertical pictures and video. They should be taken horizontally with your phone camera.** The aspect is much better used when you hold it horizontal. I prefer pictures with YOU in them, although landscape photos are beautiful, I like to include faces in all pictures and videos.
 - b. A google drive will be set up for you to download these pics. If you have an Iphone, we can AIRDROP your pics before you leave.
 - c. We strongly encourage