

Alaska 2011 Trip Information



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Hotels and Important Phone Numbers

We recommend getting your motel reservations as soon as possible. The motels get booked up in the summer. Here are some suggestions: **The Marriot Courtyard Hotel**, their toll free number is **800-314-0782 or (907) 245-0322**. Most of these hotels offer free shuttle service to and from the airport, and have storage for your suitcases while you are on the river. We meet you at the Courtyard for our pre trip meeting in the lobby at approximately 5 pm the day before the trip. After you get to your room, **give Ouzel a call, (local 783-2216)** so we can make arrangements to meet you and the rest of the group. We give you your water-proof gear bag, plane tickets and go over details of the trip.

When you make your motel reservations, be sure to ask them about your arrival time and their 6 p.m. hold policy. They like you to pay for the room before you come. This is common practice in Alaska in the summer time.

If the Courtyard is full try one of these hotels.

Anchorage Hotels	Summer Rates	Reservations
The Millennium Hotel	<i>\$200-\$310</i>	907-243-2300
The Captain Cook	<i>\$250-\$1,500</i>	907-276-6000
Sheraton Anchorage Hotel	<i>\$220-240</i>	907-276-8700
Hilton Garden Inn	<i>\$209-\$339</i>	800-445-8667
Coast International Inn	<i>\$185-\$219</i>	800-716-6199

We highly advise [Travel Insurance](#). This includes medical insurance, trip cancellation insurance and emergency medical transportation in case of a medical emergency. The best way is to sign up with us at the time you book your trip. This is because the coverage is more extensive if you purchase your insurance within 7 days of your initial deposit. An application is enclosed for you to examine. If you would like trip insurance give then a call 1-800-826-1300. Or, you can purchase your trip insurance through a link on our website.

Alaska fishing licenses are available in Anchorage. The Williams Express right next to the Barratt Best Western sells them. If you are fishing for King Salmon in Alaskan waters in June or July you’ll need a King Stamp.

Order Your Alaska Fishing License online at
<http://www.admin.adfg.state.ak.us/license/>

Thanks for joining us for our 34th summer in business in Alaska! If we may be of further help, don't hesitate to write or call.

Ouzel's General Information for all our Fishers

Bears: We see bears. Our guides carry guns. Bears normally run quickly and are hard to get good pictures of. Make plenty of noise while on the river. Do not bring bear mace.

Bugs: OFF has a new kind of insect repellent out with both Deet and Skin So Soft in it. Deet - the main ingredient in most insect repellents works well against mosquitoes but does not work that well against black gnats and no-seeums. Skin so Soft works well against black gnats and no-seeums. It's an Avon product.

Shoo Bug jackets are handy. You don't have to spray the insect repellent on yourself; just put it on your shirt and hat. Aerosol insect repellent is nice, that way you don't have to get it on your hands. It's pretty hard on fishing line and plastic.

Credit cards: We accept MasterCard or Visa. We must include an additional 3.5% for service fees.

Tackle boxes: People have been using small plastic boxes for their fishing tackle more over the years. Some use vests to put their lures in. With them, your things are portable and your hands are free. Plus you don't leave these things on a beach somewhere when the rafts go down river. Please avoid large cumbersome tackle boxes.

Gratuities: Normally they range from 6 to 12% of your trips price.

Nets: A nice small soft net for releasing Char, Rainbows and Grayling is very nice too. Make sure its deep enough to fit a big size bow in it.

Plastic bags: Pack a few zip lock and garbage bags. Put your dirty or wet clothes in them. They're nice for wading boots and waders too. A zip lock can become a waterproof camera bag.

Polarized sunglasses: are a must, the lighter are better for overcast days. A spare pair is recommended.

Tents, Sleeping Bags and Gear Stowage: Ouzel Expeditions Provides North Face, REI and Cabelas Tents. The Tents are light, highly wind and water-resistant. We **do not** provide sleeping bags or pillows. We do provide you with a thermarest air mattresses and waterproof gear storage bags that are the best in the business.

Tools: Don't forget all your pet tools. Needle nose vice grips in the large size with a holster are nice. LED Headlamps are easier to use than flashlights. (Light Emitting Diodes) They really conserve batteries.

Transportation to the bush villages: Ouzel Expeditions books your flight for you to King Salmon, Bethel, Dillingham or Aniak from Anchorage, round trip. Flight costs are additional and cost about \$379 - \$486 depending on the trip per person. You pay us directly by check. You can put your flight on your credit card MasterCard or Visa with Ouzel. Our fee is 3.5% Flight costs may vary but this is the latest.

Water Filters: We highly recommend you bring a personal water filter or squeeze bottle water filter. You can just dip it into the river and drink it. The inexpensive personal charcoal water filters are all you need. Or, you can bring a water bottle and fill it from our large water filter.

Waterproof Bags: These days lots of people want to have their own waterproof bag ahead of time so they can pack in it before they arrive in Anchorage. If you want the best, call Jack's Plastic Welding in Aztek New Mexico[1] 800-742-1904. Ask for the Large Round Bottom Outfitter Bag 4.5 cu. ft. 18" dia X 31" tall (when rolled down to the maximum volume) It costs approximately \$103. Otherwise we loan them to you in Anchorage the day before the trip.

Weather: The weather in Alaska is temperate and coastal. It gets a lot of snow in winter and spring runoff can be high and muddy in June depending on the river. It's weather is very nice in July with 24 hour daylight. August temperatures can be from the 50's to the high 70's, cool nights, warm days. September is cooler days in the 50's and frost most nights.

Clothing

Outer Layer: Waders:! Breathable waders are the only way to go. Simms waders are the best there are. There are many other brands that work very well. These new breathable waders are waterproof, yet allow moisture vapor to escape, even while under water, keeping you cool and dry even in hot weather. Breathable waders work very well all times of the year. They're extremely tough, very light and easy to pack. Your waders serve to resist or block the elements -- such as wind, rain, or snow -- so that you remain warm and dry. Breathable waders allow perspiration to escape right through the material. Get them a little big so you can put on extra clothes if it's cold. Neoprene waders are a thing of the past. The climate Alaska can be wet and rainy. Be prepared for the worst and you will be comfortable.

Under Your Waders: The right mix of layers can prevent overheating and dehydration or, conversely, chilled muscles and even hypothermia. The key to staying comfortable is a well-regulated body temperature. Layers of clothing can be added or taken off. Don't wear cotton. Once cotton is wet it draws heat from your body and is hard to dry. Whether you call it fleece, polypropylene, capilene, or polartec, this is the right stuff. **Tip: Bring thin polypropylene long underwear and thicker fleece pants.**

Base Layer: A thin polypropylene underwear base layer helps to regulate your body's microclimate by wicking moisture away from your skin so that it can evaporate or be passed through the outer layers.

Second Layer: The fleece pants can be the second layer in a continuation of the base layer in managing moisture, they provide more thermal insulation. You can just wear the fleece pants if it's not that cold. For colder weather **Ouzel recommends: Patagonia, R1 Fleece Bottoms.**

Rain Jacket: Gortex or Breathable raincoats are the way to go. Several are made just for fishing. These are shorter. Others are longer and are more multipurpose. Both work just fine. This is the only coat you need on the trip.

Under your Rain Jacket: You need several fleece or polypropylene shirts. You just vary which and how many layers to put on to be the right temperature. **Ouzel recommends: Patagonia Fleece Jackets**

You need a fleece jacket. There are a whole lot of these available from a multitude of manufacturers. Ouzel recommends: **Patagonia R3 Radiant Jacket, R2 Jacket**.

Some fleece jackets have a windproof barrier in them that makes them warmer. You don't have to have this windproof barrier in your fleece jacket. They stop the wind but not the rain. **Ouzel recommends: Patagonia, Windstopper fleece R4 Jacket. Cabela's WindShear Performance fleece.**

Socks: Wool is still the best type of sock inside wading shoes. **Ouzel recommends: Patagonia MW Hiking socks** This brand has elastic and wool mixed and don't bunch up. 100% Wool sox are good too. Wool poly blend sox are just fine.

Wading Shoes: Felt Soled wading shoes are the only way to go. They help you walk on moss-covered rocks. Don't bring studded wading shoes. Our rafts are made of rubber and they are not good on our floors. **Ouzel recommends: Simms wading shoes.**

Packing your River Clothing: Here's an idea you might try, put all your river clothes in a zippered *bag approximately 2-1/2 ft x 16"*. This way it can drop right into the waterproof bag that will already contain your sleeping bag and thermarest pad. We loan you a large waterproof bag and a small "day bag" in Anchorage before the trip. (Or, you can bring your own waterproof bags.)

Things like wading shoes, waders, and fishing tackle do not need to go in the waterproof bag. You can put them in a duffel bag. This way you can check your waterproof bag and the duffel bag with the Airline. Carry on cameras or whatever. Don't put fish hooks in your carry on luggage.

Spin Fishing Information from Ouzel Expeditions, Inc.

Alaskan fishing consists of everything from small Arctic Grayling to very large King Salmon. You should bring 2 spinning rods, a small one for smaller fish and a larger one for Salmon.

You can tell a lot about a rod by what it says right on it. Manufacturers often print information about length, recommended line strengths and weights of lures right on the side of a rod. These 3 facts and a little information about the fish you're after and you're in business. As a rule most rods can throw heavier lures than the manufacturers say. But, don't put heavier line on a rod than the manufacturer recommends. This may cause it to break. Maybe not on your first fish, usually a little later, after you're feeling quite proud of yourself and are bullying a heavier fish. The rule is here, the line won't break, the rod will.

King Salmon: I prefer a Lamiglas Kenai King. It's an 8 1/2 feet long graphite rod. The Lamiglas Kenai Special is just about right for Silvers.

Rainbows and smaller fish I prefer a smaller rod of about 7' 6", with 12 lb. test line on it. A rod this size catch small kings.

You need to know the best weight line to use for the fish you're after. Use these figures to help you decide which rod to bring along or purchase.

Kings – Ranges from 16 to 35 lb test. 20 or 25 lb. test is best. Normally 20 lb test line.

Silver, Sockeye, Chum, large Char, and Lake Trout - 12 to 16 lb.

Trout, Pink Salmon, Grayling and Char - 10 to 14 lb. test. I use 10 to 12 lb. test, usually 12.

Here are 2 general rules that will help you land and safely release more fish:

1. Heavier line is harder to break. With it you can play fish faster and let them go sooner.
2. A stiffer rod will help you bully a tougher fish. A heavier rod will always do the job where a lighter rod might just wimp out and not give you the bounce action you need.

Spinners: I generally like larger heavier lures like #5 and #6 for Kings. They cast very well, go deep and pull as they travel through the water. That telegraphs what's going on down there back to you. You can easily tell when you're on the bottom or have a bite. They work well for other salmon and most all fish. I prefer lures that come with a single hook. Buy the single hook versions, this will save you a lot of time clipping off the treble hook and installing a single hook with a split-ring. **All the rivers we float require single hook lures and are catch and release on Rainbow Trout.**

These single hook lures can be ordered direct from Mepps or Cabelas #3, #4 and #5 work well for Silver and Chum Salmon. Sizes #3 and #4 work well for the smaller fish.

Mepps makes excellent lures and you can order their free color catalog by calling 1-800-713-3474 or signs up [here online](#). We have had the pleasure of taking Mike Sheldon the owner of Mepps on the river many times over the years. Mepps red and white bladed medium sized lures are always in my tackle box. Last year I think the best Mepps lure was the [#3 Aglia long](#). It caught just about everything.

Bring lots and lots of split shot in sizes #4 and smaller. The pinch on pinch off type is great. Swivels should be much stronger than the line weight you are fishing with to eliminate their failure.

We have had excellent results with Trilene XT and Ande lines. XT stands for Extra Tough. Don't use XL lines. XL stands for Extra Limp, these lines cast further, but if nicked, snap easier. Your line will be constantly bouncing on the bottom of the river, getting many abrasions. Many line manufactures use this same designation. Be sure to use extra tough lines not limp lines.

We suggest you get your fishing tackle ahead of time. If you prefer to wait till you get to Anchorage, spinning tackle is available in the stores here.

Suggested Rods, Reels and Lures for Spin Fishing Alaska

Rod: Lamiglas Kenai King

[For King Salmon](#)

Reel: Shimano Spinning Reel, Sea Spin 4500, or Shimano 500S for Silvers performs well on Kings. They have the same drag.

Line: Trilene XT 20 or 25 lb. test plus a spare 275 yard spool

___ Snap Swivels size 7 to 5 (enough for each lure you have)

5 Mepps Giant Killer

10 Mepps Spinners size #3, #4 for Rainbow, Grayling and Char, with the red and white blade

6 Mepps size [#3 Aglia long](#) with the orange blade

6 [Mepps Syclops size #3](#) Orange, Blue, Red

___ Mustad Nickel Single Siwash Hooks #92553 size 1/0 for changing treble hooks on King lures (enough for each King lure that has a treble hook on it)

___ Split - rings enough to reattach single hooks to each King lure that came with a treble hook

___ [Split Shot](#). **Bring Lots and Lots. Various Sizes #4 and smaller**

Rod: Lamiglas Kenai Special

[For Other Salmon and Steelhead](#)

Reel: Shimano Spinning Reel 500S

Line: Trilene XT 12 to 16 lb. test plus a spare 275 yard spool

___ Snap Swivels size 7 (enough for each lure you have)

16 Mepps size #3, #4, and #5 silver blade, red blade, red / white blade, mix'em up

6 Mepps size [3 Aglia long](#) with the red blade

6 [Flying C 5/8](#) oz Orange

6 [Flying C 7/8](#) oz Orange

___ Split Rings Removable, for putting single hooks on lures that have treble hooks

___ Mustad Nickel Single Siwash Hooks #92553 size 1/0 for changing treble hooks on Salmon lures (enough for each Salmon lure that has a treble hook on it)

___ [Split Shot](#). **Bring Lots and Lots. Various Sizes #4 and smaller**

Rod: Lamiglas Alaska All Arounder

[Rainbow, Grayling & Char](#)

Reel: Shimano Spinning Reel 300Q, or other smaller trout reel.

Line: Trilene XT 12 to 16 lb. test plus a spare 275 yard spool

___ Snap Swivels size 7 (enough for each lure you have)

15 Mepps size #3, #4, and #5 Aglias and XD's, Various colors

5 1/18 oz. Mepps Aglia Ultra Lite. With a black/orange wooly worm and some with a white wooly worm.

6 Mepps size #3 Aglia long with the red blade and orange blade.

___ Mustad Nickel Single Siwash Hooks #92553 size 1/0 for changing treble hooks on Salmon lures (enough for each Salmon lure that has a treble hook on it)

___ Split - rings enough to reattach each single hook to each salmon lure. Or you can trim 2 of the three treble hooks and you don't need to buy the extra hooks and split rings.

___ [Split Shot](#). **Bring Lots and Lots. Various Sizes #4 and smaller**

Ouzel's Alaska Check List

Camping

- ___ Sleeping Bag
- ___ Pillow

Clothing

- ___ Long underwear, 1 pair (bottoms)
- ___ Fleece underwear shirt (tops)
- ___ Breathable or Gortex rain coat
- ___ Wading Shoes
- ___ Gravel Guards
- ___ Waders, breathable or chest waders
- ___ Wool or Smartwool socks, 3-5 pair
- ___ Lightweight socks
- ___ Wool or fleece hat
- ___ Wool or fleece gloves
- ___ Baseball cap or hat with brim
- ___ Fleece pants, 1 pair
- ___ Jeans or other pants, 1 pair
- ___ 1 Fleece jacket or wool sweater
- ___ 2 T-shirts
- ___ Shorts (late June - mid September)
- ___ 1 long sleeved or turtleneck shirt
- ___ Swimming suit
- ___ Camp shoes (running shoes, sandals or light hiking boots)

Fishing

- ___ Rods
- ___ Boxes with lures
- ___ Reels
- ___ Extra lines
- ___ Wading belt
- ___ Knot tool
- ___ Hook file or Stone
- ___ Tape Measure
- ___ Split Shot
- ___ Needlenose Vice Grips or pliers
- ___ Hemostats
- ___ Reel lubricant
- ___ Fishing vest or travel bag
- ___ Clippers or scissors
- ___ Check Spinning tackle list

Other suggestions

- ___ Medications (prescriptions) Aspirin
- ___ Polarized sunglasses, a must, the lighter the better
- ___ Spare sunglasses
- ___ Insect Repellent
- ___ Sun lotion with sunscreen
- ___ Camera - lots of film or memory cards and batteries
- ___ Notebook & pen
- ___ Personal water purifier
- ___ Personal gear (toothbrush, wet wipes, soap, etc.)
- ___ Personal towel
- ___ Airline tickets
- ___ Zip lock bags
- ___ Plastic garbage bags
- ___ Wallet
- ___ Cash
- ___ Daypack
- ___ Reading glasses
- ___ Headlight with LED lamp
- ___ Sharp knife
- ___ Binoculars
- ___ Head net
- ___ Personal liquor supply
- ___ Neoprene socks
- ___ Ear plugs for plane rides

Other needs:

This is a general list for Alaska. From mid August on you need a few more layers of fleece clothes. The experienced wilderness traveler comes prepared for the worst but doesn't take extra things. Clothing wise; you need what is on this list.

Fly Rods and Fly Lines: We recommend you bring 2 fly rods.

Bring a 5 or 6 for your smaller rod. A 6 is your best choice for your smaller rod. A 5 can't deal with the salmon you will catch as well as a 6 can.

Bring a 7, 8, or 9 for your larger rod. An 8 weight seems to be the most popular choice. A 7 is fine though. Generally you'll fish the whole week with the smaller rod. The larger rod is for sinking lines or salmon should you decide to go after them. You should bring 2 fly lines for this larger rod a floating and a sinking tip line. Bring the second line as a backup line in case you loose yours to an underwater object or a fish.

If you only want to bring 1 fly rod, the best all around choice is an 8 weight, 9 to 9 1/2 feet long. You can catch just about anything on this rod. Kings may or may not break an 8 weight but, it's good for all the other salmon and is still light enough to use for smaller fish. An 8 weight is not good for catching King Salmon.

Size 6, 7, 8 and 9-weight rods work well for Sockeye, Silver and Chum Salmon. These larger rods are over kill for smaller fish. 9 and 10 weight rods work well for Kings. Longer length rods seem to cast sinking tip lines better. A ten foot 10 weight is very good for kings, so is a spey rod for that matter.

Reels should match rods so they are balanced. Single action reels are best for Salmon as multiplier reels make it difficult to bring Salmon in. Reels with anti reverse are very nice for large salmon. They can really stop them in their tracks and won't break your thumb when a King takes a hard run.

Backing: Be sure to use heavier backing on your fly reel than your tippet material. When fishing for Kings use 30 lb. or greater backing. 20 lb. braided dacron backing is fine for all the other fly reels than King Salmon reels.

Fly Lines: Almost all of our fishing is in shallow water using **floating lines**. Bring "weight forward floating" lines for both of your fly rods. This kind of line is usually designated with a "WF" for weight forward or "WFF" for weight forward floating. This line is thicker or larger around at the tip and thinner at the back end which makes it easier to cast. A clean line slips through the guides much easier and casts further too. You can always use a long leader with weighted flies to get down. This works well. You can bring a sinking tip line for this smaller rod but it's not necessary.

Here are Ouzel's suggestions for sinking tip lines. Teeny 200 sink tip fly lines: Use 200 Grains for 7, 8 or 9 wts. Most of the rivers we float are shallow and we don't even use a sinking line on them. Teeny also has a mini tip line with a floating back. It's very heavy and short sink tip and casts far very easily.

Leaders and Tippet: Use tapered leaders for dry flies in lengths of 7 ½ to 10 feet. When fishing for Kings use 25 lb. test. Keep these tippets short, 3 to 4 feet long, tied directly on to the fly line with a nail not. The less knots the better.

Use straight tippet material for streamers, (Rio is very nice) for sinking flies in weights of 14 to 20 lbs test. Straight tippet material is fine for Mice too. They don't exactly roll over anyway. Bring spools of 14, 16, 18 and 20 lb. test. Tippet Material, remember when you hook the big one, you don't want to have the leader break! The fish are not leader shy!

Suggested flies for Alaska. Numbers names then hook sizes.

Please remember that these recommendations are merely that, recommendations. You are by no means required to purchase all of these flies. The suggested flies mentioned here is what we have found to work best for most fishing conditions.

June and July for Kings, Chums, Rainbows, Grayling and Char

24 Egg Sucking Leach 12Purple 2, 4 __ Black 12 White	6 Single Egg Fly 2, 6
6 Madam X 12	6 Babine Special 2, 4
6 Adam's Irresistible 12, 14	6 King Killer 1/0 Comet 6
6 Grizzly Wulff 10	6 Sockeye Orange 6
12 Elk Hair Caddis 10, 12, 14	6 Hot Pink Sparkler 4,
6 Mosquito 12, 14, 16	6 Polar Shrimp 1/0, 2,4 6 Katmai Smolt 4
6 Royal Wolf 10, 12, 14	Coronation 4
6 Humpty 10, 12, 14	Blue Smolt 4
6 Stonefly 2, 4, 6	12 Woolly Bugger 2, 4, __black, __purple, __pink, __olive
6 Adam's 12, 14, 16	6 Fuchsia Bugger 2
4 Mercer's Lemming	6 Flash Fly, Orange 1/0
6 Cork Mouse	10 Beads and 5 hooks
6 Black Gnat 10, 12,	6 Bead Eye Salmon Bugger 4
6 Brown Emerger 14, 16	6 Black Matuka (Black Leech) 2
6 Gold Ribbed Hare's Ear 10 Bitch Creek 8	6 Flesh fly (Bunny Bug) 2, 4
6 Muddler Minnow 4,	8 Krystal Zonker Grizzly 2
2 Chernoblyl Ant 8	8 Cotton Candy 4
6 Alaskabous 1/0 pink & white	
6 Stimulator	

August and September for Silvers, Rainbows, Grayling and Char

24 Egg Sucking Leachs 12 Purple 2, 4 or Black & 12 White	6 Single Egg Fly 2, 6
6 Madam X 12	6 Babine Special 2, 4 King Killer 1/0
6 Adam's Irresistible 12, 14	6 Comet 6
6 Grizzly Wulff 10	Sockeye Orange 6
12 Elk Hair Caddis 10, 12, 14	Hot Pink Sparkler 4,
6 Mosquito 12, 14, 16	6 Polar Shrimp 1/0, 2,4
6 Royal Wolf , 12, 14	6 Katmai Smolt 4
6 Humpty 10, 12, 14	4 Coronation 4
Stonefly 2, 4, 6	4 Blue Smolt 4
Adam's 12, 14, 16	12 Woolly Bugger 2, 4, __black, __purple, __pink, __olive
4 Mercer's Lemming	6 Fuchsia Bugger 2
6 Cork Mouse	6 Flash Fly, Orange 1/0
4 Black Gnat 10, 12,	10 Beads, 5 hooks
6 Brown Emerger 14, 16	6 Bead Eye Salmon Bugger 4
4 Gold Ribbed Hare's Ear 10 Coho (for Sockeye) 2	6 Black Matuka (Black Leech) 2
6 Muddler Minnow 4,	12 Flesh fly (Bunny Bug) 2, 4
2 Chernoblyl Ant 8	8 Krystal Zonker Grizzly2
Alaskabous 1/0 pink & white	8 Cotton Candy 4
6 Stimulator	

All the flies listed here work in Alaska. I've checked some average amounts of popular flies. Amounts you bring will vary if you plan to exclusively fly fish, fish dry flies or fish more for salmon ect. A number of the red & white flies are interchangeable and anything red works once the salmon come in. Smolt patterns, wooly buggers and dry flies are better earlier in the summer.

CATCH AND RELEASE

Increasing numbers of anglers are fishing Alaska. We don't generally see others on our trips. The rivers we're fishing have been staying in excellent shape! This is Ouzel's 26th season taking fishermen fishing in Alaska. Continuation of high quality sport fishing depends upon anglers catching and carefully releasing their fish. Here are some techniques that can help us keep Alaska's remarkable Rainbow Trout fishery vital.

Choosing Your Tackle

- Use strong line to bring your catch in quickly.
- Use hooks appropriate to the size of the fish.
- Use pliers to pinch barbs on hooks down.

Landing Your Catch

- Land your fish as carefully and quickly as possible.
- Avoid removing the fish from the water.
- Do not let fish flop about in shallow water, on the ground, or in the bottom of your boat.
- Use landing nets made with soft or knotless mesh.

Handling Your Catch

- Keep your fish in the water.
- Cradle large fish gently with both hands: one under its belly, one at the tail.
- Keep your fingers out of and away from the gills and eyes.
- Use wet hands or wet cloth gloves to handle the fish.
- Never squeeze the fish.
- Support your fish in the water while your partner takes your picture. Fish can not remain healthy out of water for longer than you can hold your breath.

Removing Your Hook

- Use long nose pliers to back the hook out.
- Remove the hook quickly, keeping the fish underwater.
- When the fish is hooked deeply, cut the line to release the fish.
- Use steel hooks that will rust out, avoid stainless steel hooks.

Reviving Your Catch

- Keep your catch in the water at all times. If you want to take a photograph, have the photographer get ready, then lift the fish barely out of the water and quickly return it to the water.
- Point your catch into a slow current, or gently move it back and forth until its gills are working properly and it maintains its balance. When the fish recovers and attempts to swim away, let it swim from your hands.
- Let the fish bite on your finger after getting the hook out. It will let go when it's ready to.
- Large fish may take more time to revive. Especially the big fish.

From ADF&G

Ouzel's Fly Order Form

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$2.00 Egg Sucking Leach 2, 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Purple
<input type="checkbox"/> Black <input type="checkbox"/> White
<input type="checkbox"/> \$2.00 Madam X 12
<input type="checkbox"/> \$2.00 Adam's Irresistible 12, 14
<input type="checkbox"/> \$2.00 Grizzly Wulff 10
<input type="checkbox"/> \$2.00 Elk Hair Caddis 10, 12, 14
<input type="checkbox"/> \$2.00 Mosquito 12, 14, 16
<input type="checkbox"/> \$2.00 Royal Wolf 10, 12, 14
<input type="checkbox"/> \$2.00 Humpty 10, 12, 14
<input type="checkbox"/> \$2.50 Stonefly 2, 4, 6
<input type="checkbox"/> \$2.00 Stimulator
<input type="checkbox"/> \$2.00 Adam's 12, 14, 16
<input type="checkbox"/> \$5.50 Mercer's Lemming
<input type="checkbox"/> \$5.50 Cork Mouse
<input type="checkbox"/> \$2.00 Black Gnat 10, 12,
<input type="checkbox"/> \$2.00 Brown Emerger 14, 16
<input type="checkbox"/> \$2.00 Gold Ribbed Hare's Ear 10
<input type="checkbox"/> \$2.50 Chernobyl Ant 8 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$1.50 Single Egg Fly 2, 6
<input type="checkbox"/> \$2.50 King Killer 1/0
<input type="checkbox"/> \$2.25 Cotton Candy 4
<input type="checkbox"/> \$2.25 Battle Creek
<input type="checkbox"/> \$2.50 Krystal Zonker Grizzly 2
<input type="checkbox"/> \$2.50 Flesh fly (Bunny Bug) 2, 4
<input type="checkbox"/> \$2.00 Polar Shrimp 1/0, 2, 4
<input type="checkbox"/> \$2.00 Katmai Smolt 4
<input type="checkbox"/> \$2.00 Rainbow Smolt 4
<input type="checkbox"/> \$2.00 Bleeding Prawn 2/0
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue <input type="checkbox"/> Green <input type="checkbox"/> Red <input type="checkbox"/> Pink
<input type="checkbox"/> \$2.00 Woolly Bugger 2, 4,
<input type="checkbox"/> black, <input type="checkbox"/> purple, <input type="checkbox"/> pink, <input type="checkbox"/> olive
<input type="checkbox"/> \$2.00 Fuchsia Bugger 2
<input type="checkbox"/> \$2.00 Flash Fly, Orange 1/0
<input type="checkbox"/> \$2.50 pkg 10 Beads, 5 hooks
<input type="checkbox"/> \$2.50 Muddler Minnow
<input type="checkbox"/> \$3.00 Dali Lama |
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Name _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____

River _____ Dates _____

Order Date _____

Phone Day (_____) _____ - _____ Evening (_____) _____ - _____

(We can pick your flies for you if you like. Most people have us do this.)

- | | | |
|---|-------------------|----------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pick flies for me. | Average number | \$150.00 _____ |
| | More than average | \$200.00 _____ |
| | Less than average | \$100.00 _____ |

Number flies _____ X \$1.50 = _____

_____ X \$2.00 = _____

Please mail your order _____ X \$2.25 = _____
directly to us:

Ouzel Expeditions, Inc. _____ X \$2.50 = _____

PO Box 935

Girdwood, AK 99587 _____ X \$5.50 = _____

Postage + \$5.00

Total \$ _____

PLEASE SEND CHECK AT TIME OF ORDER. PLEASE ORDER FLIES 30 DAYS AHEAD OF YOUR VACATION.

Visitor's Acknowledgement of Risks and Assumption of Risk and Responsibility

WARNING: There are significant elements of risk in any adventure, sport or activity associated with the outdoors or wilderness, including but not limited to camping, climbing/hiking/trekking, fishing, hunting walking or glaciated terrain or surfaces, and the presence or use of saddle animals, dogs, watercraft, firearms and other weapons (referred to herein as "activity"), and the use of any related equipment.

In consideration of the services of **Ouzel Expeditions, Inc.** their officers, agents, employees, and stockholders, and all other persons or entities associated with those businesses (herein collectively referred to as "the outfitter/guide"), I agree as follows:

Although the outfitter/guide has taken reasonable steps to provide me with appropriate equipment and/or skilled guides so I can enjoy an activity for which I may not be skilled, the outfitter/guide has informed me this activity is not without risk. Certain risks are inherent in each activity and cannot be eliminated without destroying the unique character of the activity. These inherent risks are some of the same elements that contribute to the unique character of this activity and can be the cause of loss or damage to my equipment, or accidental injury, illness, or in extreme cases, permanent trauma or death. The outfitter/guide does not want to frighten me or reduce my enthusiasm for this activity, but believes it is important for me to know in advance what to expect and to be informed of the inherent risks.

The following describes some but not all, of those risks:

1) Falling; 2) Cold weather and heat related injuries and illness including hypothermia, frostbite, heat exhaustion, heat stroke, sun burn, and dehydration; 3) An "act of nature" which may include avalanche, rock fall, inclement weather, thunder and lightning, severe and/or varied wind, temperature or weather conditions; 4) River crossings, fjordings, portaging, loading on to or unloading from a variety of vehicles, craft, vessels, or animals, and/or travel to and from the activity which may involve flying in helicopters, small aircraft and landing/taking off from in unimproved areas; 5) Risk associated with crossing, climbing or down climbing of rock, snow and/or ice – including risk of head injury which may be reduced by wearing a UIAA approved helmet; 6) Equipment failure and/or operator error; 7) Risks typically associated with approaching, handling, mounting/riding/dismounting, loading/unloading or the unpredictability of any saddle or pack animal in response to light, movement, noise, or objects – including risk of head injury which may be reduced by wearing an ASTM approved riding helmet; 8) Risks typically associated with watercraft including waterflow, current, tidal action, or the wake of other craft; submerged, semi-submerged and overhanging objects; capsizing, swamping or sinking of watercraft and resultant injury, hypothermia, or drowning – drowning risks may be reduced by wearing a fastened U.S.C.G. approved personal flotation device; 9) Attack or encounter with bears, reptiles, insects, or other animals; 10) Accidents or illness occurring in remote places where there are no available medical facilities; 11) Fatigue, chill and/or dizziness, which may diminish my reaction time and increase the risk of accident; 12) Discharge of weapons.

I am aware that the activity entails risks of injury or death to any participant. I understand the description of these inherent risks is not complete and that unknown or unanticipated inherent risks may result in injury, illness, or death. I agree to assume and accept full responsibility for the inherent risks identified herein and those inherent risks not specifically identified. My participation in this activity is purely voluntary. No one is forcing me to participate, and I elect to participate in spite of the inherent risks.

I hereby authorize any medical treatment deemed necessary in the event of any injury while participating in the activity. I either have appropriate insurance or, in its absence, agree to pay all costs of rescue and/or medical services as may be incurred on my/our behalf.

I acknowledge that engaging in this activity may require a degree of skill and knowledge different from other activities, and that I have responsibilities as a participant. I acknowledge that the staff of the outfitter/guide has been available to more fully explain to me the nature and physical demands of this activity and the inherent risks, hazards, and dangers associated with this activity.

I certify that I am fully capable of participating in this activity. Therefore, I assume and accept full responsibility for myself, including all minor children in my care, custody, and control, for bodily injury, death, loss of personal property, and expenses as a result of those inherent risks and dangers identified herein and those inherent risks and dangers not specifically identified, and as a result of my/our negligence in participating in this activity.

I have carefully read, clearly understood, and accepted the terms and conditions stated herein and acknowledge that this agreement shall be effective and binding upon myself, my heirs, assigns, personal representative, and estate, and for all members of my family including minor children.

Participants Name Printed: _____

Age _____ Signature _____

Emergency Contact _____

Emergency Contact Phone Number _____ / _____

List of known allergies to plants, insects, food or medications: _____

Describe if under a doctor's care or taking prescribed medications: _____

If Participant is under 18, the Parent or Legal Guardian must also sign: _____