

Striving to be recognized as the best fishing lodge in Alaska and...
as always... Closest to the Fish!



**TO FISH... OR NOT TO FISH?
THAT **IS/WAS** THE QUESTION!**



Seems like just yesterday I was writing. "Prince Hamlet, as written by William Shakespeare, was haunted by his father's ghost ... Hamlet was confused and he dithered... everyone dies".

I have made my decision... I choose to Fish!

That is the condensed version of my story. Many of you might like the shortened version better.

Questions generated by my "To Fish... or Not to Fish" newsletter, answered.

Thank you for your responses to my last Highliner Lodge newsletter. Most were positive. Politifact contradicted me, Anderson Cooper ran a hit piece on the Highliner Lodge and tried to shame me, and I was "social distanced" by nine of my readers who unsubscribed! (Anderson's just pissed cuz he didn't catch a hundred pounder when he was here last summer)

Some of my readers emailed me some questions. I sorted out all the hostile, biased, unfair and petty questions... but still had a few that I felt compelled to answer.

QUESTION #1

["My understanding as of right now is anyone who comes into Alaska is required to self quarantine for 14 days."](#)

The short answer is no. You can fly to Juneau, transfer to Alaska Seaplanes and fly to Pelican and go to the Highliner Lodge and go fishing the next three to 6 days and then fly home, just as our guests have always done. You might have to tell them that you are a "fisherperson" because fishing is considered an essential business in Alaska!

However, there currently is a short form that Pelican asks visitors to fill out before they arrive in town and a city representative will meet the plane to "check your papers". It won't be too onerous. We will then whisk you away to the lodge and keep you from fraternizing with the locals!

The Highliner Lodge will have its own social distancing protocols that we will gently impose on our guests as we conform to our Covid-19 Protection Plan which we will have filed with the state of Alaska and copied the City of Pelican. We will have some dozens of regulations and guidelines for sanitation for the lodge and the boats.



Pelican is very remote, sometimes we have to make do with what we have.

Phase 1 of the Reopen Alaska Responsibly Plan

On April 22 Governor Dunleavy announced Health Mandate 016 which outlines Phase 1 of his Reopen Alaska Responsibly Plan. Phase 1 of the Reopen Alaska Responsibly Plan, seeks to balance the ongoing need to maintain diligent efforts to slow and disrupt the rate of infection with the corresponding critical need to resume economic activity in a reasonable and safe manner.

The state of Alaska will reevaluate these Mandate by May 20, 2020.

**For more detailed information:
The State of Alaska's 17th Public Health Mandate**

"If the state closes the businesses for the time of my trip, will I get a full refund?"

In the highly unlikely event that the state closes fishing lodges due to Coronavirus and we are unable to operate you will get 100% credit toward a future trip. If you cancel for your own reasons then you will get a credit as per our cancellations policy.

"Availability of Air Travel: There no doubt are less flights so (I'm) not sure how late bookings will work."

As the economy starts to open there will be more flights. Currently airlines are cancelling flights and consolidating their flights because almost no one is traveling. Airlines will go bankrupt carrying only 4 - 6 passengers on a 747 a thousand times a day. Alaska Airlines has been very accommodating regarding cancelling or changing flights. As the economy opens up more flights will be available.

"The only thing that I haven't decided yet are the steps I'm going to take on my travel through airports and on the planes to Pelican. Your guests might appreciate some advice."

I am planning on traveling to Pelican on May 15. I will wear a N95, or homemade, face mask (Jill made some for us) while at the airport and on the plane. I will carry disinfectant wipes. Observe all social distancing and hygienic protocols.

EDITORIAL



**TRIGGER
WARNING**

The opinions you are about to read may be contrary to your own opinions. These opinions may include potentially distressing material. It may be upsetting if these opinions are taken too seriously. Common side

effects: High blood pressure, hyperventilating, confusion, denial, rage and temporary loss of sense of humor! The views and opinions expressed in this article are strictly those of the author and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Highliner Lodge, its staff, its lawyer, its social influencer, Steve's wife or psychotherapist... or his accountant. Please do not consume more than one Highliner Lodge newsletter in any 24 hour period. Recycle after reading.

I understand everyone's concerns. Coronavirus is real. However, the threat is small to most of us. With proper precautions, the threat is very small to most of us. As this outbreak runs its course there will be more infections. The precautions I am taking are for those who I come into contact with as much as myself. "To Fish... or Not to Fish?" is a decision that each of us will have to make based on our own health, the conditions at the time, and place, when we are to travel, as well as our tolerance for risk.

I am not minimizing any death, for any reason, at any time.

If we had a running daily tally of death by auto accident, or drug overdose, suicide, or even influenza, broadcast on all news outlets daily... I think we would all alter our lives and/or politics dramatically... for a time. We have internalized and accepted those statistics.

For example, we could have saved 36,000 lives over a 5 year period if we had kept the speed limit at 55mph after the end of the Arab Oil Embargo in the seventies.

How fast do you drive on the freeway?

Steve Daniels

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Complaint Department



So ye don't like's the regulations does ye?

2020 CHARTER FISHING REGULATIONS

SALMON

- From January 1 through June 30, the annual limit is three king salmon 28 inches or greater in length.
- From July 1 through December 31, the annual limit is one king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length, and any king salmon harvested from January 1 through June 30 will apply toward the one fish annual limit;

HALIBUT

- Area 2C (Southeastern Alaska): One halibut daily bag limit, reverse slot limit: Less than or equal to 40 inches, or greater than or equal to 80 inches. **However, we have licenses to fish both areas and our guests have the choice to keep two halibut a day of any size in either area using our Guided Angler Fish (GAF)!**
- Area 3A (South Central Alaska): 2 halibut daily bag limit with one fish of any size and the second fish if retained must be less than or equal to 26 inches. Annual limit of 4 halibut per charter angler, Tuesdays and Wednesdays closed to halibut retention (except GAF). Annual limit does not apply to GAF

BLACK ROCKFISH (a Pelagic Rockfish):

- 5 per day

SABLEFISH (Aka Black Cod)

- Nonresidents: 4 per day, 4 in possession - no size limit. 8 fish annual limit.

YELLOWEYE and all other Non-Pelagic Rockfish

- 1 per day, 1 in possession; annual limit of 1 yelloweye

Retention of non-pelagic rockfish is prohibited in all Southeast Alaska Outside Waters from July 25 through August 31, 2019.

LINGCOD

- 1 per day, 1 in possession; 30-35 inches or 55 inches and longer, annual limit of 2 fish, one of which is 30-35 inches in length, and one that is 55 inches or greater in length

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Sermon on the Seamount



Is this a face that you can trust?

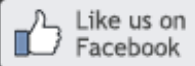
**...of all the liars among mankind, the fisherman is the most trustworthy.
~William Sherwood Fox**

*THIS IS WHERE I'M SUPPOSED TO SAY SOMETHING POSITIVE AND
UPBEAT...*

***We have several openings in July and August
that are currently still available!***

Call toll free (877) 386-0397 or email our operations manager Dylan at dylan@highlinerlodge.com for details or click the "BOOK NOW!" link

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