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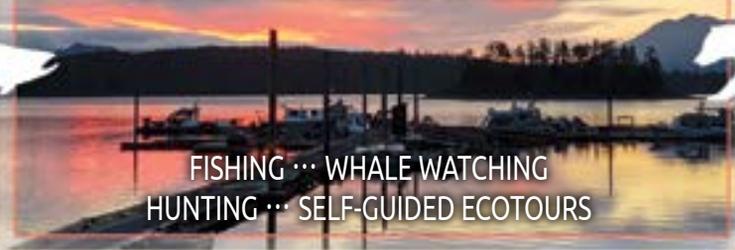
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*COLORS OF THE DAY Golden sunset and silver salmon awaiting the fillet knife frame a fisher enjoying scenic solitude on the Thorne River.*

**Explore this island.  
Discover an exciting and  
accessible part of Alaska.**

Start in these pages, where we present a hint of tall possibilities and deep discoveries—also known as our mountain heights and ocean depths. Find an island where people live close to the land and the sea, where Alaska Native culture presents ancient traditions and carvers work on new totem poles, where hiking a mountain and hooking a salmon can very easily be all in one day’s play. Use this guide to get acquainted with the enduring spirit of islanders who love this place and are happy to show you why. Sample Alaskan lifestyles and the natural scene. Refer to it as you plan a visit and as you travel Prince of Wales Island—third-largest island in the United States, with 1,500 miles of roads ... a thousand miles of North Pacific Ocean shoreline ... and discoveries you can’t even begin to count.



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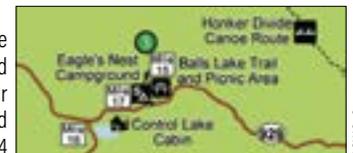
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*Ships of the Inter-Island Ferry Authority carry people and all manner of wheeled vehicles to the island on a scenic Inside Passage route.*

*Floatplanes touch down alongshore POW communities after flights from Ketchikan.*

## Ferry riders sail the scenic Inside Passage

A scenic three-hour mini-cruise from Ketchikan brings visitors and vehicles to Prince of Wales Island. Inter-Island Ferry Authority accommodates passengers from walk-ons with bikes to RV drivers towing fishing boats.

IFA provides daily round trips between Ketchikan and Hollis on our east side. Alaska Marine Highway System's sailing from Bellingham, Wash., connects to Ketchikan. IFA passengers enjoy an observation lounge, restaurant, children's play area, solarium and reading room. The vehicle deck carries cars, RVs, pickup campers and boats.

Water taxi service is available between Coffman Cove and Wrangell.

## Air routes link the world to POW

You *can* get here from there, and entirely by air.

Flights on national airlines put Prince of Wales Island within easy reach. Alaska Airlines offers several flights each day year-round to Ketchikan from the airlines' hub at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport. Flight time from Sea-Tac to Ketchikan is only about 95 minutes. Delta Airlines offers seasonal service to Ketchikan from Sea-Tac.

Local air carriers take it from Ketchikan International Airport. Island Air Express and Taquan Air link Ketchikan to Prince of Wales Island with scheduled service. Alaska Seaplanes connects Prince of Wales Island to Sitka and Juneau and to other cities in the Panhandle.

# ROUTES



### BY AIR TO KETCHIKAN FROM SEATTLE-TACOMA AIRPORT

- » Alaska Airlines [www.alaskaair.com](http://www.alaskaair.com)
- » Delta Airlines (seasonal) [www.delta.com](http://www.delta.com)

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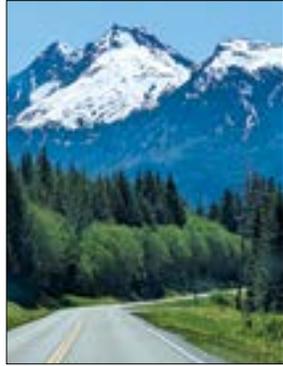
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- » Klawock airstrip for IFR pilots, 5,000 by 100 feet; lighting control on CTAF 120.9. No ILS nor CFR. » Floatplane docks are at Coffman Cove, Craig, Hollis, Hydaburg, Kasaan, Klawock, Naukati Bay and Thorne Bay. Some dock frontage exists in other towns.

# Life in the vast lane

Southeast Alaska's most extensive road system reaches from shorelines to deep forest

**T**he road map for Prince of Wales Island traces a far-reaching system with major paved branches dividing into gravel backcountry tracks—about 1,500 miles in all. Drivers can safely and comfortably explore most of the island. More than 105 miles of paved highways link communities across the midsection and north end. Good gravel roads stretch another 150 miles to touch shorelines and mountains. The centerfold map provides valuable info. Before you drive into remote land, check with U.S. Forest Service staff in Thorne Bay (907-828-3304). Purchase maps at Thorne Bay Ranger District, the Chamber of Commerce or Black Bear Store. The Inter-Island Ferry Authority carries vehicles to Hollis. Rental vehicles are available on the island. Taxi and bus services are available in Hollis. The south end of the highway system is at Hydaburg. North-end roads extend to Labouchere Bay.



TAMARA BUDY

**Good planning eases** excursions in our mix of mild and wild country. Check spare tires. Bring a few basic tools and a cell phone car charger. Roads north of Whale Pass turnoff and most gravel roads are 1½ lanes wide; turnouts are provided. One important local advisory: Be alert on the Craig-Klawock Highway for milking goats that occasionally roam down to the road from their forest pasture.

Retail gasoline sales are limited. Use the mileage guide on the centerfold. Fuel is available in Coffman Cove; Kasaan; Klawock; Naukati Bay; Thorne Bay; and Whale Pass.

## SCENIC BYWAYS

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**MORE THAN 260 MILES** of Alaska Scenic Byways lace Prince of Wales Island. The Alaska Department of Transportation cites the system as “unique because it features some of Southeast Alaska's best qualities, such as a temperate rainforest, bountiful wildlife, Native culture and historical artifacts.”

Scenic Byways (NORTH TO SOUTH)

- USFS Road 20
- Whale Pass Road
- Coffman Cove Road
- Sandy Beach Road
- Thorne Bay Road
- Kasaan Highway
- Craig-Klawock Highway
- Port Saint Nicholas Road
- Hydaburg Highway
- 12 Mile Arm Road



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# PACKING

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We're more logger than Lagerfeld in this stretch of the Pacific Northwest, more fisher than fashionista.

Climatic conditions are relatively mild from spring through fall, but they vary from day to day and from shoreline to alpine heights. Waterproof, breathable shells repel rain and block breezes and rain pants provide useful protection against occasional mist and chill. Synthetic fleece and wool are good for outerwear and make comfortable layers under shells. Waterproof boots or trail runners are well-suited to trails and boats. Local folks favor rubber boots such as Xtratufs. Summer high temps are 49° to 82° F, winter lows 15° to 50° F. Precipitation averages 120 inches.

Find apparel at Log Cabin Sporting Goods in Craig; Alaska Commercial Co. in Klawock; The Port in Thorne Bay; and in Coffman Cove.



# COMMUNICATIONS

Cells link in towns, back roads

**AT&T, ALASKA-BASED ACS** and Consumer Cellular provide mobile phone service near Craig, Klawock and Hydaburg. Cellular service is good in Kasaan. Thorne Bay has ACS service. Verizon is available in some areas.

Service is spotty on the north end. But coverage changes over time. Providers have upgraded technology in some areas and now travelers on even some remote high roads catch wireless signals.

Go online on P-O-WWW

**LIBRARIES IN CRAIG,** Hollis, Thorne Bay and Whale Pass provide computers with free public access to the internet; these libraries also have free Wi-Fi for patrons and visitors using mobile devices. Papa's Pizza in Craig offers Wi-Fi for customers.



DOON BUSSE

*Visitors from South Carolina and Kansas model ideal Prince of Wales Island summer fashion while fishing on Thorne River. One angler's classic checked woolen logger shirt pairs well with rain pants. His fishing buddy sports a windproof long-sleeved shirt. Waterproof, shin-high rubber boots keep their feet dry when they wade in to land silver salmon on this productive stream.*





DON BUSSE

# ADVENTURES

A sea kayaker lifted her rudder to navigate a dense bull kelp forest near shore. Our Inside Passage waters welcome myriad adventures amid a prolific ecosystem.

## EXCURSIONS ON LAND AND SEA, INTO NATURE AND CULTURE, ARE PRACTICALLY UNLIMITED

**CABINS & CAMPING** The U.S. Forest Service maintains 18 visitor-use cabins on POW. Several are accessible from the road system (SEE PAGE 41). Stay over in remote and beautiful saltwater inlets and forested lakes; most lake cabins have rowboats such as those pictured here. Two campgrounds have minimal amenities: Harris River (P8 on the map) and Eagle's Nest (K8). Memorial Beach (B3) is a scenic gem on the open waters of Sumner Strait, where whales are often seen. The site has picnic areas and a three-sided shelter, available first-come, first-served. Camping is allowed on all federal land unless a prohibition is posted. Bring a tent, or rent from an outfitter. Use bear country precautions (SEE PAGE 18).



JULIUS ADOLFSSON

**WILDERNESS** Two remote federal wilderness areas are designated on the island. Karta River Wilderness Area is in the center of the island and South Prince of Wales Wilderness is on the far south end.

**KAYAKING & CANOEING** We enjoy some of the best-protected coastline in Alaska. Islands and saltwater waterways make paddling a top pick for adventurers. Canoeers can paddle on inland lakes teeming with wildlife. For an easy and scenic kayak experience, put in and take out at Sweetwater Lake (G7). Sarkar Lake Canoe Route (G6) and Honker Divide Canoe/Kayak route (I7) are ideal for paddling excursions. Local outfitters rent paddlecraft and camping gear.

**A.T.V. EXCURSIONS** Hundreds of miles of logging roads have been converted to trails by the Forest Service and are legal for ATVs. ATV maps are available from the Forest Service, the Prince of Wales Chamber of Commerce and local vendors. Spectacular wild country and mountain vistas are accessible on remote roads. Bring your own ATVs or rent a four-wheeler and trailer from a local vendor. (ATVs may be operated on public roads, with some restrictions; consult D.M.V. regulations at [doa.alaska.gov/dmv/](http://doa.alaska.gov/dmv/).)

**HISTORICAL SITES** At Salt Chuck Mine off the Kasaan Road, interpretive signs and mining remnants reflect the heyday of mining (L9). At Kasaan, Totem Trail and the restored Whale House are an amazing Alaska Native cultural landmark; at the carving shed next to the trailhead, visitors can see traditional Native carvers creating art (M10).



COBBY JAHN

### BICYCLE TOURING

Traffic is light and the scenery delightful on POW's 1,500 miles of roads. The network of paved highways and gravel tracks is a natural for those who want to take in our environment from the seats of their bicycles.

Ferry service from Ketchikan puts POW in easy reach for visiting "bikepackers" who embrace the slow road and an up-close encounter with the temperate rainforest. Well-maintained coastal roads and remote upland routes provide two-wheelers with access to spectacular settings.

One family's 2023 bike tour is recounted on page 11. See page 12 for an account of a biking fivesome's week-long assessment of POW in 2023 before nominating our island for a national bike-route system.

## One tyke, two bikes



## A family pedals POW

**Our journey began** in Homer in July 2023. We drove to Anchorage for the flight to Ketchikan. We got on the IFA ferry to Hollis. This was all in a day and a half!

My husband, Steve, and I traveled with two fat-tire bikes and a double chariot (a wide bicycle trailer). The chariot carried our 2-year-old son, Cedar, as well as a week's gear. We were self-sufficient, with camping gear, emergency equipment and food for the trip—but we left room for enjoying fresh foods and treats to discover on the island.

Prince of Wales Island was a delight to bikepack, with a variety of smooth asphalt and well-maintained gravel roads. We stayed at three stunning campgrounds: Harris River, Eagles Nest and Sandy Beach. When the sun clouded over and Southeast Alaskan rains poured down on us, we were delighted to find accommodations in Coffman Cove and in Whale Pass.



*Two-year-old Cedar Campbell peeks out of the 'chariot' that carried him, his stuffed lion and the family's gear on a POW bikepacking adventure. TOP PHOTO Dad readies his bike and Cedar checks Mom's before a day's touring. LOWER PHOTO*

**Our 150-mile route** took us through breathtaking coastal views, towering trees of the Tongass National Forest and vibrant, historic towns. The friendly faces and helping hands of POW locals made our family adventure rich with local insight, shuttle rides, laughter and storytelling. We ended in Whale Pass and took a water taxi to Wrangell, then flew to Anchorage and drove back to Homer.

We cannot wait to return to complete the northern end of POW by bicycle.

— Whitney Dahl

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# ADVENTURES

- There's no thrill like a close encounter with humpback whales and orcas (killer whales). Your best odds of a sighting are with a local guide.
- Kayak the shore to see ocean life up close—but stay clear of marine mammals: they're federally protected.
- Scenic byways aren't just for motorists: Bring offroad bicycles and get close to the natural world on back roads in magnificent mountainous terrain.
- Ride your ATV onto remote logging roads. Get official maps at ranger districts and at the Chamber of Commerce in Klawock.
- Go on a salmon or halibut charter: an exciting outing followed by seafood bliss.

• Climb a hillside and pick blueberries, lowbush cranberries and salmonberries: Alaskan sun and rain turned into sweet treats by nature. Read a tide chart and harvest greens on shore at low tide. Before you forage, consult guides to edible and safe plants and animals of this region. Parnassus Books in Ketchikan stocks *Alaska's Wild Plants*, outlining Southeast flora that can be eaten, and *The Seaweed Cookbook: A Guide to Edible Seaweeds*. Alaska Sea Grant Marine Advisory Program published a guide to edible seaweeds; a PDF is at Sea Grant's online bookstore. Wikipedia has a good article: "List of edible plants and mushrooms of Southeast Alaska."



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Low-bush cranberries

- Take a totem tour to see Alaska Native art in Hydaburg, Kasaan, Klawock and Craig. Find an opportunity to talk to an Alaska Native carver at work.
- See the recently raised Veteran's Pole in Klawock's Veteran's Memorial Totem Park. Check out the insignia affixed to the pole by military personnel and veterans.
- Drive scenic Road 30 north of Thorne Bay on Clarence Strait; picnic at Sandy Beach. Go to friendly Coffman Cove for great photos of peaks and forest. (G8)
- Have a cave day. Walk the Beaver Falls karst landscape interpretive trail in old-growth forest, then follow a guide into El Capitan Cave. Call the Forest Service at 907-828-3304 for reservations. (E4)
- Trailer your boat on good road to Labouchere Bay. Launch at the ramp and motor to Point Baker and Port Protection, small towns on Sumner Strait. (C2)
- Find remnants of the timber industry's heyday at Coffman Cove, Hollis, Naukati Bay, Thorne Bay and other sites.



JULIUS ADOLFSSON

## AMBITIOUS BIKERS PIONEER ISLAND ROUTE FOR U.S. GRID

**A HARDY GROUP** of bicyclists from Southeast and Southcentral spent a week on Prince of Wales Island in June 2023 and rode about 270 miles, making tracks and taking notes. One member of the pedaling quintet later nominated POW for the U.S. Bicycle Route System (USBRS).

The system is the human-powered traveler's "interstate" and in 2022 designated 19,000 miles of roads in 34 states. A national organization of transportation officials approves USBRS routes; the same body numbers the nation's state and interstate motor-vehicle routes. Three Alaskan roads are presently designated as U.S. Bicycle Roads.

Julius Adolfsson of Juneau organized the 2023 bicycle tour that included four other Alaskan adventure-cycling enthusiasts. Adolfsson prepared the application for POW to join the USBRS. He works as a bicycle/pedestrian planner for the Alaska Department of Transportation, but his seven-day bike tour of POW was undertaken on vacation time.

**ROADS APPROVED FOR THE** national bike-route system can be posted with signage and distinctive numbers. State or federal authorities maintain the signs. Officials with USBRS hope to eventually designate 50,000 miles of roads in the network—much of it interconnected in the manner of the interstate highway system. POW's part, of course, would uniquely include ferry or flight links.

Adolfsson's log for the POW bike tour depict some of the small-town charm and recreational opportunities of the island.

*Date Activity / Campsite-Accommodation / Mileage / Elevation gain-loss / Roads / Comments*

**Day 1 (6/16)** *Travel day, early flight to Ketchikan from Juneau, afternoon sailing with IFA, evening arrival in Hollis / Harris River Campground / 10 miles from Hollis to Harris River Campground / 600 ft in elevation / Paved / Rainy day: hard to keep yourself dry and warm*

**Day 2 (6/17)** *Resupply in Klawock for dinner, breakfast & lunch on day 3 / Biked into Craig for a coffee and pastry at the cafe, midday swim in Control Lake / Stayed in Stoney Creek cabin / 61 miles from Harris River. / 3,500 ft in elevation / Paved until short section leading to cabin / Scattered showers. Went into Craig to dry off and get a cup of coffee. Nice to have a day in the cabin so that we could dry off the tents.*

**Day 3 (6/18)** *Big day: Stoney Creek cabin to El Capitan caves / El Capitan Pass: stayed with acquaintances, but Red Bay Lake cabin would otherwise have been an option / 45 miles to El Cap / 3,300 ft in elevation / Mostly gravel / No resupply*

**Day 4 (6/19)** *Base camp day: kayaked, fished, and hung out / No resupply*

**Day 5 (6/20)** *Loop through Whale Pass for resupply. Bear Trail Store has a soft-serve machine / Sweetwater Lake Cabin / 59 miles, plus 30 minute paddle / 3,700 ft in elevation / Mostly gravel / Soft-serve ice cream was delish. Petroglyphs in Whale Pass.*

**Day 6 (6/21)** *Loop through Coffman Cove for snacks and resupply / Sandy Beach camp / 40 miles / 2,700 ft in elevation / Half & half / Best burgers in Coffman Cove, very cute library*

**Day 7 (6/22)** *Camp in Hollis / Hollis / 61 miles / 300 ft in elevation / Paved / Long day, but plenty of spots to resupply. Great coffee in Thorne Bay and yummy food in Klawock.*

**Day 8 (6/23)** *8 am ferry from Hollis, late flight back to Juneau / Divine breakfast on the ferry!*

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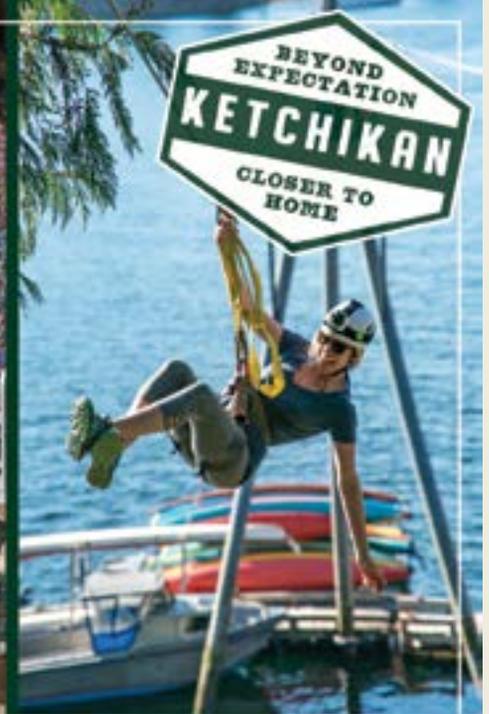
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# FISHING

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*DAY FOR A KING* This fisher landed a bright king salmon on a charter excursion near Thorne Bay while enjoying POW's spectacularly scenic thousand-mile shoreline.

## BAITED BREADTH PISCATORIAL OPPORTUNITIES SPAN A WIDE RANGE

**T**he exciting varieties of angling action offshore of Prince of Wales Island and in our fresh waters give us world-class status. Salmon are our most celebrated fish, but fishers also target halibut in ocean depths and trout in mountain lakes. No matter where you fish, you're hooking wild fish in cold, clean waters.

Five species of Pacific Ocean salmon are available in runs spanning spring to autumn. Halibut lurk in cold, deep waters; flatfish at 150 pounds or greater are caught here, but fish in the 20- to 50-pound range are commonly hauled over boat rails. Lingcod, Pacific cod and several species of rockfish are taken.

**Charter skippers** can set you up with saltwater day trips. Experienced guides conduct visitors to productive waters to troll or mooch for hard-fighting salmon. POW also boasts guided and self-guided opportunities for fly fishers and spincasters to work clear streams for salmon,

steelhead and trout. Lodges with fishing guides offer several-day packages. Lodge styles range from world-class plush to down-home rustic.



GARY ANDERSON

*Halibut hauled out of deep waters are turned downside up for photos: a whiter shade of tail. They'll soon yield delicious fillets.*

**The extensive road** network enables do-it-yourselfers to reach good fishing off of waterfront towns and on inland fresh water. Lakes offer good fishing for cutthroat trout, salmon and Dolly Varden. Some lakes are near roads; others are accessible by floatplane, boat or on foot above ocean estuaries. Steelhead run into streams in early spring and late fall; note that steelhead must be released. Dolly Varden, cutthroat trout and rainbow trout are in rivers and creeks.

Shellfish are abundant in our cold saltwater depths: dungeness crabs and shrimp can be harvested in pots by those with fishing licenses.

Fishing licenses are available from sporting goods stores, fuel sellers, some lodges and online at [www.admin.adfg.state.ak.us/license](http://www.admin.adfg.state.ak.us/license).



GARY ANDERSON



Lingcod lurk in rocky slopes and attack fiercely; the half-eaten herring seen here provides some guidance for your choice of bait. A freshwater angler tried his luck at Luck Lake and pulled out a pretty rainbow trout.



GREGG HOLLAND

## GET REEL!

These tables indicate the general availability of game fish on and alongshore Prince of Wales Island. Dots indicate the presence of the species in relatively fishable numbers; the darker the dot, better the fishing.

SALT WATER	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
KING SALMON / CHINOOKS	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
SOCKEYE SALMON / REDS						●	●	●	●			
COHO SALMON / SILVERS						●	●	●	●	●		
CHUM SALMON / DOGS						●	●	●	●	●		
PINK SALMON / HUMPIES						●	●	●				
HALIBUT		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
DOLLY VARDEN	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
FRESH WATER	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
SOCKEYE SALMON						●	●	●				
COHO SALMON							●	●	●	●	●	
CHUM SALMON							●	●	●	●		
PINK SALMON						●	●	●	●			
DOLLY VARDEN	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
GRAYLING	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
STEELHEAD TROUT	●	●	●	●	●					●	●	●
RAINBOW TROUT	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
CUTTHROAT TROUT	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●

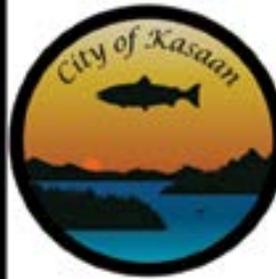
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# SALMON

A GUIDE TO FIVE SPECIES OF OUR WORLD-FAMOUS WILD FISH

**KING** Alaska's state fish. Returning adults are 15-50 pounds and 34-50 inches long. Ample oil content and rich, moist meat make them excellent table fare. **SALTWATER**

**FISHING TECHNIQUES** Troll herring or lures with downriggers and flashers, or mooch amid schools. Cast spinners or spoons.

**COHO** Prized for their fight, coho salmon can be acrobatic when hooked. They are caught by trollers, moochers and fly fishers. Adult cohos are 8-12 pounds and 24-30 inches long. Cohos enter streams July to November amid high runoff. **SALTWATER FISHING TECHNIQUES** Troll herring and lures with downriggers and flashers or mooch amid cohos feeding on herring.

**SOCKEYE** Sockeyes' dark red meat is a dinner favorite. Sockeyes are 4-12 pounds and 18-24 inches long. Sockeyes flood back to natal streams May through late fall. **FRESHWATER FISHING TECHNIQUES** Cast a fly upriver and drift downstream with river current. Small shrimp-style flies work well.

**CHUM** Chums are fun to catch with rod and reel or fly gear. They are excellent fighters and make strong runs. Chums are 7-18 pounds and 24-34 inches long. **SALTWATER FISHING TECHNIQUES** Chums bite on flies or lures.

**PINK** Alaska's most abundant salmon. Smallest of Pacific salmon, adults average 3-4 pounds and 15-24 inches long. **SALTWATER FISHING TECHNIQUES** Troll herring and lures with downriggers and flashers.



KING (CHINOOK) SALMON - *Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*

*Black spots on the back and dorsal fin. Black mouth with a black gumline. Spots on upper and lower lobes of the tail.*



COHO (SILVER) SALMON - *O. kisutch*

*Black spots on the back and dorsal fin. Black tongue, white gumline. Spots only on upper lobe of tail.*



SOCKEYE (RED) SALMON - *O. nerka*

*No distinct spots on the back or the tail fin.*



CHUM (DOG OR KETA) SALMON - *O. keta*

*No distinct spots on the back or the tail fin. Silver striations on the sides are common.*



PINK (HUMPY) SALMON - *O. gorbuscha*

*Large oval black spots on the back and dorsal fin. Oval spots on upper and lower lobes of tail. Small scales.*

For Alaska fishing regulations, go to [www.adfg.alaska.gov](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov) and click through Regulations / Sport Fishing / Southeast / Prince of Wales Island Mgt Area.

*This information is from ADF&G "Alaskan Salmon Identification and Fishing Guide."*

## ROCKFISH

ALASKAN WATERS HARBOR SEVERAL SPECIES OF TASTY *SEBASTES*

**ROCKFISH ARE COMMON** in Alaskan waters and have been staples in the human diet for thousands of years. Some species of genus *Sebastes* dwell in open water (*pelagic* types), others on rocky bottoms (*non-pelagic* types).

Some bottom-dwelling rockfish are long-lived at 15-75 years. Pelagic rockfish live 7-30 years. Most rockfish reproduce late in life and in meager numbers. Fisheries managers urge that the fish be harvested moderately and that unkept rockfish be safely returned to the sea with depth-release gear. Several species are protected from harvest to boost stocks. Check [adfg.alaska.gov](http://adfg.alaska.gov)

for regulations. Saltwater anglers must carry deepwater release devices that reduce mortality for rockfish caught incidentally. ADF&G biologists provide a lesson for deepwater release in a video: [vimeo.com/277552381](https://vimeo.com/277552381). Rockfish pulled from deep water can sustain *barotrauma* from decompression and expansion of gases. Fish released with inflated swim bladders die when they can't resubmerge. Deepwater release gear reduces mortality.

**THOUSANDS OF YEARS AGO**, Alaska Natives fashioned fishing lines of cedar bark, spruce root or other strands. Hooks made from wood carried barbs of bone or shell. Fishing parties in dugout canoes weighted lines with stones and jigged for pelagic rockfish, or dropped lines with multiple hooks to catch halibut.

Rockfish fillets are delicious. For novices confronting their spiked fins and thick skin, we recommend online video primers for easy filleting techniques. One such video is here: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=DNec4A6Qdrg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DNec4A6Qdrg)



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## HOOK, ONLINE & SINKER

Consult F&G's online resources

**THE ALASKA DEPARTMENT** of Fish and Game (ADF&G) maintains web pages with fishing information for Prince of Wales Island, including updated fishing reports and notices of changes in regulations. Anglers may also subscribe to fishing reports and emergency orders by email.

The agency's online interactive map for the island is an excellent resource for planning a trip. The web page provides information on fishing locations; species run timing; fishing gear; and angler access. Take your browser to [www.adfg.alaska.gov](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov) and search "Prince of Wales Island sport fishing."

### TAKE-HOME SEAFOOD

*If you're a guest at a full-service lodge, your catch can be cleaned and packaged for you to take home. Do-it-yourselfers fishing independently and anglers taking guided charters can get waxed, insulated fish boxes from local stores or lodges and transport their fish as checked baggage.*

# Salmon Derby helps the hatchery

**SALMON ANGLERS AND EVEN** ticket holders who never wet a hook can win in the Craig-Klawock King Salmon Derby. Ticket sales help to fund Port St. Nicholas Hatchery near Craig.

The derby runs June 1 to Aug. 15. Prizes range from \$2,000 for the biggest king to \$500 for third-largest. Every ticket is entered into a drawing for a \$10,000 cash prize. Tickets are \$30 per person for both the derby and the grand-prize drawing, \$20 for those who want only a chance to win big at the Salmon Social.

Tickets are at Craig City Hall; Black Bear Store; J.T. Brown's Store; Log Cabin Sporting Goods; Petro Marine Services; Alaska Gifts; and the Prince of Wales Chamber of Commerce. Some lodges also sell derby tickets.

**SALMON AQUACULTURE** has a long history on the island. Klawock River Hatchery, founded in 1898, was Alaska's second. This hatchery and Port St. Nicholas Hatchery are operated by Southern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association (SSRAA). Hatchery king and coho salmon released to the ocean contribute to sport and commercial fisheries.

The Klawock hatchery is open to the public on limited hours; contact SSRAA at 907-225-1348. Fishing in the river is allowed by permit; Contact Klawock Heenya Corp. at 907-755-2270.

Derby rules and regulations and a guide to permissible fishing sites are at the "recreation" tab at the City of Craig website.

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# HUNTING

## Rifle and bow users target deer and bears

**P**rince of Wales Island is renowned among hunters for trophy Sitka black-tailed deer, large black bears and outstanding waterfowl.

Deer hunters work alpine areas early in the season and hunt the fall rut in low-elevation muskegs and timber. Local providers offer guided hunts. U.S. Forest Service rental cabins are bases for many hunters. DIY hunters might check for businesses that rent ATVs for remote areas. Some outfitters rent camping gear.

Bag limits and open seasons apply differently on federal and state public lands. Regulations also differ according to the hunter's place of residence—whether that's out of state or in-state and conditioned by federal urban/rural designations. The state Department of Fish & Game outlines regs at [www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=hunting.main](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=hunting.main)

**Black bear hunting** is Sept. 1-June 30. Drawing permits are required for nonresident hunters who do not use registered guides. Bears must be sealed by state-appointed sealers. Requirements for salvage vary in the periods through May 31 and after June 1. Call Fish & Game in Ketchikan at 907-225-2475 or in Craig at 907-826-2563 for details.

Waterfowl hunting runs Sept. 1-Nov. 30 and again Dec. 16-31. Saltwater marshes and upland fresh water are good bets for ducks and geese.

ALASKA HUNTING REGS  
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REGS MAY CHANGE BETWEEN SEASONS. REVIEW CURRENT REGS BEFORE YOU HUNT.



SEAN WHEELER

Hunters hike game trails to alpine heights in pursuit of Sitka black-tailed deer.

# Bears

## BEAR-AWARENESS HELPS US TO SHARE THE ISLAND

**HUNDREDS OF BLACK BEARS** live on Prince of Wales Island. *Ursus americanus* is active through spring, summer and fall. These quiet omnivores browse beaches in spring for grass and crabs. In summer, they fish in salmon streams and forage on berries in the uplands. Our black bears are large by North American standards; brown bears don't live on POW and black bears don't have to vie with brown bears for food and territory.

Follow these rules in the backcountry and along the ocean shore—particularly near freshwater streams—to safely share the island with bears.

- Make noise as you hike: bells and voices let bears know you're there.
- Never get between a sow bear and her cubs.
- Keep food in tightly closed containers. Don't cook smelly, fatty foods.
- Sleep away from your food, food-preparation equipment and clothing.
- Don't crowd bears: give them a wide comfort zone.
- Don't fish where bears are fishing. Watch them briefly from a distance if you like, but fish elsewhere.
- Clean fish in strong currents that disperse the waste.

## USFS offers close-ups with wild bears

**TO SEE BLACK BEARS** in their habitat, visit the Forest Service's Dog Salmon Fish Pass viewing area. It's on Forest Road 21 (Polk Road) about 12 miles from the Hydaburg Highway turnoff (Highway 913)—about a two-hour drive from Craig.

The wildlife viewing area offers excellent opportunities to watch from a safe, elevated vantage as black bears feed on salmon in the pool below the platform.



NOREEN RUDD

## Bruin viewing tips

- Visit when salmon run—late July through August. No fish? No bears.
- Be very quiet approaching the platform and standing on it. These bears are not habituated to humans.
- Avoid using strong perfumes and colognes.
- Arrive with cameras ready. Unzipping bags can frighten bears away.
- Practice "leave no trace" principles and pack out what you bring in.
- No food or drinks at the platform.
- Wildlife can be dangerous. Bears are wild animals and are unpredictable. Although generally not aggressive, black bears weigh as much as 400 pounds and can run as fast as 30 mph in short bursts. View them from a safe distance.

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# OUR ALASKA

MARRIHA TAYLOR

Clouds and fireweed blossoms share a rose-purple tinge above a small lake off of Boy Scout Trail near Thorne Bay—just one small section of our 2,577 scenic square miles.

## History | Facts | Statistics

**Human settlement** Prince of Wales Island was first settled by Indigenous Tlingits of the Northwest Coast ethnic group. Haidas followed them. Archaeologists date the human presence to more than 10,300 years ago. Place names in the Tlingit and Haida languages are prominent in our area.

Russians sailed these waters as early as 1741. Spaniards and Englishmen explored in succeeding decades, making charts and naming islands, inlets and waterways. All the while, this island bore the Tlingit name “Taan”—for sea lion.

“Prince of Wales Island” was affixed—at least in British cartography—in 1793 by Capt. George Vancouver, captain of HMS Discovery. The explorer named the island in honor of George, Prince of Wales, son and heir of King George III—whose colonies had recently won the War of Independence.

Russia claimed Alaska until 1867, when the U.S. purchased “the Great Land” for \$7 million from the tsar—the so-called Seward’s Folly that enriched the nation immeasurably.

Transient logging and mining camps have come and gone on Prince of Wales Island since the 1800s. Commercial fishing brought permanent settlements of non-Native pioneers along the shoreline. A trading post and

salmon saltery were set up in 1868 in Klawock, site of a Tlingit summer fish camp. Alaska’s first salmon canneries arose in Klawock and Sitka in 1878.

**Size and rank** The island is 135 miles long and 45 miles wide and has an area of 2,577 square miles, slightly greater than the area of Delaware. POW is the third-largest island in the U.S. after Hawai’i and Kodiak islands, and the 97th largest in the world.

**Terrain and forest** Most of the island is steep, forested mountains, with peaks at 2,000 to 3,996 feet. Glacial ice left deep valleys for streams, lakes, saltwater straits and bays. The forest is composed of western hemlock and Sitka spruce (the Alaska state tree), with some red cedar and yellow cedar. Alder is the primary deciduous species. Shore pines of modest height are found in muskegs and on wetter slopes.

**Shore and tides** Prince of Wales Island has about 990 miles of shoreline (“Even more at low tide!”); smaller islands nearby have hundreds more. Shores range from steep, rocky outcroppings to shelves of soft sand. Daily tides routinely range about 16 feet between highest and lowest; a few days each year, the range is 22 feet. Tidal flows affect boat travel, fish movement and your choice of campsites. (If you’re not careful, *you* might be an island surrounded by water).

**Climate** The Japanese Current of the North Pacific Ocean moderates our climate and generates 60-200 inches of annual precipitation. Our mean temperature in January is 35° F (2 C); in July, 58° F (14 C). On the summer solstice in June, daylight extends about 15.5 hours; on the winter solstice, about 7 hours.



**EMBLEMS OF ALASKA: ‘THE GREAT LAND’**

- STATE FLOWER — Forget-me-not
- STATE TREE — Sitka spruce
- STATE FISH — King salmon
- STATE INSECT — Four-spot skimmer dragonfly
- STATE LAND MAMMAL — Moose\*
- STATE DOG — Alaskan malamute

\* One emblem of Alaska that you can’t see on POW. Our island has zero moose.

MARTI CRUTCHER

# Our colorful lingo

YOU'LL ENCOUNTER HUES SUCH AS RED, SILVER & PINK (SALMON) AND BLUE (CANOES)

**CONVERSATION IN SOUTHEAST ALASKA** is conducted in a form of English, but with terms particular to our unique way of life. We invite you to study some basics.

Our famed salmon figure greatly in Panhandlese. We have five species and each has at least two names. The largest, called Chinook in some places, is mostly called *king* here. *Sockeye* is often called red—their color in spawning phase. *Coho* is dubbed silver salmon for its

shiny flanks. *Pink* salmon is a.k.a. humpy for the male's humped back in spawning phase—a hump he never gets over.

*Chum* is often cited as dog salmon and a few folks call it keta—taken from its scientific name. You may hear that someone hooked into a *barn door*.

It ain't a submerged farm portal: halibut of 100 pounds and more (about 5 feet long) are called barn

doors because they're broad, flat and difficult to reel up to the boat. In spring, people use *spoons* to catch *dollies*. It's not about flatware and Barbies. A spoon is a shiny metal fishing lure, such as might attract a *Dolly Varden*, a trout nicknamed in the 1800s after a dress fabric. A character in Charles Dickens' novel *Barnaby Rudge* first bore that name. More about seafood: up here, *jumbo shrimp* isn't an oxymoron; Alaskan spot prawns sorted out at 16 or fewer to the pound are dubbed jumbos.

**FISHING 'SPAWNS'** exotic nomenclature. *Hoochies* are simulations of squid and octopus used as lures—no link to *hooch*, slang for home-distilled liquor. Ironically, that word originated in this region. Etymologists cite Hoochino as a Tlingit village where Native entrepreneurs brewed liquor and sold it to U.S. Army soldiers garrisoned in Alaska after the purchase from Russia.

Now, nautical terms. A *kicker* isn't the guy who boots PATs: it's a small motor for trolling. *Blue Canoe* is not an azure paddle craft but the nickname for state ferries painted in the blue and gold of Alaska's flag.

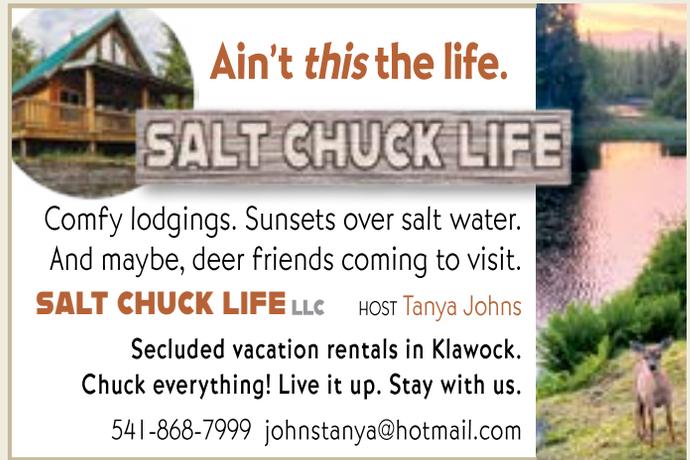
*Outside* is every place that's not Alaska. *Inside waters* isn't domestic plumbing. It's protected navigable waters amid islands of the North Pacific—as opposed to *outside waters* of the open ocean. *Inside Passage* isn't a voyage of self-discovery, but a sea route along B.C. and Alaska.

**OUR PRIMER CLOSES** with a word from the first language of these islands. Tlingit people say *gunalchéesh*, for "thank you"—particularly in formal settings. In meaning, it's very near to the familiar Hawai'ian word *mahalo*. So consider a respectful *goon-uhl-CHEESH* when you're moved to gratitude during your visit.



LINDA HOIT

An Alaska spot prawn. When it's this jumbo, is it really a 'shrimp'?



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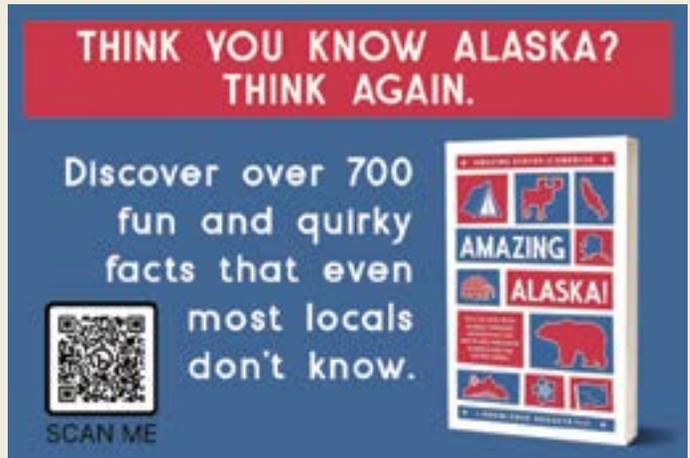
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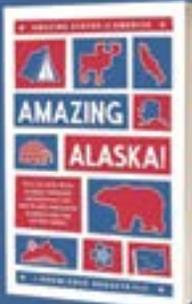
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# NATIVE CULTURE



SARAH PEELE

## ANCIENT WAYS THRIVE AMID A MODERN WORLD

**C**enturies ago, this land was “Taan”: *sea lion* in the Tlingit tongue of the first people to settle here. Scattered Alaska Native villages nestled in forest fringe behind sloping beaches of this big island and nearby islands. Wood smoke rose from family homes and communal longhouses that were fashioned from hand-wrought cedar and spruce. Carved faces of humans and animals looked out from tall cedar totem poles. Dugout canoes, some large enough for two dozen rowers, rested above the tide. Village residents wove tree fibers into baskets and hats. They put up salmon, berries and other natural foods during long days of summer and fall.

The First Peoples of this region thrived amid bountiful natural resources, the most precious of them the salmon that sustained a way of life. Newcomers came to the region to exploit furs, then fish, then minerals and finally timber, but Indigenous ways persisted and today they draw visitors to see a culture attuned over millennia to its natural setting.

**Alaska Natives** and other peoples in the Northwest Coast culture lead modern lives, but traditional ways survive in many forms. Customary subsistence harvest continues on sea and land. Traditional arts flourish.

Archaeologists date artifacts on this island to as much as 10,300 years before present. Oral literature tells of creation and outlines a civilization in balance with nature.

Tlingits traded with inland Indigenous peoples and with coastal Haida and Tsimshian nations. Haidas from Haida Gwaii (in present-day B.C.) settled here in the 1700s.

**Alaska Natives on the island** provide powerful displays of Tlingit, Haida and Tsimshian cultures. Craig Tribal Association, Hydaburg Cooperative Association, Organized Village of Kasaan and Klawock Cooperative Association are federally recognized tribal governments that take active roles in cultural issues.

Klawock Totem Park displays 21 restored or replicated poles from the village of Tuxekan, as well as impressive modern poles. Hydaburg’s and Kasaan’s totem parks are essential sites



MICHELE NICKERSON

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*A youngster named Gyáá’aang waving us welcome to Hydaburg, where the town surrounds an impressive totem pole park. Heritage is strong in this northern settlement of the Haida nation; Kasaan on the east side of POW is another primarily Haida community.*

# Culture camps link folkways to the present day

**GENERATIONS OF** Alaska Natives gathered in Craig and Hydaburg in 2023 for culture camps that connected traditional folkways to contemporary ways of life.

Culture camps are annual features in Hydaburg, but the gathering in Craig was a first. Activities at the camps engaged tribal members from youngsters learning Northwest Coast art forms to elders refreshing their knowledge of Alaska Native languages. The Hydaburg camp schooled campgoers in very practical arts—such as gathering and putting up subsistence foods from the sea and land.

Craig Tribal Association sponsored one camp and Hydaburg Cooperative Association the other in July 2023. Participants in Craig lined out a giant “family tree”

of the community’s Haida, Tlingit and Tsimshian residents present and past—in keeping with the theme “Honoring Our Ancestors.” Each day of the four-day Craig camp opened with Haida songs.

**CAMP LEADERS INTRODUCED** techniques from weaving to beading, from painting paddles to assembling traditional medicine bags. Sponsors were pleased with the “mixture of elders and youth” in Craig’s tribal hall.

Hydaburg’s culture camp in 2023 introduced formline design and Haida language, but emphasis was on teaching traditional subsistence: harvesting foods from berries and seaweed to shellfish and halibut, processing the bounty and preserving it. Organizers aimed those sessions at participants as young as primary grades, but teens and adults joined in. Haida songs and dances rounded out the five-day event.



BEN YOUNG

*A young, painted participant in the Hydaburg culture camp.*



BEN YOUNG

*The fine art of fin art: a Haida elder teaches traditional salmon prep.*



ROB YATES

*Craig’s culture campers learned traditional arts such as creating ceremonial elk-hide drums.*

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# ARTS ARE INTEGRAL IN N.W. COAST LIFE

**TOTEM POLES** are the best-known art form of Northwest Coast peoples, but other traditional arts bear out a rich heritage: carved-wood and fur headpieces for ceremonies; baskets and hats intricately woven from cedar bark and spruce root; and button blankets, robes and aprons in traditional designs. Songs in Alaska Native languages and associated dances also carry culture down the generations.

Many poles seen today were carved in the 1930s by artists in the Civilian Conservation Corps, replicating poles that had stood in remote villages; this New Deal program was designed to revitalize Indigenous artistry. Modern carvers continue a world-renowned tradition, carving on commission and telling new stories.

The Sukteeneidí pole raised at Craig Memorial Cemetery in 2022 honors the mentoring roles of uncles, particularly those of the Dog Salmon clan of the Tlingit people. Master carver Jon Rowan created the cedar pole.

**A SOLEMN MONUMENT** was raised along Craig-Klawock Highway in 2022 to call attention to missing and murdered Indigenous Women. It was carved by Tony Christianson of Hydaburg.

More than 10 poles have been raised in Klawock in a decade. Hydaburg replicated its entire totem park since 2009. To learn about seeing carvers at work, call ahead to the offices of tribal governments and the island's municipalities.

- Craig — 907-826-3275
- Hydaburg — 907-285-3665
- Kasaan — 907-542-2230
- Klawock — 907-755-2261



ROB YATES

*The distinctive Northwest Coast design tradition known as formline finds its fullest expression in totem poles, ceremonial objects and paintings. The art form's such as in the Craig culture camp where this child painted a cedar paddle with a formline figure.*



JONATHAN MA LINDINE

*In traditional societies of the Northwest Coast from Oregon to the Gulf of Alaska, even utilitarian objects were fashioned with artistic touches. One wooden arm of this halibut hook was painstakingly carved, probably to simulate an octopus tentacle. Tree fiber secures an iron spike; in ancient times, the spike would have been made from bone.*

## Going up!

# TOTEM POLE RAISINGS ARE SET IN UPCOMING YEARS

**POW'S IMPRESSIVE** totem skyline is slated for new pinnacles when a municipality and a tribal organization enhance Prince of Wales Island's prowess in Northwest Coast arts.

Craig Tribal Association will bring in Haida master carver Reg Davidson in 2024 to start work on a totem pole to be fashioned from a tree harvested in Tongass National Forest. Davidson is a renowned artist based in Masset, Haida Gwaii.

Residents and visitors can observe ceremonial pole raisings in Klawock during summer 2024.

**MASTER CARVER** Jon Rowan is slated to raise a pair of cedar monuments in Klawock in August 2024. These totem projects are commissioned by the City of Klawock. Rowan is an honored, longtime Native arts teacher in Klawock who raised two important poles on POW in the past five years. His heritage is Tlingit.

*Clinton Cook, the president of Craig Tribal Association (AT LEFT), accompanied forester Nick Reynolds to inspect a red cedar tree that will be felled, only to rise again in Craig as a totem pole.*



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KRIS KAIN

Crew members of the Hokule'a sailing canoe pose in Kasaan during their visit to the Haida village. OVK President Mike Jones (FAR RIGHT) conducted a tour for the sailors, accompanied by master carver David Boxley (SECOND FROM LEFT), master carver Reg Davidson (THIRD FROM RIGHT) and Rob Sanderson, V.P. of Tlingit & Haida Central Council (SECOND FROM RIGHT).

## ALOHA, ALASKA

# Haida towns host Pacific-circling sailors

THE PEOPLE OF HYDABURG and Kasaan welcomed a unique group of explorers in July 2023. The Polynesian Voyaging Society (PVS) landed their oceangoing canoe in Hydaburg on an early leg of a four-year circumnavigation of the Pacific Ocean. Crew members also used their time ashore to share cultural notes with the people of Kasaan on a walking tour.

PVS is a 50-year-old organization engaged in developing "planetary navigators" who value the globe's oceans, science and Indigenous wisdom. The principle teaching mode for Hawai'i-based PVS is voyaging: long ocean trips in a modern version of the traditional Polynesian sailing canoe. The voyage called Moananuikea set off from Juneau in June 2023 and is charted for about 43,000 nautical miles in 47 months, with 345 port calls. The canoe dubbed Hokule'a stopped at Saxman and Metlakatla before visiting Hydaburg. The crew sailed on to Masset and points south in July.

**NEW CREW MEMBERS** replace others on Hokule'a at certain ports; as many as 400 people are expected to sail on the vessel during visits to 36 countries. PVS notes that the voyage will meet with people in nearly 100 Indigenous territories before finishing in 2027.

PVS plots an ambitious itinerary for Hokule'a: from Alaska to California and Mexico; to South America and across the South Pacific to New Zealand and Micronesia; north to Japan and then eastward on a return to California before going home to Hawai'i. Information on Moananuikea is posted at [hokulea.com](http://hokulea.com).

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Humpback whales in spectacular synchrony show flukes before diving for a cooperative bubble net feeding sortie. In the distance, another whale's spout dots the horizon. Humpbacks and orcas frequent our near-shore waters for many months and can be seen from boats and from shore.

# WILDLIFE

## LAND AND SEA HOST ASTONISHING DIVERSITY

**T**emperate rainforest and clean, cold waters of the North Pacific Ocean are prodigiously generative. The linked ecosystems offer astonishing diversity in animal species.

Binoculars and cameras with powerful zoom lenses are essential gear for visitors. Clear space on your digital camera for high-resolution stills and video recordings. Spare batteries and peripheral storage devices for digital cameras are useful where wildlife and changing light excite the eye from dawn to dark.

**The forest teems with** creatures amid tall trees and tangled undergrowth. Tiny voles at the base of the food chain are furtive forest-dwellers; agile red squirrels scamper under the forest canopy. Both species live under the hungry gazes of owls and bald eagles. (See our feature on birds on page 42.)

Black bears are routinely seen around the island—foraging on shores in spring and consuming the bounty of berries, small mammals and salmon in summer and fall. Sitka black-tailed deer are numerous; does and fawns are relatively approachable, but

bucks are wary—particularly as hunting season opens in summer.



MARIA TAYLOR



DEB GIRT

Furtive furbearers, mink slink out of the forest for an intertidal buffet. Martens follow a similar way of life. Sitka black-tailed deer moms keep their distinctively spotted fawns close in the young ones' first summer. FROM SECOND PHOTO ABOVE

River otters inhabit stream banks around the island. Mink and martens sneak from the forest to feed along shorelines. Sea otters collect in floating communities offshore. Harbor seals range from remote rocky outcrops to the harbors that give them their common name. Massive sea lions gather in groups to hunt salmon and other fish throughout summer.

**POW is a superb** place for encountering humpback whales and orcas (a.k.a. killer whales) as they feed and teach their young. Adult humpbacks as long as 45 feet swim past in massive majesty, surfacing for loud breaths. Lucky people in boats and even ashore will see several emerge from the depths amid “bubble nets,” mouths opened, working together to devour schools of herring. Humpbacks and orcas occasionally breach spectacularly out of the water—spectacles for memories and for memory cards.

Enjoy marine mammals from a distance; they're federally protected and we try not to disturb them. Remain at least 100 yards from humpback whales and orcas and at least 50 yards from seals, sea lions and Dall porpoises.

Consult the Island Attractions guide on page 37 in the centerfold for advice on connecting island travels with wildlife viewing.



MARY AHLERS



EARL JEFFREY



TAMARA BUDY

*Black bears are numerous on POW; shy of humans for the most part, they can be viewed where they feast on salmon at several sites on the island. See page 18 for more. Sea lions travel in groups as they follow salmon runs. Sea otters were hunted to near-extinction in this region from the 1700s to the late 1800s, but they're common now, seen in numbers in kelp beds.*

## All's whale that ends whale

### P.O.W. RESIDENTS JOIN SCIENTISTS IN LONG EFFORT TO FREE LAKEBOUND ORCAS

**RESIDENTS OF PRINCE OF WALES ISLAND** and experts from two nations worked together for six weeks in 2023 to liberate orcas who entered a sea-linked lake and lost the exit.

Two orcas were seen by local folks in Barnes Lake near Coffman Cove in mid-August. One onlooker at first mistook their dorsal fins for jet skiers. The lake has two channels to the ocean where fresh water commingles with salt water at high tides. The whales were believed to have swum into Barnes Lake after prey and to have been unable to negotiate the shallow outlets.

The first report of stray cetaceans in the shallow lake went to NOAA's whale-stranding hotline. Whale experts across the Pacific Northwest monitored the orcas via Coffman Cove residents' photos and reports. Cetologists with Canada Fisheries and Oceans identified the orcas as T051 Roswell, a 42-year-old male, and T049A Jude, a 16-year-old male.

The wayward pair were Bigg's killer whales, an "ecotype" that feeds on marine mammals—such as the seals and sea lions that follow salmon runs into Barnes Lake. September dragged on as the whales circled the lake, seemingly in good health. POW residents thought they were seeing fewer seals in the lake than is usual and scientists worried that the orcas could suffer when the pinniped supply was depleted.

**A SCIENTIFIC TEAM** led by NOAA flew to POW in late September. Scientists and islanders met to marshal resources: 14 local boats; 30 people, from scientists to local volunteers; and strategies that would herd, not hurt, the whales. One biologist in the team, with Seattle-based Orca Conservancy, had unique expertise: He was at Barnes Lake in 1994 when offshore killer whales (who favor fish as prey) strayed into the lake and were herded out—although one whale perished.

The 2023 rescue had its best shots during high tides from Sept. 27 to Oct. 2. On Sept. 28, scientists on local boats lured the orcas toward the north channel out of the lake, playing hydrographic recordings of females known to the strandees—but kelp clogging the outlet deterred the whales. A similar effort the next day was successful. The orcas followed a local boat trailing submerged whale playback out the south channel at highest tide. The two freed orcas were soon seen miles offshore in open water.



JARED TOWERS — N.D.A.A. PERMIT 24359

*Orcas follow a Coffman Cove skipper's boat into a shallow channel of Barnes Lake as scientists lure them with recordings. The effort ended a six-week ordeal.*

# mAKro focus

A vast rainforest and a thousand miles of intertidal shoreline engage Prince of Wales Island's photographers. Some focus in on modestly sized but compelling scenes in an outside ecosystem. Good reminder: To see all of the big picture, look for the small things.



MARIA TAYLOR



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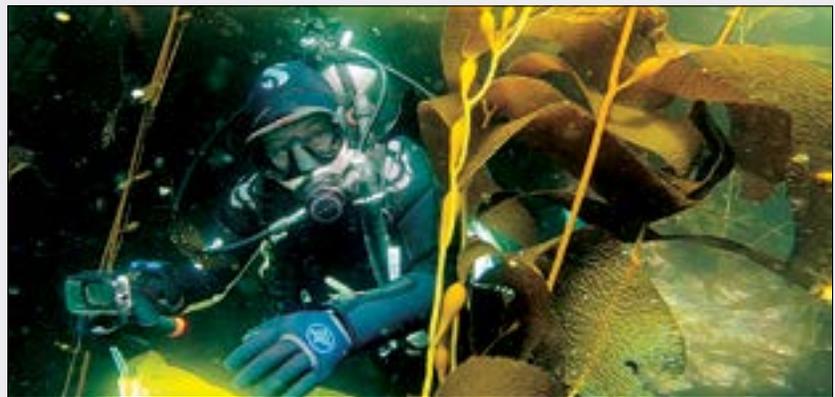
Prince of Wales Island is in a geologically complex region where tectonic plates collide and ancient seabeds are lifted into our view. Fossils such as this shell can be seen by attentive visitors. Today's sea life features all sorts of creatures living on the small scale in the intertidal zone. This hermit crab takes shelter in a snail shell left behind by its maker. Thimble berries grow fat and colorful in Alaska's long summer sunshine. A lichen omphalia lifts a cap in the prolific understory of the rainforest. Ladybugs adorn wildflowers across the island; road cuts are likely places to see native blossoms and the insects attracted to them. CLOCKWISE FROM TOP

## WATER FEATURES

### Divers find colorful wonders at depth



EARL JEFFREY



JOSH ANDREWS

A scuba diver enters the kelp forest prepared to photograph the fascinating creatures of the deep.

**The cold, clear waters** of the North Pacific Ocean offer excellent opportunities for scuba divers to see marine life—and that life appears in remarkable profusion and variety.

Scuba enthusiasts with their own gear (from cold-water suits to tank refilling equipment) can discover a submarine wilderness. From the quicksilver flash of a school of herring to the translucent lobes of sea slugs, marvelous animals inhabit our undersea realm. Many types of colorful anemones fasten



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Anemone.  
Sea pen.  
Pacific octopus.  
FROM LEFT PHOTO

to the sea bottom. Sly and shy Pacific octopuses are seen on soft shelves; 5- and 6-footers are not uncommon. Corals reach out from rocky walls.

**Summer water temperatures** at the surface generally range around the 58°F mark. Dry suits and fleece underlayers are recommended.

There are no scuba shops or dive guides on the island, but there is an active group of recreational divers. For tips on dive sites and safety in our waters, you may contact Earl Jeffrey at [shilohdiver@hotmail.com](mailto:shilohdiver@hotmail.com).



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# ARTS

Creative people in our communities take inspiration from our unique setting. Alaskan imagery and materials are featured in beautiful artwork and artisanal pieces. We present here a sampling of artwork produced by residents of our island.



*MARIIA TAYLOR renders motifs of Southeast Alaska's natural world in the art point style of her native Ukraine, using dimensional dots of glossy paint. This stylized egg featuring a humpback whale and a thunderbird won blue ribbons at the Southeast State Fair in Haines in 2023. Taylor also pursues Ukrainian folk painting, mixed media and photography.*



*PAUL COFFEY hand-turns local wood to fashion ingenious and useful objects. This yarn bowl took honors at the Southeast Alaska State Fair.*

*TRAVIS PETERSON at Off the Hook Taxidermy casts and paints lifelike simulations of marine life, such as this king salmon about to strike a fisher's cut plug herring bait.*



*ERIC HAMAR creates works in a number of traditional Northwest Coast Native artistic forms, working under his Haida name: Nang K'adangáas. The Kasaan-based artist builds traditionally styled boats; carves in cedar; and carved and painted the ceremonial paddles seen here. They are intended to be gifts acknowledging the repatriation of totem poles from museums.*

*JEANNIE McFARLAND lived in a ponderosa pine forest before coming to Prince of Wales Island in 1981. In addition to creating pine needle raffia baskets, she teaches and has written two books on the technique. Jeannie continues to make baskets and sells the materials through a mail order business from her home in South Thorne Bay.*



*MARTY SHARP finds subject matter for her paintings in the cultures and everyday doings of the hardy people on Prince of Wales Island.*



*JOANNE JOHNSON has been an artist for more than 60 years, in media from fine art to sign painting, from murals to book illustration.*



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## 23rd island marathon brings back a runner boasting doubles in the world's majors and in all 50 states

Prince of Wales Island's annual spring marathon leaves the starting line on Memorial Day weekend while welcoming a participant who's among the few in the world to have run the world's major marathons twice each. He's also run two marathons in every U.S. state.

Glen Marumoto will return to the POW footrace one year after taking a static station at the Craig start line, a therapeutic boot on one foot. The longtime marathon runner had broken a bone in his leg in the London Marathon in April 2023, but showed up on POW a month later. He volunteered to take photos at the start/finish line. Marumoto will be the guest speaker and a third-time participant in the 2024 Prince of Wales Island Marathon, Half Marathon and Relays.



COURTESY OF GLEN MARUMOTO

Glen Marumoto and a Six Star medal.

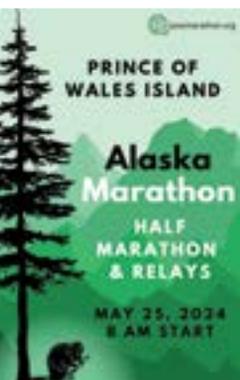
Marumoto is among more than 12,000 Six Star Finishers in the world: runners who completed the major marathons in Berlin; Boston; Chicago; London; New York City; and Tokyo. But among those Six Star Finishers, Marumoto is one of just more than 100 who have run each major *twice*. Marumoto completed the 2023 London Marathon with a leg fracture sustained about 4 miles into the event—and was on POW a month later, although not running.

Scores of participants take off on May 25, 2024, for an out-and-back course that skirts shoreline, forest and Alaska Native sites. It's the 23rd running of the RRCA-sanctioned POW marathon and 11th staging of the half marathon. Four- and eight-person relay teams also take on the scenic 26.2-mile marathon course. Participation is limited to 400 so that "quality reigns throughout." Information on the race and registration is posted at [powmarathon.org](http://powmarathon.org).

The 2024 motivational guest, Marumoto, served in the U.S. Air Force for nearly 28 years, retiring as a lieutenant colonel in Hawaii. He's now with the Air National Guard.

At presstime for this guide, he needed to finish marathons in seven states to round out his *third* 50-state marathon series. He told POW race organizers that he has also run marathons and golfed 18-hole rounds in all 50 states—a distinction Marumoto says is his alone.

Marumoto credits his military experience with "creating the mindset that one needs to run more than 200 marathons."



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April 27	Health Fair 2024	POW Health Network	Chaundell Piburn	907-826-4030	info@powhealthnetwork.org
May 25	Island Marathon, Relays & Half Marathon	Craig/Klawock	Jean Jackson	907-755-2626	jc4jackson@gmail.com
May 25	Post-Marathon Party	Craig	The Hill Bar	907-826-3423	hillbaroffice@aptalaska.net
May 27 & Sept. 2	Island-wide BBQ & Singspiration	Naukati	Joe LeGrou	907-629-4124	legrou4sea@gmail.com
June 1	Blessing of the Fleet	Craig	Rec director	907-825-2575	recreation@craigak.com
May 31-June 2	THRIVE Festival	Eagles Nest Campground	Abby Twyman	206-218-6889	amtwyman@gmail.com
July 9-11	Culture Camp	Craig	Craig Tribal Association	907-826-3996	culturalcoordinator@craigtribe.org
July 22-26	Culture Camp	Hydaburg	Dorinda Sanderson	907-285-3665	dorinda.s@hotmail.com
August 2 & 3	Klawock Totem Pole Raisings	Klawock	City Administrator	907-755-2261	cityadmin@cityofklawock.com
August 3	Thorne Bay Days	Thorne Bay	City Office	907-828-3380	cityclerk@thornebay-ak.gov
August 5	Jim Beard Memorial Kids Fishing Day	Gravelly Creek	USFS Thorne Bay Office	907-828-3304	
August 9-10	"By the Sea" Arts & Seafood Festival	Coffman Cove	Janie Wainscott	907-329-2031	info@artsandseafoodfestival.com
September 7	Hollis Funday FUNdraiser Chili Feed	Hollis Fire Hall	Tom Harden	907-617-7195	tom2alaska@yahoo.com
October 12	Distinguished Men & Women	Craig	Tiffany Mills	907-826-2581	hopeprevention@aptalaska.net

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June 15-16	Kids Fishing Derby Weekend	Craig	Rec Director	907-826-2575	recreation@craigak.com
July 13-14	Women's Fishing Derby Weekend	Craig	Rec Director	907-826-2575	recreation@craigak.com
August 10-11	Men's Fishing Derby Weekend	Craig	Rec Director	907-826-2575	recreation@craigak.com
July 4-September 4	Annual Silver Salmon Tournament	Thorne Bay	Sean McRae	907-401-1258	tschiesser@outlook.com
August 24	King Salmon Derby Social	Craig	Rec Director	907-826-2575	recreation@craigak.com

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March 30	Easter Egg Hunt	Craig Aquatic Center	Jessica Holloway	907-826-2794	pool@craigak.com
March 30	Easter Party Carnival	Craig City Gym	Rec Director	907-826-2575	recreation@craigak.com
March 31	Easter Egg Hunt	Thorne Bay	Victoria Anderson	208-867-3496	victoriaanderson.nurse@gmail.com
April date TBD	Easter Egg Hunt/Easter Bunny	Coffman Cove	Janie Wainscott	907-329-2031	info@artsandseafoodfestival.com
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October 31	Trunk or Treat	Craig	Rec Director	907-826-3275	recreation@craigak.com
October 29	Halloween Dance Party	Craig	The Hill Bar	907-826-3423	hillbaroffice@aptalaska.net
November 11	Veterans Dinner	Klawock ANB Hall	Patty Cottle	907-755-2265	smithcottle@hotmail.com
December date TBA	POWER Christmas Concert	Craig	Cathy Bolling	907-401-1630	lalalaska1@gmail.com
December 8	Christmas Tree Lighting & Carol Singing	Craig	Rec Director	907-826-2575	recreation@craigak.com

## SWAP MEETS – BAZAARS – CRAFT FAIRS

March 16 & May 11	Saturday Swap Meets	Craig City Gym	Rec Director	907-826-2575	recreation@craigak.com
May 13	Mother's Day Bazaar	Klawock A.N.B. Hall	Emalene Charles	907-738-2216	
May 25-Aug 31	Saturday Island Market	Klawock VocTEC	Michelle James	907-401-1456	powvoctec@gmail.com
May 26	Spring Bazaar	Craig City Gym	Rec Director	907-826-3275	recreation@craigak.com
November 2	Fall Bazaar	Craig	Rec Director	907-826-3275	recreation@craigak.com
November 9	Annual Holiday Bazaar	Coffman Cove	Janie Wainscott	907-329-2031	info@artsandseafoodfestival.com
November 16	Annual Christmas Bazaar	Thorne Bay	Korrissa Oatman	415-595-1695 / 907-828-3921	korrissap12@gmail.com
Nov. 23-Dec. 21	Holiday Bazaars (every Saturday)	Craig	Hannah Bazinet	907-826-2160	CTA.enterprise@craigtribe.org
November 30	Holiday Bazaar	Craig City Gym	Rec Director	907-826-2575	recreation@craigak.com
December 7	Christmas Bazaar	Klawock A.N.B. Hall	Emalene Charles	907-723-2216	
December 14	Christmas Bazaar/POW Chamber Raffle Drawing	Craig City Gym	Rec Director	907-826-2575	recreation@craigak.com









Adult swans and cygnets can be seen in stately procession at several sites.

## NATURAL ATTRACTIONS

Good places to view wildlife and the wonders of the natural world

**12** NUMBERED SITES ARE MARKED ON CENTERFOLD MAP

**1** Stretches of Sandy Beach Road (11 miles from Thorne Bay on forest highway 30) overlook Clarence Strait, a feeding area for humpback and killer whales, harbor seals and Steller sea lions. Sitka black-tailed deer are often seen. Trumpeter swans stop at Ratz Harbor estuary in fall. Sandy Beach Picnic Grounds is a good place to see great blue herons, bald eagles and harbor seals, and offers tidepools and sand dollars at low tide. **2** Gravelly Creek has a run of salmon August-September, attracting black bears; evening is the best time to see them. Sitka black-tailed deer roam here. Watch for bald eagles, red-breasted sapsuckers and migratory birds. Gravelly Creek is near milepost 4 on Thorne Bay Road on the way to Klawock. **3** Balls Lake may have waterfowl. The forest provides cover and food for black-tailed deer and black bears. Bald eagles are seen all year. Balls Lake is near milepost 16 on Thorne Bay Road heading west. A flat 4-mile trail loops the lake. **4** As many as 50 trumpeter swans have been seen at Big Salt Lake October to January. Migrating swans spend days or weeks; some overwinter. Winter storms sometimes drive in bufflehead ducks, Barrow's goldeneyes and others. Big Salt Lake is seen from mileposts 8 to 11 on Road 929. **5** Hatchery Creek Trail is off of FH 23 on the way to Coffman Cove. Boardwalk trail winds through a muskeg area with interesting flowers and vegetation. The viewing platform at the creek has a view of the falls and fish weir. Black bears are here during salmon runs in mid- to late summer. **6** Waters near Craig attract marine mammals and sea birds. Sea otters float in kelp beds and eat shellfish. Humpback whales swim and dive near shore. Harbor seals and sea lions explore coves. Great blue herons fish on shorelines. Cormorants spread wings to dry. Rare rhinoceros auklets are seen, along with other sea birds. Boat tours leave Craig harbor. **7** Salmon run into Cable Creek Fishpass late July to late August. A platform on the boardwalk is a good viewing site. Black bears gorge on salmon. River otters prey on salmon upstream. Cable Creek Fishpass is near milepost 13 on the road to Hydaburg. **8** Waterfowl and mammals visit Twelve Mile Estuary year-round. Look for black-tailed deer and black bears at the water's edge or near the road. Sandhill cranes visit in spring. Other migratory birds stop here in spring and fall to rest and feed before moving on. **9** Black bears and bald eagles are drawn to the Dog Salmon Fishpass by pink and chum salmon runs from late July to early September. The fish pass is at the outlet of Dog Salmon Creek on the west shore of Polk Inlet. This is one of the most popular bear viewing sites on POW. **10** The estuary at Staney Creek attracts black-tailed deer, eagles, black bears, harbor seals and river otters in summer; wildlife is densest during a salmon run in September. Loons and other waterfowl can be seen. Look for the Staney Creek sign near milepost 28 on north FH 925. **11** At Sarkar Lakes area, see wildlife from land or boat. In July, Sarkar Rapids bursts with sockeye salmon, attracting black bears and harbor seals. In spring, lakeside plants emerge ahead of other island vegetation, drawing black-tailed deer and black bears. Eagles are seen all year. Paddle Sarkar Lakes Trail: lakes and streams linked by boardwalk portages. Sarkar Rapids are about 5 miles north of Naukati Road junction on north FH 20. **12** Animal sightings are rare at El Capitan Cave, but there is abundant wildlife sign. River otter tracks are sometimes visible. Small organisms live on rocks and in pools. Bears have used the cave for thousands of years. A staircase leads to the cave and the Forest Service runs free guided tours during the summer.

— Adapted from material produced by the Alaska Department of Fish & Game

## MEDICAL SERVICES | E.M.S.



### EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

911 SYSTEMS **911** services are available where phone coverage exists. Calls are dispatched by various agencies. First responders are EMTs, fire departments, Alaska State Troopers or village public safety officers.

WHERE 911 IS NOT AVAILABLE

Naukati Bay emergency **907-629-4104**; evenings **907-629-4116**

Thorne Bay emergency **907-828-3639**

Whale Pass emergency **907-846-5221**

ALICIA ROBERTS MEDICAL CENTER | KLAWOCK

**907-755-4800** | 7300 Klawock-Hollis Highway

After-hours nurse triage: advice only **800-613-0560**

No on-duty emergency staff. For life-threatening emergencies, call 911.

MDs and nurses staff the clinic only during office hours.

GUARDIAN FLIGHT ALASKA 24-Hour dispatch **888-997-3822**

LIFEMED ALASKA **800-478-5433**

### ROUTINE MEDICAL, DENTAL & EYE CARE

PEACEHEALTH MEDICAL GROUP | CRAIG

**907-826-3257** 1800 Craig-Klawock Highway

MDs and medical assistants by appointment. Thorne Bay satellite service monthly; call for information.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS | CRAIG

**907-826-3891** 1800 Craig-Klawock Highway #241

Senior and disability services, children's mental health and early learning.

SOUTHEAST ALASKA REGIONAL HEALTH CONSORTIUM

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**907-755-4800** 7300 Klawock-Hollis Hwy.

ALICIA ROBERTS MEDICAL CENTER DENTAL CLINIC | KLAWOCK

**907-755-4918** 7300 Klawock-Hollis Hwy.

ALICIA ROBERTS OPIOID TREATMENT CENTER | KLAWOCK

**907-755-4925** 7300 Klawock-Hollis Hwy.

CRAIG HEALTH CLINIC | CRAIG

**907-755-4967** 333 Cold Storage Rd. #203

Providing behavioral health, physical therapy and optometry

HYDABURG ALMA COOK HEALTH CENTER | HYDABURG

**907-285-3462** Eighth Street Extension

KASAAN HEALTH CENTER | KASAAN

Contact Alicia Roberts Medical Center at **907-755-4800**.

Kasaan Health Center is closed at this time.

THORNE BAY CLINIC | THORNE BAY

Contact Alicia Roberts Medical Center at **907-755-4800**.

Thorne Bay Clinic is closed at this time.

SOUTHEAST DENTAL CENTERS INC. | CRAIG

**907-826-2273** 407 Spruce St.

ALASKA ISLAND COMMUNITY SERVICES MEDICAL CLINIC (AICS)

**907-874-7000**

AICS provides medical services to Point Baker; Port Protection; Whale Pass; and Edna Bay.

Tsunami EVACUATION AREAS IN CRAIG

Elementary School; Aquatic Center; Recreation Center; High School.



# ROAD ISLAND / TRAVEL TIMES & DISTANCES

## ESTIMATED TRAVEL TIMES for common trips HOURS:MINUTES

CONTROL LAKE to	HOLLIS 1:15	COFFMAN COVE 1:00	CRAIG :45	HYDABURG 1:45
HOLLIS to	CRAIG :32	THORNE BAY 1:45	COFFMAN COVE 2:01	HYDABURG 1:00
CRAIG to	HYDABURG 1:30	THORNE BAY 1:15	COFFMAN COVE 1:45	WHALE PASS 3:15
THORNE BAY to	KASAAN 1:15	WHALE PASS 3:00	NAUKATI BAY 1:15	EL CAP CAVE 2:30

Use estimates only as a general guide. Weather conditions, road conditions and driving habits affect times.

	Coffman Cove	Craig	El Capitan	Hollis	Hydaburg	Kasaan	Klawock	Lab Bay	Naukati Bay	Thorne Bay	Whale Pass
Coffman Cove	■	62	58	78	76	66	55	88	32	55	54
Craig	62	■	78	31	42	54	7	108	51	43	73
El Capitan	58	78	■	94	106	82	71	30	33	71	11
Hollis	78	31	94	■	32	70	23	124	67	59	89
Hydaburg	76	42	106	32	■	82	35	136	79	71	101
Kasaan	66	54	82	70	82	■	49	108	55	23	77
Klawock	55	7	71	23	35	49	■	101	44	38	66
Lab Bay	88	108	30	124	136	108	101	■	63	101	41
Naukati Bay	32	51	33	67	79	55	44	63	■	44	27
Thorne Bay	55	43	71	59	71	23	38	101	44	■	66
Whale Pass	54	73	11	89	101	77	66	41	27	66	■



## ALL TIED UP / PUBLIC DOCKS

Mariners who navigate the Inside Passage to Prince of Wales Island find harbors on the east and west sides that accommodate private vessels and crews. A summary of facilities follows; mariners can call ahead for more information.

**Coffman Cove** has public floats. **Craig** has three harbors and more than 200 slips; vessels to 125 feet can be accommodated. Facilities include water; power; waste/oil disposal; boat grid; haulout; restrooms; and showers. The staff monitors VHF 16. **False Island** has a ramp. **Hollis** has small public floats. **Hydaburg** has state public floats and moorage. **Kasaan** has public floats. **Klawock** harbor has float moorage and a boat grid. **Naukati Bay** has a public float. **Point Baker** and **Port Protection** have small state-maintained floats. **Thorne Bay's** two harbors have transient slips and boat launches. Facilities include water; power; waste/oil disposal; restrooms; showers; and boat grid. Staff monitor VHF 16. **Whale Pass** moorage is private.

### HARBORMASTERS

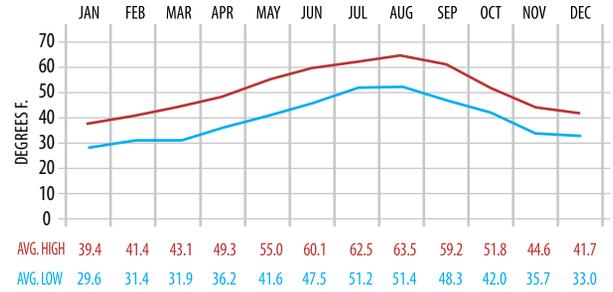
Coffman Cove 907-329-2233  
 Craig 907-826-3404  
 Edna Bay 907-594-6300  
 Hydaburg 907-285-3761  
 Kasaan 907-542-2212

Klawock 907-755-2261  
 Naukati Bay 907-629-4319  
 Point Baker 907-559-2204  
 Port Protection 907-489-2222  
 Thorne Bay 2907-04-0815  
 Whale Pass 907-846-5222



## AVERAGE MONTHLY TEMPERATURES

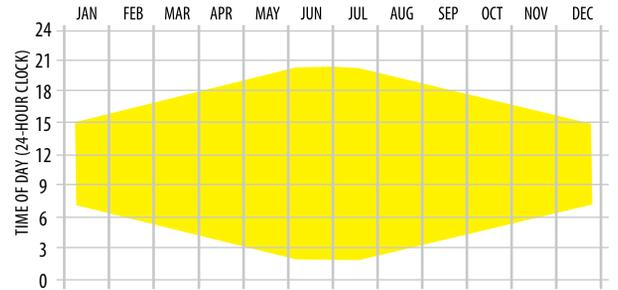
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## AVERAGE MONTHLY PRECIPITATION



## HOURS OF DAYLIGHT



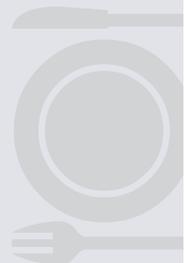
## A NOTE ON GROCERIES

Full-service grocery stores operate in Craig, Klawock, Thorne Bay and Whale Pass. In other communities that display the grocery icon in this guide, you may find stores stocking limited wares—convenience stores, in effect. You can use the contact phone numbers in this section to call ahead for detailed information.



## A NOTE ON DINING

Conventional dining-out options are available in Craig, Klawock and Kasaan. In other communities, options might be limited to take-out. We advise calling ahead before you travel to less-populous towns, or call ahead to check with local folks. Taking some food supplies with you is usually a good move.





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# TONGASS NATIONAL FOREST

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- Tongass National Forest spans 500 miles and encompasses nearly 17 million acres.
- Prince of Wales Island offers 2 million acres of forest, mountains, streams and bays for your adventures.
- Catch a beautiful fish in a stream, thanks to Forest Service efforts to restore and improve fish habitat.
- Purchase wood products from local mills and businesses—products that started with harvest in Forest Service timber sales.
- Relax and recharge at a public-use cabin or a picnic area.

- Help to keep recreation alive and well in your national forests by volunteering with the Forest Service.
- Get more information about your Tongass National Forest programs from the Prince of Wales Island districts.

Craig Ranger District  
907-826-3271  
504 9th Street  
Craig, AK 99921

Thorne Bay Ranger District  
907-828-3304  
1312 Federal Way, Sandy Beach Road  
Thorne Bay, AK 99919

## CABINS AND DAY-USE AREAS OFFER ACCESS TO DIVERSE AND FAMILY-FRIENDLY RECREATION

### Twelvemile Cabin

is base camp for adventures of your own creating. When you want a laid-back experience, relax on the front porch and soak in Alaska's backcountry beauty. Take that



stored energy out for a leisurely stroll and beachcomb at low tide. When you're ready for livelier adventure, grab the tackle and head to the inlet for excellent fishing of coho, chum, and pink salmon, as well as cutthroat and rainbow trout. If you have a kayak, spend a day paddling along the shoreline. In August,

you can also take a short drive to Dog Salmon Fish Pass to view bears and other wildlife feeding on runs of chum and pink salmon. This fully accessible cabin is on the road system south of Craig with a short gravel trail to the site.



### Sandy Beach Picnic Area

is a short drive from Thorne Bay. The site has a new covered picnic pavilion (funded by the POW Resource Advisory Council), a picnic area with fire rings, vault toilets and dispersed camping. This is a great spot to view marine life, bird-watch and go tide pooling. Sandy Beach Road connects Thorne Bay to Coffman Cove on well-maintained gravel with several scenic pullouts.

## Cabins and campsites provide remote getaways

### THE FOREST SERVICE

maintains public-use cabins on POW. Cabins can be rented for up to 14 nights. All the cabins offer special settings. You might drive



to a cabin perched on the edge of a saltwater inlet. Another cabin is accessible by rowboat across a lake (boat and oars are provided, but you could bring a small outboard motor). Alpine cabins are accessible by floatplane. Cabins offer unique sights: leaping whales or rocky cliffs, giant cedars or a stream overflowing with salmon. See the table at right for details on accessibility. Camping is available for tents and RVs at Eagles Nest and Harris River.

Cabins and campgrounds are marked on the centerfold map. Reservations are required for cabins. Browse at [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov) or call 877-444-6777. For information online, go to [www.fs.usda.gov/activity/tongass/recreation/camping-cabins](http://www.fs.usda.gov/activity/tongass/recreation/camping-cabins).

CABIN SITE	MODES OF ACCESS			
	ROAD	ROAD + ROWBOAT	BOAT	PLANE
12-Mile	●		●	●
Barnes Lake			●	●
Black Bear				●
Control Lake		●		
Honker Lake			● (canoe)	●
Josephine Lake				●
Karta Lake			● + 2 mi hike	●
Karta River			●	●
Kegan Cove			●	●
Kegan Creek			● + .5 mi hike	●
Point Amagura			●	●
Polk Camp	●		●	●
Red Bay Lake		● (.75 mi hike & 1 mi row)		●
Salmon Bay Lake				●
Salmon Lake				●
Sarkar Lake		●		●
Shipley Bay			●	●
Staney Creek	●		●	
Sweetwater Lake		●		●
Trollers Cove			●	●

## Public lands invite hikers to a variety of forest paths

**Sunnahae Mountain Trail** above Craig offers a workout and amazing views from the alpine summit. Staircases and a gravel trail bed ease the hike. **One Duck Trail** is an alpine footpath off of Hydaburg road; steep slopes are strenuous but afford access to world-class deer hunting in season. A three-sided shelter at the top is first-come, first-served.

**Gravelly Creek Day Use Area** near Thorne Bay provides excellent fishing. A pavilion and fire ring offer a warm-up site.

**Karta River Wilderness Area** offers excellent salmon and steelhead fishing. Three cabins on Karta River are reserved at [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov). A 5-mile trail linking cabins provides access to the river. Karta River Wilderness Area is accessed by boat from Hollis or by air from Kasaan and Ketchikan.

**Honker Divide Canoe Route** is a challenging 33-mile paddle on rivers and lakes. **Sarkar Lakes Canoe Route** is an easier 15-mile loop on small lakes. The hardy can portage a paddle craft to the mouth of Sarkar Creek, five minutes by road from Sarkar Lake, and explore beautiful **El Capitan Passage**.

**Dog Salmon Fish Pass** wildlife viewing area is on Forest Road 2100 (Polk Road) 12 miles from the Hydaburg Highway turnoff (Highway 913) toward Polk Inlet. It's a two-hour drive from Craig. It offers excellent opportunities to watch black bears feed on salmon. Recreation sites are nearby at Polk Camp and 12-Mile Arm Cabin.

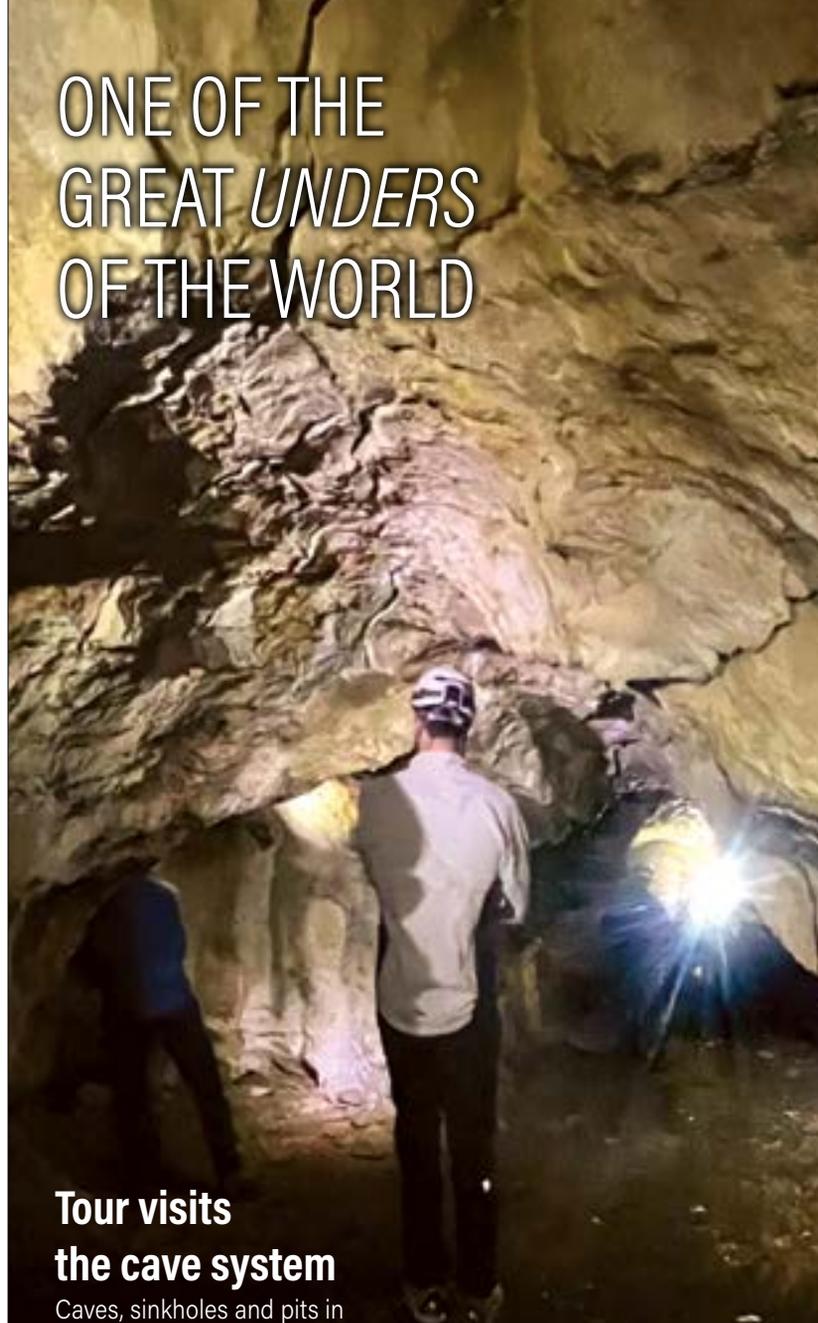
**Hatchery Creek Trail**, just off the pavement via the Coffman Cove road, is a half-mile boardwalk trail through mossy older-growth forest and muskegs. It ends at a large viewing platform, where visitors can see salmon jumping falls during runs. Black bears sometimes appear when the area is quiet.

### Happy trails

#### TRAIL / DISTANCE IN MILES / AVG. WALK TIME / DIFFICULTY / NEAREST ROAD

Balls Lake Trail / 3.5 mi / 3 hours / more difficult / Thorne Bay Highway  
Beaver Falls Karst Trail / 1.0 mi / 45 min / easy / FH 43 (Forest Highway 43)  
Big Lake Fish Pass / .05 mi / 10 min / easy / Sandy Beach Road  
Cable Creek Fish Pass / .05 mi / 10 min / easy / Hydaburg Highway  
Canoe Point Trail / 0.25 mi / 15 min / more difficult / No road: Trocadero Bay  
Cavern Lake Trail / 0.1 mi / 10 min / easy / 2700 Road near Whale Pass  
Deweyville Trail / 0.7 mi / 45 min / more difficult / FH 43  
Dog Salmon Fish Pass / 0.2 mi / 10 min / easy / Polk Road  
El Capitan Cave Trail / 0.25 mi / 45 min / most difficult / 1500 Road off FH 43  
Harris River Interpretive Area  
and Harris River Access Trail / 1.3 mi / 1.5 hours / difficult / Hollis Highway  
Hatchery Creek Trail / 0.5 mi / 20 min / easy / Coffman Cove Road  
Honker Divide Canoe Route / 33 mi / 3-5 days / most difficult / Coffman Cove Road  
Karta Wilderness Trail / 5.5 mi / 4.5 hours / more difficult / No road: Kasaan Bay  
Kegan Lake Trail / 0.5 mi / 30 min / more difficult / No road access, Moira Sound  
One Duck Trail / 1.25 mi / 2 hours / most difficult / Hydaburg Highway  
Red Bay Lake Trail / 0.75 mi / 45 min / more difficult / FH 43  
Salmon Bay Lake Trail / 1.5 mi / 1.5 hours / most difficult / No road: Salmon Bay  
Salt Chuck Trail / .75 mi / 1 hour / more difficult / 2030 Road off Thorne Bay Road  
Sarkar Lakes Canoe Route / 15 mi / 2-3 days / more difficult / FH 43  
Shibley Bay Trail / .75 mi / 45 min / most difficult / No road: Shibley Bay  
Sunnahae Mountain Trail / 1 mi / 1.5 hours / most difficult / Craig Highway  
Trocadero Trail / 1.3 mi / 1 hour / more difficult / Hydaburg Highway  
Twenty Mile Spur Trail / 3.0 mi / 1.5 hours / easy / Hollis Highway

## ONE OF THE GREAT UNDERS OF THE WORLD



### Tour visits the cave system

Caves, sinkholes and pits in a vast karst landscape under north POW comprise a geologic treasure 400 million years in the making. El Capitan Cave, largest of 500 caves amid limestone bedrock, provides visitors with a unique tour.

"El Cap" is about two hours by car from Craig or Thorne Bay. The cave is also accessible from El Capitan Passage.

U.S. Forest Service guides conduct free two-hour tours. Visitors get a briefing at the interpretive site, pick out headlamps and helmets and climb a boardwalk trail. At the cave, the guide outlines safety. Sturdy shoes or boots are recommended. The temperature in the cave is in the low 40s F. Visitors walk about 500 feet into the cave and learn about cave formation, speleothems (cave features), cave biology and fossil finds. Questions are welcome.

#### EL CAPITAN CAVE TOUR

- Tours are offered mid-May to mid-September.
- Call Thorne Bay Ranger District at 907-828-3304 for information.
- Maximum group size is six. Minimum age is 7 years.
- Reservations are required. Reserve your tour two days or more in advance.

# BIRDS

## A RICH NATURAL SYSTEM SUPPORTS AN AMAZING FEATHERED ARRAY



TAMARA BUDY

**EAGLE BAWLED** This eagle complains to a crow crowding its perch on a snag (our term for a dead standing tree). Bald eagles are in eternal tension with resident corvus species—ravens and crows. Corvids are often seen in flight harassing eagles.

**P**rince of Wales Island is an avian haven. It's a feathery mecca. A prolific ecosystem of temperate rainforest, wetlands, salt water and fresh water nurtures resident birds and migratory visitors alike.

Bald eagles and great blue herons are conspicuous year-round, as are ravens and crows. Geese, swans and ducks visit on migratory journeys and a few overwinter. Rufous hummingbirds arrive in early spring from the desert Southwest. Songbirds in diverse variety wing it here in spring for long summer days nesting and tending broods.

Owls and hawks inhabit the woods; they are rarely seen and a keen-eyed birder may get an impressive photographic opportunity. Kingfishers and loons frequent lakes and estuaries such as Thorne Bay. Showy cormorants stand on docks and navigation buoys and spread dark wings to dry. Long-legged plovers, sandpipers and yellowlegs mine soft shores for hidden fodder.

**Our wilds provide** ample food and long days, perfect for feeding and breeding. Move quietly and enjoy the feathered feature. Robert H. Armstrong's *Guide to the Birds of Alaska* is a good companion for birdwatching—the sort of book to help you distinguish ravens from crows. Island residents contribute photos and bird IDs to a Facebook page, POW Island Birders.



MARIA TAYLOR



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*The great blue heron is a quiet presence along salt- and freshwater shores and flies with slow grace. The spruce grouse is a tree-dweller you may hear clucking in warning if you get close. Oyster catchers delve with long, strong bills in tidal zones. A few dozen Eurasian collared doves escaped captivity in the Bahamas in 1974 and the species spread northwest even to Alaska. Happy 50th anniversary!*

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP PHOTO



CHERYL FECKO



JOE MATHIS



NOREEN RUDD



TAMARA BUOY



*Tiny rufous hummingbirds zip through the air and sip in flower gardens and wildflower patches. Sandpipers are among several species of wading birds that forage along our shorelines. Hooded mergansers make homes on lakes, the males bearing dramatic black-and-white feathers and the females leading long broods of as many as a dozen chicks in foraging formations. The great grey owl is a skilled nighttime hunter and seldom seen in daylight—except by lucky photographers.*

FROM TOP PHOTO



LAURA WYMORE

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# TRIPLE TRIPS

MULTI-DAY ITINERARIES HELP VISITORS MAKE THE MOST OF A BIG ISLAND WITH A FASCINATING HISTORY. WE OFFER SAMPLE TRAVELS. MIX AND MATCH FOR YOUR 'UNFORGETTABLE'



## SPORT FISHING TRIFECTA | BASE ANYWHERE

**DAY 1** Choose a target. Let's say it's salmon today. If you have your own boat or a rental boat from a local outfitter, drop a crab pot and a shrimp pot on the way out to your fishing site. Troll bait herring or use lures that suit the species and the season. You might also choose to mooch if the fish finder shows a clutch of salmon beneath you; mooching is an active and exciting method. Fish to the limit, pull the pots on the way in and fillet your salmon at the dock. Grill some fresh for dinner, vacuum-seal and freeze the rest.

**DAY 2** What say we go fishing—just for the halibut! Local guides know these waters and the places likeliest to yield big flatfish. Latch onto a guide and boost your odds of filling that fish box.

**DAY 3** Stream fishing! Now, there's a fresh idea. Freshwater fishing is great on POW. Salmon, steelhead, Dolly Varden, rainbow trout and more. Grab fly fishing gear or spincasting tackle and wade right in. The angler in the photo above made a summer day of fishing in one of POW's many streams. Thorne River and Harris River are good bets for freshwater fishing.



## TOTEM POLES | BASE IN Klawock OR CRAIG

**DAY 1** Walk to Klawock's totem pole park, where older poles stand with cedar monuments from recent years. Two poles by Tlingit artist Jon Rowan are expected to be raised in the park on Aug. 2-3, 2024. (SEE MORE ON PAGE 24.) On the drive to Craig, see a pole raised in 2022 as a call for justice for murdered or missing Indigenous women; the pole was carved by Tony Christianson of Hydaburg and honors Judylee Alexandra Guthrie (Baby Judy), a murder victim. At Craig's cemetery, see the Sukteeneidí Honor Totem Pole raised in 2022. Jon Rowan designed it to salute uncles as mentors in Alaska Native life.

**DAY 2** Drive across the island to Kasaan, a village with traditional and contemporary Haida carvings and artifacts. Visit Son-i-Hat Whale House and the carving shed. Have lunch at Totem Trail Café.

**DAY 3** Complete the tour with a drive to Hydaburg; take the highway south out of Klawock. Hydaburg is about 2.5 hours from Kasaan. The town boasts an impressive array of traditional and modern totem poles of the Haida people.



## FLY / FISH / FERRY CIRCUIT

### BASE IN CRAIG, Klawock, THORNE BAY OR COFFMAN COVE

**DAY 1** Watch for whales in Clarence Strait as you fly from Ketchikan. Grab your rental car. Check in at the lodging and ask for dining tips. After dinner, stroll the town. Pick a good site for viewing a late sunset. Each community has excellent ocean views and scenic walks.

**DAY 2** You're ready for the exciting excursion that everyone back home will ask you about. Fishing. If you didn't book in advance, check with guides about any last-minute openings. Or if you're comfortable running a boat and handling saltwater fishing gear, a do-it-yourself trip is for you. Use the member directory in this visitor guide to find a boat rental; plug the outfitter for advice on fishing sites and methods.

**DAY 3** Take the ferry back to Ketchikan from Hollis and complete the air/sea circuit. Enjoy a full meal on the three-hour crossing and treat yourself to a banana split. The coffee pot is always on and there's always someone looking for a chat. But stay near windows or out on deck, vigilant for humpback whales and orcas in Clarence Strait. >

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## NORTH END TRAILS / CAVE / BEACH

### BASE IN WHALE PASS

**DAY 1** Walk the easy Cavern Lake Trail to see and feel the temperate rain forest up close; in the photo above, a group is exploring along the trail. In the afternoon, take on the longer Beaver Falls Interpretive Trail.

**DAY 2** Join a Forest Service guide for an exploration of El Capitan Cave, the largest of many caves on the island. Much of the forested land on POW is underlain by limestone formed in ancient seas: karst geography. Reserve your tour ticket in advance. [SEE PAGE 40 FOR MORE INFORMATION.]

**DAY 3** End of the Road Day. Take Road 20 to its end at Labouchere Bay. Swing back to beautiful Memorial Beach near the north tip of the island. Picnic at the USFS shelter in the late afternoon and stay on to witness an amazing sunset over nearby islands of the Alexander Archipelago.



SARAH LOVE

## WHALES & MARINE MAMMALS

### BASE IN WEST SIDE OR EAST SIDE TOWNS

**DAY 1** Clear storage space on your camera and smartphone. Pocket backup batteries. Pack a lunch. Grab appropriate layers of apparel. Meet your guide at the dock. Board a boat for an exciting exploration of near-shore waters. Watch for seals, sea lions and sea otters. Cruise out farther and find humpback whales, perhaps orcas.

**DAY 2** Use what you just learned about marine mammal viewing sites and get close-up photos from a kayak. Bring your own paddle craft or rent from an outfitter.

**DAY 3** You found out you really like boating on the extraordinary Inside Passage. So go charter fishing!

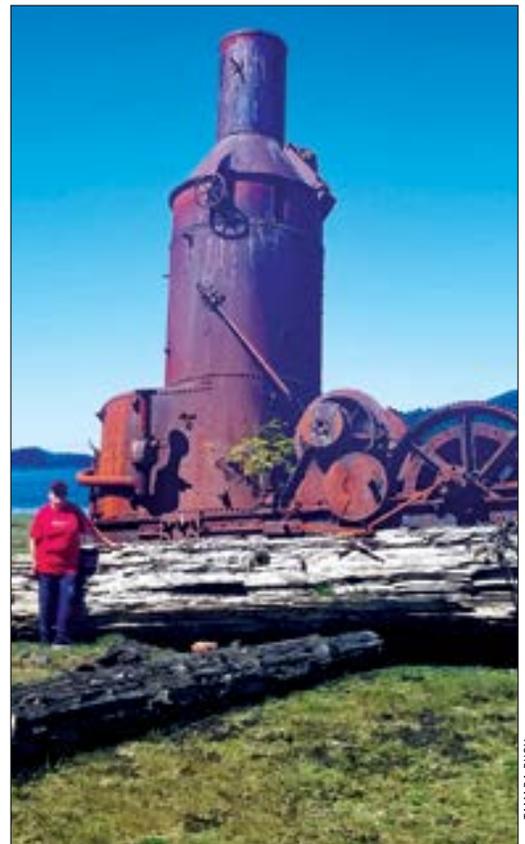
## INDUSTRY HISTORY

### BASE IN THORNE BAY

**DAY 1** Drive west and take Lake Ellen Road. Hike to Salt Chuck Mine. A trail leads to massive mining machinery that recalls epic human feats in the forest.

**DAY 2** Relax in Thorne Bay, once one of the busiest timber towns in the world. Grab takeout or a picnic and eat near the great grapple that once hoisted huge logs. Meet a charter skipper at the dock for salmon fishing.

**DAY 3** Take the sunrise route north along Sandy Beach. Look for bears on Hatchery Creek Trail. On the southbound trek, take the scenic gravel road toward Staney Creek and drive to the shore at Winter Harbor; a remnant steam donkey, seen here, rests on logs where the engine yanked enormous felled trees ages ago.



TAMARA BUDY

CORRYN JAHN



**BIKEPACKING EXCURSION | BASE IN YOUR PANNIERS**

**DAY 1 – DAY 2 – DAY 3** When you get off the ferry in Hollis, the entire island is open for discovery from the seat of a bicycle. At this narrow pinch of POW, east-side and west-side road networks are easily accessible. We recommend you take more than three days to explore our mix of paved and good gravel roadways—most of them lightly traveled by motor vehicles. Bikers can survey ocean coast and remote forest, small towns and quiet backcountry. Campgrounds, cabins and accommodations make overnight stays as rustic or as comfy as you wish. Bike-ready roads are proposed for listing in a national bike route system and we think it's a matter of time until POW is discovered by the sprocket set. (FOR ACCOUNTS OF POW TRIPS BY BIKE-BORNE PIONEERS, SEE PAGES 11-12.)

CORRYN JAHN



**CABIN VACATION | BASE AT A U.S.F.S. CABIN**

**DAY 1 minus months** Reserve a cabin. See page 40 or call staff at Forest Service offices in Craig and Thorne Bay for information on how to select a cabin and reserve it.

**DAY 1** Park the car, load your gear to your cabin and make home; you might walk in, or in some cases you'll use a boat provided by USFS to get to your vacation setting. Get organized while the kids whoop it up at the lake. Set up your rustic kitchen. Light a fire in the wood stove. Put on your float coats and row the boat on the lake. Catch trout.

**DAY 2** Light a fire. Walk the trail. Read a good book. Skip stones. Catch trout. Take a nap. Row around the lake. Cook dinner. Tell stories as sunlight fades over the forest.

**DAY 3** Light a last, homey fire. Walk the lake shore. Breathe deeply and secure those lifelong sense memories.

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Hikers look down on Craig's environs from spectacular Sunnahae Mountain Trail—a challenging route from townsite to alpine heights. One might see maps calling the peak "Sunny Hay Mountain." Sunny Hay, Sunnahae. Some place names, we can't explain. For others, see below.

## Histories & legends relating to the settlements on the island

### A man bestows his name on Klawock

According to a Tlingit story, Klawock is named for a member of the Tongass clan who lived near the area we now call Ketchikan. The man moved his family to the west side of this island to protect them from the influence of fur traders, who had introduced alcohol to his people. Haida hunters found the man at the river and asked him the river's name. He gave his own name, Tlawa, pronounced schlawa, and added "k" to the end. The spelling was later altered to Klawak and took its present form, Klawock, in 1929 as the city incorporated in the territory.

### Port Protection & Vancouver's voyage

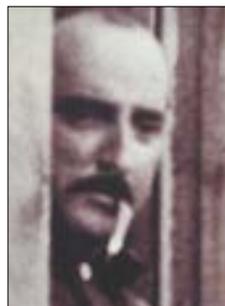
Port Protection's name goes back to the voyage of English Capt. George Vancouver. History tells us that the navigator sailed into this site in 1793 for protection from a storm. Wooden Wheel Cove in Port Protection is named for Wooden Wheel Johnson, who allegedly lost his brass propeller and carved a prop out of wood. The U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey recorded the name in 1949.

### Mon dieu! A bay is named for a ship

"Labouchere Bay" is a rare French name in a region visited for centuries by Europeans. The steam ship S.S. Labouchere, operated by Hudson's Bay Co. of Canada, traded in this area in the 1860s. (From *Names on the Charts and How They Got There*, by R.N. DeArmond)

### 'Cetacean strait'? Naw. 'Whale Pass'

The town's name is a shortened form of Whale Passage, a strait between Thorne Island and POW. Whales are often seen there. The passage was named in 1886 by U.S. Navy Lt. Commander A.S. Snow. The community was a logging camp in the '60s. The last floating camp moved out in 1983. Whale Pass was connected by road in 1980.



MAIRIE BLANCHE COLLECTION

Craig Millar, with the founder's familiar pipe.

### We're on a first-name basis

Craig Millar settled in this area in 1906. His father had run salmon salteries in B.C. and Alaska since the 1880s. Millar was Ontario-born but Pacific Northwest-hardened at 30 years old when he set up a saltery on the beach near today's Cannery Point. After 1908, Millar managed an Oregon company's mild-cure plant, cold storage, cannery and general store—an initial commercial surge. The young town took on its name in 1912 in honor of a notable founder. But oddly, there's no "Millar, Alaska." Welcome to Craig.

### Naukatee Bay? Or Naukati Bay?

The bay was dubbed "Naukatee" in 1904 by E.F. Dickins of the U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey—anglicized from an Alaska Native name, per the *Alaska Dictionary of Place Names*. "Naukati Bay" was recorded in 1949 by the U.S. Naukati was founded as a logging camp in 1972. The camp moved to Coffman Cove in 1987, later reopening in Naukati.

### Point Baker: salmon sales, then sailors

Point Baker is on the northern tip of POW along Sumner Strait and is accessible by boat or floatplane. Homesites appeared in the early 1930s after floating fish buyers worked the area for the commercial troll fleet. The U.S. Post Office opened here around 1942. Commercial trollers and gillnetters anchor the economy. In summer, charter vessels are numerous at the dock. Sailors and cruisers transiting the Inside Passage frequently tie up at Point Baker for an experience of real, remote Alaskan ambiance.

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# LABELS

Place names embody millennia of settlers and explorers

**Prince of Wales Island** is the largest of the approximately 1,100 islands in the Alexander Archipelago and took on its English name before 1800. But the island's original name, Taan, was applied by the first settlers, the Tlingit people. Our names for islands and bays, in fact, span millennia and many waves of Alaska Natives and Western newcomers.

## Bucareli • Sukkwan

Tlingit peoples arrived more than 10,000 years ago, Haida peoples several centuries ago. Echoes of Alaska Native tongues are heard in place names such as Kasaan, Klawock and Sukkwan.

Spanish explorers in the 1770s put names on charts as they went—giving us Sumez Island, El Capitan, Bucareli Bay and the Gulf of Esquibel.

**British Capt. George Vancouver** explored here in 1793 and named this island for George, Prince of Wales, the heir to King George III. Russians explored and exploited this region in the late 1700s; they left names for Kosciusko, Baranof and Chichagof islands—and applied Tsar Alexander's name to the island chain.

Well into the 20th century, many sites on this wild coastline were mapped without monikers. Some land forms and bodies of water were named by U.S. scientists and land managers before statehood in 1959.

Two books touch on place names in culture and history. University of Washington Press and Sealaska Heritage Institute publish *Haa Leelk'w Has Aani Saax'u—Our Grandparents' Names on the Land*. The volume treats 3,000 Alaska Native names in Southeast Alaska. *Dictionary of Alaska Place Names* compiled by the USGS (1,100 pages) is online. Go to [pubs.er.usgs.gov/publication/pp567](http://pubs.er.usgs.gov/publication/pp567).

For general views of the fascinating back story of this region, consult two books by historian Patricia Roppel: *Southeast: Alaska's Panhandle* and *Southeast: A Pictorial History*.

### P.O.W. PRONOUNCER

- Tlingit tribe ... HLING-git
- Haida tribe ... HY-duh
- Cape Chacon ... SHA-kun
- Cholmondeley Sound ... CHOM-lee
- Heceta Island ... HEH-kuh-tuh
- Kasaan ... kuh-SAN
- Naukati Bay ... NAH-kuh-tee
- Kashevarof Island ... kah-SHEH-vuh-roff
- Kosciusko Island ... kah-shee-OO-skoh
- Labouchere Bay ... LAB-uh-shur ("Lab Bay")
- San Juan Batista Island ... "Saint John's"

## El Capitan • Kosciusko

Receptacle wraps display salmon can art history

CANS WERE CANVASES for industrial artistry in the early era of salmon packing. Decades later, labels art that clad classic cans of wild-caught Alaskan salmon are artifacts and collectibles. The niche enthusiasm scales up on POW, where trash barrels in Craig and Klawock are wrapped in label designs from the early 20th century. A walking tour of the Craig labels is a stroll through industry history.

The project was volunteer-driven; most labels were provided by a local collector and another in Petersburg. Similar programs are in Anacortes, Wash.; Astoria, Ore.; and in Ketchikan, Kodiak and Petersburg, Alaska.

Craig Civic Pride Committee rounded up sponsors. The City of Craig installed and maintains a dozen sites. The Prince of Wales Chamber of Commerce in Klawock shares an embellished barrel with Klawock Heenya Corp. and the City of Klawock. Island Air Express in Klawock hosts a can.

IN THE COMPETITIVE U.S. consumer market of the early 20th century, packers used distinctive art and fanciful brands to entice shoppers. North Pacific Trading and Packing Co. and Barnes and Co. were notable packers on POW. The companies' salmon run, so to speak, is over, but their classic American art remains in sight.

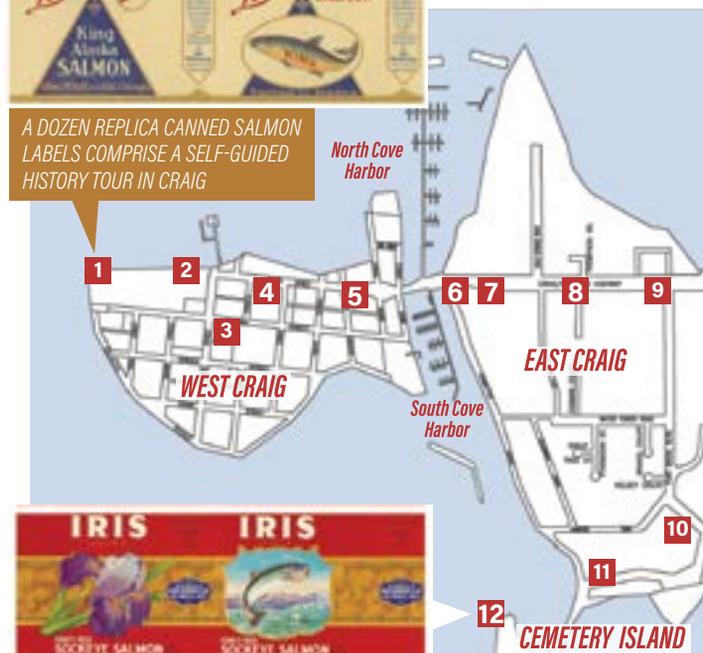


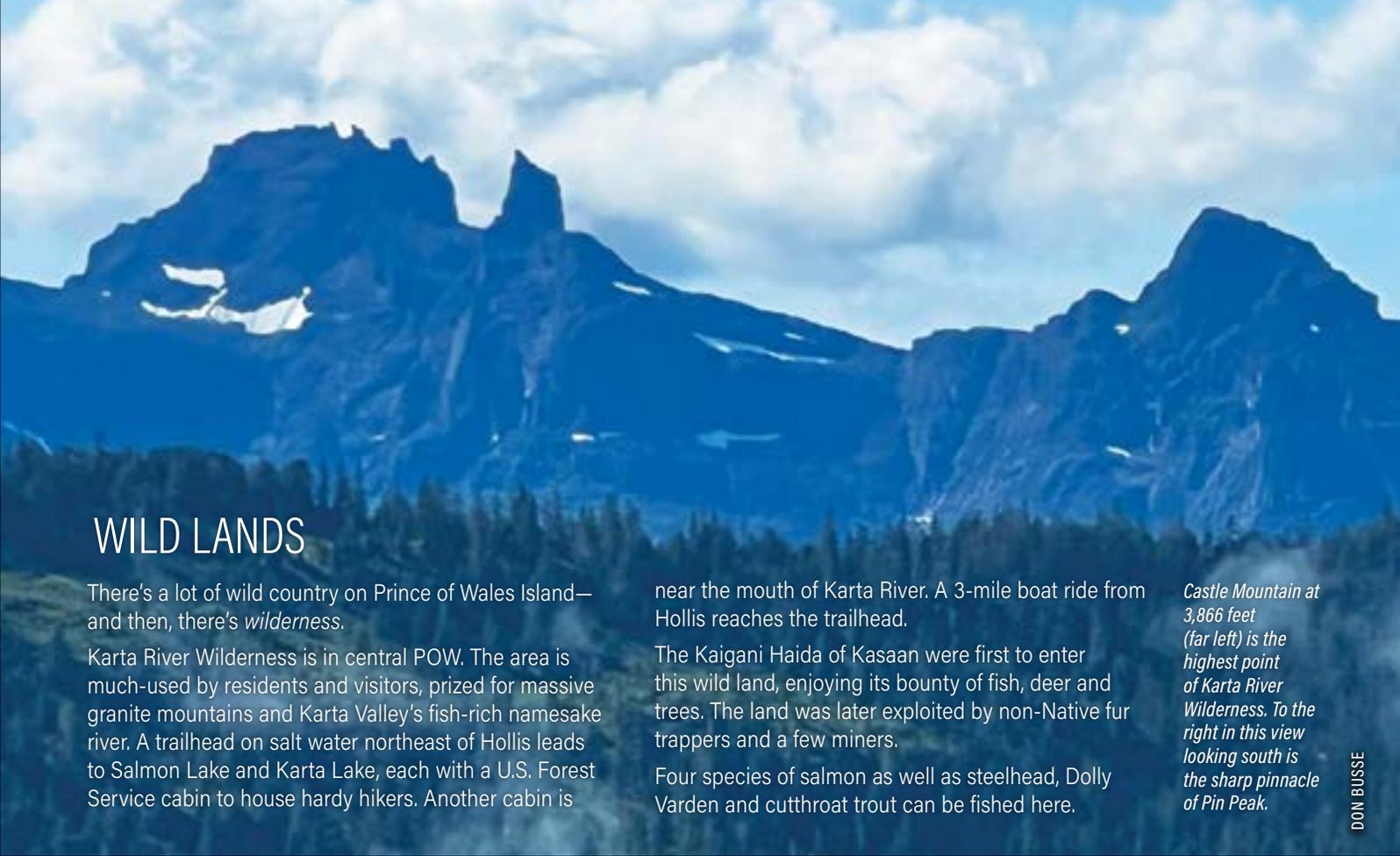
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A DOZEN REPLICA CANNED SALMON LABELS COMPRISE A SELF-GUIDED HISTORY TOUR IN CRAIG





## WILD LANDS

There's a lot of wild country on Prince of Wales Island—and then, there's *wilderness*.

Karta River Wilderness is in central POW. The area is much-used by residents and visitors, prized for massive granite mountains and Karta Valley's fish-rich namesake river. A trailhead on salt water northeast of Hollis leads to Salmon Lake and Karta Lake, each with a U.S. Forest Service cabin to house hardy hikers. Another cabin is

near the mouth of Karta River. A 3-mile boat ride from Hollis reaches the trailhead.

The Kaigani Haida of Kasaan were first to enter this wild land, enjoying its bounty of fish, deer and trees. The land was later exploited by non-Native fur trappers and a few miners.

Four species of salmon as well as steelhead, Dolly Varden and cutthroat trout can be fished here.

*Castle Mountain at 3,866 feet (far left) is the highest point of Karta River Wilderness. To the right in this view looking south is the sharp pinnacle of Pin Peak.*

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# ECONOMY



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*NET PROCEEDS* Happy crewmen on a commercial boat picked a boatload of salmon from the gillnet—a portion of the landings that make Craig an important seafood port.

**T**he economy of Prince of Wales Island is diversifying by increments from the accustomed triad of salmon, timber and governments—a transition pushed by public investments and by the allure of Alaska Native heritage.

Farming in ocean waters is creating new commodities. A private company leveraging public funding is extending urban-class internet to towns on the island. A goal of forest sustainability is shifting U.S. spending away from clear cuts and toward community-building. With all that in formative stages, an Alaska Native corporation debuts a new cruise destination on POW.

**The U.S. Forest Service** in 2021 issued a new policy for Tongass National Forest. Southeast Alaska Sustainability Strategy (SASS) reduces harvest of old-growth trees and moves timber falling into stands growing from long-ago clear cuts. SASS increases allocations to small projects based in communities. About \$25 million in regional grants was allocated in the first year of SASS spending. Grants went into Alaska Native cultural heritage; processing and marketing salmon; building trails; and developing a demonstration plant for production of biomass fuel from wood fiber. The Forest Service said SASS would respect “local priorities” after consultation with tribal authorities and communities.

Southeast Alaska’s last large sawmill is squeezed by dwindling supply of timber, but Viking Lumber Co. remains a vital



CORBYN JAHN

*Log trucks still rumble out of the national forest, but federal policies on logging and community support are changing. The last large mill diversified into fire logs.*



TAMARA BOOT

## RESOURCES ARE MAINSTAYS AS MARICULTURE AND VISITORS PROPEL DIVERSIFICATION

employer. Direct employment varies at the mill near Klawock, but an economist calculated that Viking generates more than 90 jobs, from road building to mill operations. The family-operated business developed a secondary product, processing sawdust and waste wood into biomass bricks for boilers and stoves.

**The biggest private land owner** in the region stopped timber harvest altogether in 2021. Sealaska Corp., a regional business owned by Alaska Native shareholders, closed its timber division after selling \$100 million in California carbon credits to oil interests in 2018. In the deal to offset CO<sub>2</sub> releases in the Lower 48, Sealaska will leave 160,000 acres of trees standing for a century—in keeping with the “lungs of the earth” designation that some folks apply to this forest. Sealaska Corp. had reportedly cut about 75 percent of timber lands conferred in the 1971 Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.

Sustainability is essential for Prince of Wales Island’s seafood resources, harvested in a state that leads the nation in wild-caught fish. State and federal authorities regulate commercial catches for the long run—in species from salmon to sea cucumbers. The port of Craig registered more than 15 million pounds of commercial seafood in 2019, putting it at 44th in the nation in NOAA’s tallies. Annual values ranged from \$9 million to nearly \$15 million in recent years.

Crucially for the economy and for the vitality of POW communities, about 8 percent of residents are involved in commercial fishing as skippers or crewmembers. Nearly 290 commercial fishing vessels owned by skippers are homeported around an island with a population of fewer than 4,500 people. Economists several years ago reported that nearly a quarter of earnings on the island were tied to seafood: fishers, processors and support personnel.

**The definition of seafood** is stretching to take in the sea farming sector. Sea Otter Sound on the north end has provided sites for small oyster farms for years and the bivalves are commercially produced in a few other bays. But with a federal allocation of \$49 million to the Alaska Mariculture Cluster in 2022, mariculture around POW is expected to flourish. Southeast Conference led the way in applying for the outlay, which the consortium of businesses and municipalities called a cash catalyst for shellfish and seaweed. The money will float revolving loans; foster mariculture seed supplies; help processors; and aid growers in testing product. Grant terms through the U.S. Economic Development Administration favor tribal and rural mariculture statewide.

In 2022 the U.S.D.A. handed \$500,000 to Southeast Conference to design and plan a mariculture processing plant on POW.



*Kelp cultivated offshore of POW gives 'seafood' a new meaning.*

NOAA's Alaska Fisheries Science Center committed to support research, noting that sea farms can benefit local economies while improving ocean ecology and reducing acidification.

**The nation's largest** kelp farm floats off of west POW. Seagrove Kelp Co. tends 127 acres of ribbon kelp and sugar kelp. The company plants and harvests kelp and sells product in bulk and in branded consumer packages—with a prominent “organic” designation. Seagrove harvested nearly 170 tons in 2022. Across the globe, seaweed goes into products from dietary supplements to processed foods and cosmetics. Other would-be kelp farmers in this area are pursuing permits.

Mining was an important economic factor in the first years of the 20th century, when deposits of copper, gold, zinc and silver were marketable. But lodes of those metals played out or were priced out. A 21st century bonanza for POW may involve cutting-edge metals: rare earth elements (REEs). Ucore Rare Metals Inc. of Canada holds a claim at Bokan Mountain on southeast POW and aims to compete with China to supply global industry. REEs are used in products from electric vehicles to batteries and wind turbines. Proponents hope that upticks in rare earth oxide commodity prices will boost Ucore toward green-lighting mine development. The raw material may eventually undergo initial processing in Ketchikan.

**Internet users** on the island benefit from a multi-year project bringing contemporary broadband to most of POW. Alaska Power & Telephone (AP&T) attached \$9.8 million of company money to a \$29.3 million federal grant to upgrade most of POW to fiber-optic speeds. “SEA-Link South” started in late 2022 with an undersea fiber-optic cable connecting Juneau and Petersburg nodes to Coffman Cove. Service speeds to 100 Mbps or better are slated for most island communities after a years-long project. POW internet users have used patchy combinations of microwave relays and satellites for internet service in recent years.

A significant historical dividing line for POW's economy should be drawn in 2024. A local tribal corporation expects to finish converting a former log-loading dock into a cruise-ship dock for mid-size ships. Klawock Heenya Corp. is teaming up Huna Totem Corp., developer of the Icy Strait destination in northern Southeast, and Doyon Limited, which services the oil and gas industry. The project was delayed from its intended 2023 completion, but the continuing upsurge in cruise tourism to Alaska only inflated the hopes of those about to add a destination.

## A miner recounts history

# 'MAYBESO. THERE'S GOLD UP THERE!'

**THAT WAS THE HAIL** that Prince of Wales Island prospectors and miners responded to in the late 1890s and early 1900s. Their explorations and developments created the community of Hollis and gave the name to Maybeso Creek.

Hollis became a jumping-off point and support community for numerous prospectors working several mines. Fortunes were waged, won and lost. By 1915, the main rush was over and most of Hollis was abandoned. Several local mines continued operation and utilized Hollis for logistical and mail support through the 1970s.

Geological information generated from historic prospecting and mine development led to exploration in the 1980s and then in 2007-2008. The resulting data led to ongoing development of the historic Dawson Mine within the Hollis Community. Named for Wendell Dawson, who operated the mine from 1932 to 1951, this medium-sized underground gold and silver producer is one of seven year-round producing metal mines in Alaska.

Hollis is proud of this environmentally focused operating gold mine, and the jobs and economic benefits that come with it. The mine supports an average of 50 year-round employees, of whom about 40 reside on Prince of Wales Island.

**MINING HERE IS TOUGH** and reminiscent of days gone by. Miners who work here are considered world-class in their ability to mine safely and efficiently.

Gold and silver are produced from quartz veins through a gravity-only milling process. Concentrate from the mill is shipped to Germany for processing.

Mining and minerals are integral to Prince of Wales Island, with many known deposits of base metals, rare earth elements, precious metals and stone quarries. The Dawson Mine may serve as an example of more to come.

Maybeso! There's gold up there!

— **Robert Fithian**

*(Robert Fithian is a part-owner of Dawson Mine. He lives in Hollis.)*



ROBERT FITHIAN

*Striking gold in Dawson Mine.*



*Wendell Dawson in his namesake mine about 1948.*

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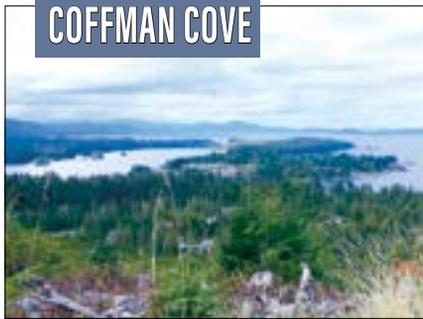
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# COMMUNITIES

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### COFFMAN COVE

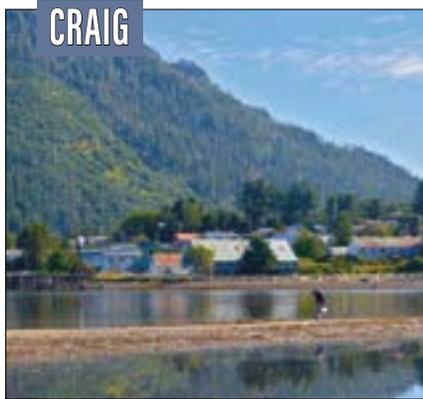
**Founded 1950s | Incorporated 1989 | Population est. 200**  
**City Hall 907-329-2233 | [www.ccalaska.com](http://www.ccalaska.com)**

The City of Coffman Cove is on the Inside Passage on the east side of Prince of Wales Island. The community began as a logging camp in the 1950s. After the pulp mill in Ketchikan closed in the 1990s, residents reinvented this community on the shore of a beautiful, protected bay by developing commercial and recreational fishing.

A number of services are available for visitors. Access is via floatplane, boat or the Scenic Byway in the center of the island. The entrance to Coffman

Cove is a big bay that's great for beachcombing at low tide and ideal for spotting whales and other marine life when the tide is in. A covered picnic area and attractive businesses are on the bay.

Coffman Cove was the site of an archaeological project excavating a village of Stikine Tlingits dating to 9,000 B.C. Nearby are U.S. Forest Service recreational trails that lead to fishing streams and cabins, and opportunities for canoeing and boating.



### CRAIG

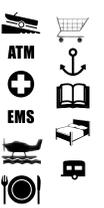
**Founded late 1800s | Incorporated 1922 | Population est. 1,036**  
**City Hall 907-826-3275 | [www.craigak.com](http://www.craigak.com)**

Craig is the most populous community on Prince of Wales Island and the leading business center. Tlingit and Haida peoples traditionally used this area for its rich seafood resources, and still do.

In the early 1900s, a fish saltery was established on nearby Fish Egg Island and a salmon cannery was built in Craig. Beginning in the 1950s, Craig's major industry was logging, but with changes in demand and less available timber for sale, the town has diversified into many other economic sectors. Craig is the retail, service and transportation hub of the island. Fishing, fish processing, aquaculture, timber operations, government and commercial services provide employment and goods for the community. Tourism and recreational

opportunities also abound in Craig and surrounding areas. Among the recreational facilities are a community swimming pool, a city gym and numerous parks. A number of fishing charters and wildlife-watching options are available.

Craig is a great place to access marine waters off the west coast for fishing, wildlife viewing and exploring. It's a great base for hiking on the popular Sunnahae Trail (a 2,000-foot vertical trail over two miles) or the Graveyard Island Trail (a three-quarter-mile hike on fairly flat, improved trail) out to a great view of Bucareli Bay. And it's a great all-around base of operations for exploring the rest of Prince of Wales Island.



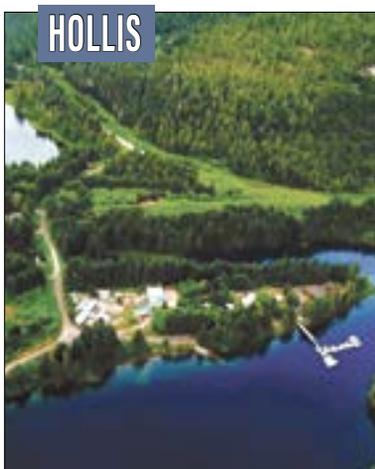
### EDNA BAY

**Founded 1940s | Incorporated 2014 | Population est. 49**  
**City 907-594-6200 | [mayor@cityofednabay.org](mailto:mayor@cityofednabay.org) | [www.ednabayalaska.net](http://www.ednabayalaska.net)**

The City of Edna Bay is on Kosciusko Island off the northwestern side of Prince of Wales Island. Edna Bay started as a logging camp in the 1940s and remained so until State of Alaska land sales in 1983. Families invested in land and, when logging was no longer a viable occupation, focused on commercial and sport fishing. Edna Bay became a city in 2014. The fertile waters of Sea Otter Sound are a spectacular place to view marine mammals, whales, sea otters and seals; salmon make their way to the

many streams and rivers that empty into the sound from Kosciusko Island.

Edna Bay is accessible by air or water. Airplanes and boats land at the state float 3 miles by road from the general store and lodging services. An extensive road system, created during the heyday of logging, gives visitors access to vast recreational opportunities. There are many creeks and lakes to fish in, mountains to scale and beautiful places to drive and hike.



### HOLLIS

**Founded 1890s | Unincorporated | Population 165 | Library 907-530-7112 | [www.hollisalaska.org](http://www.hollisalaska.org)**

Welcome to Hollis, where your Prince of Wales Island journey begins and everybody waves. Hollis is on the east side of POW, 22 miles east of Craig and 35 miles west of Ketchikan. Inter-Island Ferry Authority (IFA) brings residents and visitors to Hollis from Ketchikan every day. IFA's homeport and our floatplane dock are in Clark Bay on Twelve Mile Arm.

Originally a bustling mining town and later a logging camp, Hollis was settled after 1980 through state land sales. Hollis is a nonprofit community with an elected community council. Hollis Public Library has internet service, books and movies for visitors. The library has a summer reading program for kids. A public dock is down the road from the library.

Hollis Volunteer Fire Department (HVFD) and Emergency Medical Services are equipped with a modern building, a pumper truck and ambulance. Members collaborate with the school for EMT training and conduct a Junior Fire Department program. Every August, HVFD hosts the Chili & Cornbread Feed, Art & Farmers' Market and Fundraiser—a chance to vie

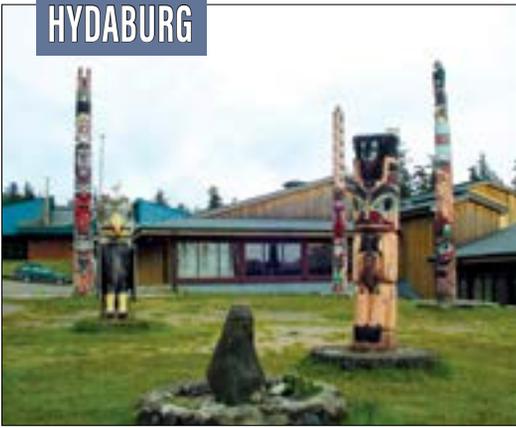
for the Golden Ladle honoring the best chili on the island. See page 33 for details on this event and other events on the island during the year.

Hollis School's 25 pre-K through 12th-grade students participate in mastery learning. Two teachers support multi-age groups' academic skill development and exploration through rich reading and writing, projects, art and fieldwork. The school's chickens, geese and ducks, outdoor art and large garden reflect students' learning.

The best place to watch the stars in Hollis is at the overlook and welcome sign. A bulletin board provides important information about local events. The Harris River picnic area, with a covered shelter, tables and a fireplace, allows you to relax after a walk on the foot trail, a game of horseshoes and fishing in the adjacent river.



## HYDABURG



**Founded 1912 | Incorporated 1927 | Population 376 | City of Hydaburg 907-285-3761**

Hydaburg, on the southwest coast of Prince of Wales Island, is accessible by floatplane and boat, and by road via Hydaburg Highway. Blacktop road to Hydaburg off the Hollis Highway contains turnoffs that lead to Forest Service trails, picnic areas and points of interest.

In the early 1700s, a group of Haida people crossed from Haida Gwaii (formerly called the Queen Charlotte Islands) to Prince of Wales Island. The first migration landed in Kasaan; others established major settlements at Howkan, Hlinkwaan, K'ay, K'aanii, Sukwaan and Kuy Gandlaas. In 1911, these villages consolidated in Hydaburg.

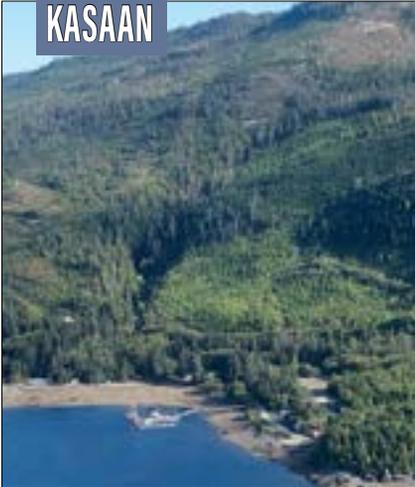
Hydaburg is the most populous community of Haidas in the U.S. The community is rooted in tribal values and relies on historical and cultural

relationships to the land and sea; residents take great pride in their ability to harvest resources in a traditional manner. A totem park was built in Hydaburg during the 1930s. New poles have been raised in the park in recent years due to growing interest in preserving Haida traditions.

The community comes together during Culture Camp to teach Haida language, song, dance, carving, weaving, beading, and traditional food gathering and preparation. The camp is followed by Haida Festival. Hydaburg hosts a large number of Haida artists, carvers and weavers. Please contact the HCA office with questions at 907-285-3665 or dorinda.s@hotmail.com.



## KASAAN



**Founded 1902 | Incorporated 1976 | Population est. 72  
City of Kasaan 907-542-2212 | www.cityofkasaan.org**

Kasaan is on the east side of Prince of Wales Island. It is accessible by a 17-mile gravel road that begins near Goose Creek Bridge on Thorne Bay Highway. This road is one of the island's Scenic Byways and offers unique views and a stunning turnout at Tolstoi Bay.

Kasaan gets its name from the Tlingit word "Gasa'aan," meaning "pretty town/village." The original Kasaan, known as "Old Kasaan," lies 7 miles from today's Kasaan. The Haida people who resided in "Old Kasaan" migrated north from Haida Gwaii and established a village there. In 1892, the Copper Queen mine camp, sawmill, post office and store were built in Kasaan Bay. The Haida relocated to the present Kasaan from "Old Kasaan." In 1902, a salmon cannery was built and operated off and on until 1953. Remnants of cannery's pilings can be found on the beach.

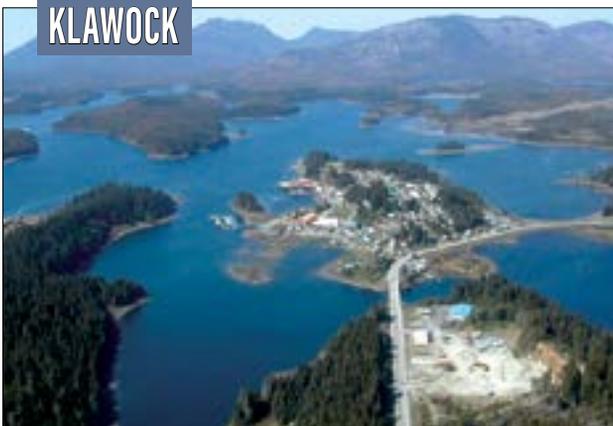
There are three entities in Kasaan: The City of Kasaan (municipal government), The Organized Village of Kasaan (tribal government), and KAVILCO (corporation).

Next to the Organized Village of Kasaan's Tribal Hall is a forest trail (2-mile round trip) that leads to the Totem Historic District and Chief Son-i-Hat Whale House, also known as Naay I'waans, meaning "The Great House." Naay I'waans was built in 1880. Around Naay I'waans is a Totem Park where totems from "Old Kasaan" were moved and are still standing today. The Organized Village of Kasaan offers site tours with KAVILCO (Kasaan, Alaska, Village, Corporation).

Kasaan has a fuel station operated by the City of Kasaan. For lodging, The Organized Village of Kasaan has two cabins for rent, and if you're hungry, the Tribal Hall has a cafe.



## KLAWOCK



**Founded 1868 | Incorporated 1929 | Population est. 850  
City Hall 907-755-2261**

Klawock is on the central western shore of Prince of Wales Island and is the "Crossroads" of the island. Paved Scenic Byways intersect here, leading south to Craig; east to Hollis and the ferry terminal; and north to communities on the north half of the Island. Many services are available. Klawock lays claim to two distinctions: the largest employee-owned sawmill and only airport runway on the Island. Klawock also has a deepwater port for loading large ships.

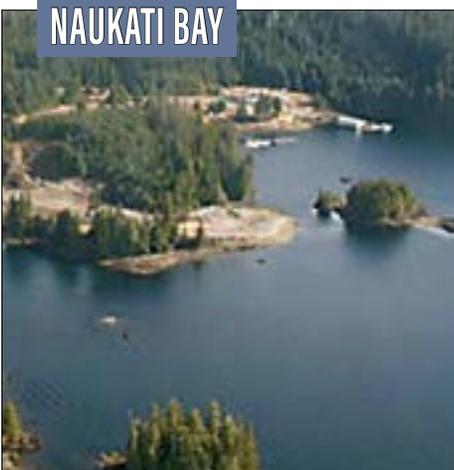
The townsite was a summer fishing camp until Tlingit chief Kloo-wah permanently moved his clan here from a village in Moira Sound. Klawock is known historically as the site of the first salmon cannery in Alaska. Klawock

is a significant center of Tlingit culture, with an annual celebration of Elizabeth Peratrovich's civil rights work for Alaska Natives.

The totem park has 21 poles masterfully carved replicas of poles that stood in Tuxekan, the original winter village of the Heeny Kwaan people. Recently raised new totem poles in the traditional manner have prompted grand celebrations. A heritage center with a longhouse and carving shed are near the edge of town. Visitors are welcome to see carving activity and visit with carvers.



## NAUKATI BAY



**Founded 1972 | Unincorporated | Population 124  
Community Association 907-629-4104**

Naukati Bay, on the northwestern shore, began as a logging camp in 1972 and remains unincorporated. Alaska Natives first camped here and called the bay Naukatee. It is the gateway to Sea Otter Sound, which is rich in marine life and wildlife. In 2014 the community finished its grant-funded state dock and in 2017 the road was paved all the way to the marina, which makes Naukati Bay the newest premier destination for visitors from all over the island. Naukati Bay, a non-profit community, is managed by a volunteer board of directors and is organized as a 501(c)4 social welfare organization, Naukati Bay Inc. (NBI). NBI is responsible for providing emergency services (Fire/EMS), managing a public dock (moorage and boat launch), and maintaining the road system past the pavement.

The community offers two picnic areas (Steam Donkey near the Marina; Community Beach past the store); a convenience store and gas station; short-term RV parking (no services); rental cabins; fishing and hunting lodges; non-denominational church (Naukati Bay Community Church); public school (Southeast Island School District); and friendly residents who welcome visitors.

Our annual events include: Memorial Day BBQ & Singspiration; 4th of July Parade; Potluck and Skunk Cabbage Festival; Community Rummage Sale; Labor Day BBQ & Singspiration; and the Ladies Christmas Ornament Exchange. Men's Breakfast is on the first Saturday of every month, and every Thursday is Soup Night; both are open to the public!



## POINT BAKER



**Founded 1930s | Unincorporated | Population est. 35**  
**Point Baker USPS 907-559-2203 | [troy.c.brockway@gmail.com](mailto:troy.c.brockway@gmail.com)**

Point Baker is on the northern tip of Prince of Wales Island in a protected harbor that opens onto Sumner Strait. The community is accessible only by boat or floatplane. Since being settled in the early 1900s, the community has prospered through the fishing industry.

The first store and post office opened by 1941. Today a 440-foot state float is the "floating downtown" and includes a floatplane dock, post office and volunteer fire department. The store, cafe, saloon, fuel station, laundry and shower facilities are currently for sale.

Point Baker is currently 25 households strong; residents are commercial gillnet and troll fishermen. In summer, the harbor has full-service and do-it-yourself lodges and hosts traveling cruisers from all over the U.S., drawn by great fishing for Alaskan salmon and halibut, and for opportunities to observe humpback whales.

A blog posted by a resident of the island provides fascinating perspectives on this area in words and photos; take your browser to [www.alaskafloatsmyboat.com](http://www.alaskafloatsmyboat.com).



## PORT PROTECTION



**Founded 1949 | Unincorporated | Population est. 63**

Port Protection is nestled in a quiet cove three miles south of the northern tip of the west side of Prince of Wales Island. Access is by boat or floatplane. A gravel boat launch at Labouchere Bay, a little more than a mile from the community, provides access to the road system.

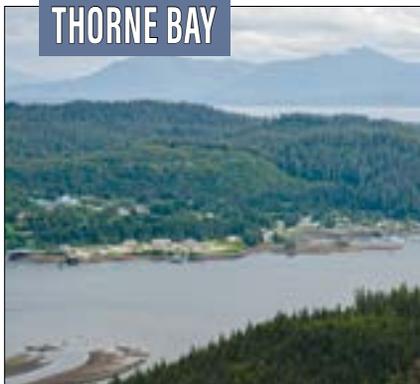
In the early 1900s, Wooden Wheel Johnson gave the cove its name. A trading post established in 1946 ran for a quarter of a century, growing into a warehouse, rental cabins, dock facilities and fuel sales. The permanent community of Port Protection was established in 1981 through the state's land disposal program.

Commercial fishing is the principal industry; gillnetters and trollers homeport here. Local artists produce drawings, paintings, carvings of wooden boxes and writing. Full-service and self-service lodging is available nearby. A boardwalk in the forest provides charming access to residents' homes. Most services are seasonal in Port Protection. Call Wooden Wheel Cove Trading Post for updated information: 907-489-2222.

For remarkable photographic and narrative perspectives on this community and the area, see an island resident's blog at [www.alaskafloatsmyboat.com](http://www.alaskafloatsmyboat.com).



## THORNE BAY



**Founded 1961 | Incorporated 1982 | Population 510**  
**City Hall 907-828-3380 | [www.thornebay-ak.gov](http://www.thornebay-ak.gov)**

Thorne Bay is on the eastern shore of Prince of Wales Island. It rests on gentle hills overlooking its namesake bay, where Alaska Natives hunted and fished for centuries.

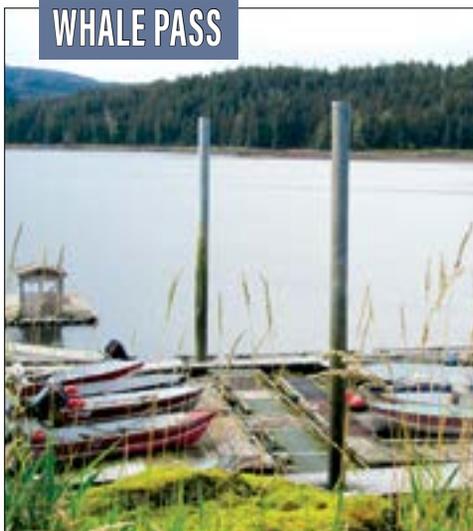
Ketchikan Pulp Co. brought a floating logging camp to shore from Hollis in 1961, when timber was the leading sector of the island's economy. The "new economy" boasts a number of visitor services. K-12 schools provide education. The U.S. Forest Service ranger district and the field office for Southeast Road Builders provide employment. Thorne Bay is linked to the rest of the Island by state Scenic Byways. Thorne Bay can also be accessed via floatplane services and private boats.

Visitors find a unique welcome sign plaza housed in "The

Claw"—the world's largest log-handling grapple. Thorne Bay was home for the world's largest logging camps in the 1960s. In 1982, a State of Alaska land sale program gave residents the opportunity to incorporate their city. Fishing, beachcombing, clamming and hiking are close by in the bay and up Thorne River. Thorne Bay is also the access point for the popular U.S.F.S. Eagles Nest Campground and Balls Lake and Sandy Beach picnic areas. An archeologically significant 5,360-year-old spruce root basket—"The Thorne River Basket"—was found in the estuary of the Thorne River in 1998 and is preserved in the Alaska State Museum in Juneau.



## WHALE PASS



**Founded 1950s | Second-class city incorporated 2017 | Population est. 98**  
**City 907-846-5222 | Harbormaster 907-846-5308**

Whale Pass is on the northeast side of Prince of Wales Island, north of Coffman Cove. The town sits on a bay in Whale Passage, named by a Navy commander in the 1880s. Orcas and humpback whales are commonly seen in the pass, a nearly 10-mile-long strait between Thorne Island and Prince of Wales Island. The area has been the site of logging camps since 1964. In the early 1980s, the last camp moved out and the area was permanently settled through land disposal sales. The road system reached town in the early 1980s.

Recreational options are numerous. Neck Lake offers beautiful vistas. The shore road is a scenic wonder. Cavern Lake near town drains into a cave and reappears hundreds of feet away in stairstep waterfalls. Twin Island Lake provides a handsome mountain setting and good trout fishing. Exchange Cove offers beach camping. Beaver Falls Karst Trail is handicap-accessible and offers a wonderful overview of karst systems. The U.S. Forest Service provides summertime tours of nearby El Capitan Cave.

Ancient Alaska Native fish traps and petroglyphs are seen at nearby salmon streams. Coho salmon fishing is enhanced by hatchery stocks released at Neck Lake, which drains in a series of dramatic falls. Visitor services include overnight lodging with meals; cabin rentals; a laundromat; guided stream fishing; and fishing and glacier charters on the Inside Passage. A grocery store offers basic foodstuffs and fishing tackle, as well as products made by local artisans. A fuel station sells gas and diesel on limited hours. A vendor sells fishing and hunting licenses. Construction and contracting services are available.

A postal drop offers twice-weekly service. Whale Pass Bible Church holds services on Sundays. The harbormaster operates a seaplane base, dock, boat slips and launch ramp. A state dock and private moorage are available. EMS and fire department services are available. The library has internet access.



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**Changing Tides Inn** *Klawock / cell 907-401-3075 / 907-401-3068 / [stewardrob@hotmail.com](mailto:stewardrob@hotmail.com) / [www.changingtidesinn.com](http://www.changingtidesinn.com)* Oceanfront lodging. One or two-bedroom units with living room. Fully equipped kitchen, washer/dryer, satellite TV, wireless Internet, freezer, and BBQ grill. Five miles from Klawock. *See ad on page 15*

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**Salt Chuck Lodging** *Klawock / 907-401-1067 / [www.airbnb.com/h/salt-chuck-lodging-waterfront-klawock-alaska/](http://www.airbnb.com/h/salt-chuck-lodging-waterfront-klawock-alaska/)* Waterfront, 1-bedroom furnished apartment. 3 miles from the Klawock Airport. Upstairs with a private entrance. Kitchen. Bath. Wi-Fi. DirecTV. Washer & Dryer. Book through AirBNB.com

**South Haven Guest House** *Thorne Bay / 907-828-3471 / [southhavenguesthouse@yahoo.com](mailto:southhavenguesthouse@yahoo.com) / [www.southhavenguesthouse.com](http://www.southhavenguesthouse.com)* Best view on the bay. Private waterfront two-bedroom, furnished guest house with woodstove and Satellite Internet & TV. Includes skiff, vehicle, and ocean rods for your self-guided Southeast experience. Also listed in Lodges and Resorts. *See ad on page 13*

**Southeast Alaska Getaway** *Hollis, Craig / cell 817-907-1038 / [southeastalaskagetaway@yahoo.com](mailto:southeastalaskagetaway@yahoo.com) / [www.seekgetaway.com](http://www.seekgetaway.com)* Now offering NEW lodging options for 2022. Hollis cabin has 2-bedrooms, sleeps 5. All three Craig apartments are fully furnished including WiFi, W/D, linens/towels; pots/pans, and dishes. Apt A has 2-bedrooms, sleeps 5; Apt B has 1-bedroom, sleeps 4; Apt C has 1-bedroom, sleeps 2.

**Stryker Bay Adventures, LLC** *Klawock / 541-913-1691 / [strykerbayadventures@gmail.com](mailto:strykerbayadventures@gmail.com)* Our Home, Your Adventures. Launch from Beautiful Klawock. Fishing, whale watching, hunting, self-guided ecotours. Skiff and paddlecraft rentals, rustic cabins, dock & shoreline. *See ad on page 2*

**Sunnahae Hotel & Cabins** *Craig / 907-826-2587 / [hotelmanager@shaanseet.com](mailto:hotelmanager@shaanseet.com) / [www.sunnahaehotel.com](http://www.sunnahaehotel.com)* Our goal is to provide you with a positive, memorable experience while making you feel at home away from home. You can expect spotless, affordable rooms, and complimentary Wi-Fi. *See ad on page 11*

**Trophy Inn** *Klawock / 907-401-0857 / [donald\\_busse@hotmail.com](mailto:donald_busse@hotmail.com) / [teresajbusse@gmail.com](mailto:teresajbusse@gmail.com) / [www.trophyinn.com](http://www.trophyinn.com)* One mile from Klawock airport. Our two units include a fully furnished spacious apartment or a one-bedroom cozy cabin. Amenities include kitchenette, freezer, laundry, wireless Internet and continental breakfast. No Pets. *See ad on page 23*

**Waterstreet Apartments LLC** *Craig / 907-826-2298 / [kelseysheakley@gmail.com](mailto:kelseysheakley@gmail.com) / [www.waterstreetapartmentsllc.com](http://www.waterstreetapartmentsllc.com)* Available nightly and located in the middle of Craig. Fully furnished 1- & 2-bedroom apartments, complete kitchen for cooking on your own. WiFi and DirecTV. Perfect for work, visiting family, and vacations.

## ADVENTURE TOURS

**Alaska Boardwalk Lodge Thorne Bay / cell 907-204-8832 / kate@alaskaboardwalklodge.com** Sports Lodge – Award-winning full service. Orvis-endorsed for fly fishing and has five cabin cruisers for saltwater fishing. Provides a host of other land and sea adventures.

**Alaska by Sea, LLC Thorne Bay / 208-371-3374 / cjohnson@akbysea.com / www.akbysea.com** Experience Alaska in an unforgettable way aboard a 5-day private yacht charter for 4-6 guests. Custom all-inclusive package options including fishing, coastal hunting and wilderness expeditions. See ad on page 25

**KingFisher Charters & Lodge Craig / 907-826-3350 / fax 907-826-3350 / cell 907-202-4421 / rico@aptalaska.net / www.alaskakingfisherlodge.com** Full-service fishing lodge, family-run. Three-day packages starting at \$3,400 include round trip airfare from Ketchikan International Airport to Craig. 32-foot walk around boats. See ad on page 15

## AIR SERVICES

**Alaska Seaplanes Juneau / Klawock / 800-354-2479 / 907-755-2200 (Klawock) / info@flyalaskaseaplanes.com / www.flyalaskaseaplanes.com** Based in Juneau, Alaska Seaplanes is the premier commuter airline of Southeast Alaska, providing direct scheduled service from Klawock to Sitka and Juneau with convenient connections to Northern Southeast Alaska. Flying at a Higher Standard. See ad on back cover

**Island Air Express Klawock / 888-387-8989 / info@IslandAirX.com / www.IslandAirX.com** Based on Prince of Wales Island, Island Air Express safely operates modern turbine aircraft. Fully FAA certified for day & night IFR flights. Island Air's aircraft provides travelers with the most reliable year-round scheduled service available between Prince of Wales Island and Ketchikan, as well as charter service anywhere in Alaska or Canada or the lower 48. All scheduled flights to and from Ketchikan coincide with Alaska & Delta Airlines arrivals and departures. Fly safe...Fly Smart! See ad on page 3

**Taquan Air Ketchikan / toll free 800-770-8800 / fax 907-228-4605 / cell 907-401-0712 / 907-225-8800 / reservations@taquanair.com / www.taquanair.com** Schedules year-round between Ketchikan and POW communities of Craig, Klawock, Kasaan, Thorne Bay, Hollis, Hydaburg, Long Island, Cholmondeley, Coffman Cove, Naukati Bay, Whale Pass, Edna Bay, Port Protection, and Point Baker. See ad on page 43

## CABINS / CAMPING / R.V. FACILITIES

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**Coffman Cove Adventures Coffman Cove / 907-329-2043 / 907-351-2978 / info@coffmancoveak.com / www.coffmancoveak.com** Coffman Cove Adventures offers full-service self-guided adventures for fishing and sightseeing adventures. Weeklong rates include accommodations, meals, vehicle and boat rentals.

**DJ's Alaska Adventure Rentals Klawock Airport / 907-530-7040 / cell 907-617-4709 / toll free 866-309-6483 / fax 866-309-6483 / carsinak@gmail.com / https://djalaskaadventurerentals.com** Car rental with kayak, boat, and camping gear packages. Cabin rentals. We also offer skiffs, vans, trucks, and fishing gear rentals at affordable rates. No delivery fees to Hollis, Klawock, or Craig.

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## CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE / VISITORS BUREAUS

**Anchorage Chamber of Commerce Anchorage / 907-272-2401 / fax 907-272-4117 / info@anchoragechamber.org / www.anchoragechamber.org** The Anchorage Chamber of Commerce works to advance a successful business climate by attending to the civic, economic, and cultural betterment of our community through advocacy, connectivity, and education. President Bruce Bustamante.

**Bellingham Whatcom County Tourism Bellingham, Wash. / 360-671-3990 / fax 360-647-7873 / info@bellingham.org / www.Bellingham.org** Visit Bellingham at the Peak of the Pacific Northwest! Bellingham and Whatcom County offer incredible scenery, unique adventures, and charming cultural attractions. Bellingham is 90 miles north of Seattle; 40 miles south of Vancouver, B.C.

**Denali Chamber of Commerce Healy / 907-683-4636 / www.denalichamber.com / info@denalichamber.com** Use the web site to contact virtually every business in the Denali area that is involved in tourism. Please look through our member list for information on merchants, services, and organizations.

**Greater Ketchikan Chamber of Commerce Ketchikan / 907-225-3184 / info@ketchikanchamber.com / www.ketchikanchamber.com** Advocate for local businesses and industry in the Ketchikan area.

**Greater Palmer Chamber of Commerce Palmer / 907-745-2880 / fax 907-746-4164 / 907-354-2886 / director@palmerchamber.org / www.palmerchamber.org** Offers businesses a wide range of opportunities to promote business. Offers programs for networking to make new contacts and make a difference in the community.

**Greater Sitka Chamber of Commerce Sitka / 907-747-8604 / ed@sitkachamber.com / www.sitkachamber.com** The Greater Sitka Chamber of Commerce is a voluntary organization of Sitka businesses and community leaders who promote, support, and facilitate commerce and economic growth in the community.

**Greater Wasilla Chamber of Commerce Wasilla / 907-376-1299 / contact@wasillachamber.org / www.wasillachamber.org**

**Haines Chamber of Commerce Haines / 907-766-2202 / fax 907-766-2271 / chamber@haineschamber.org / www.haineschamber.org** Promotes economic growth that contributes to the local quality of life by advocacy, cooperative programs that provide necessary resources, and educating the community on the importance of a sustainable economy.

**Juneau Chamber of Commerce Juneau / 907-463-3488 / fax 907-463-3489 / info@juneauchamber.com / www.juneauchamber.com** The Juneau Chamber of Commerce supports economic diversity, encourages entrepreneurship, and endorses responsible, sustainable development to maintain Juneau's high quality of life while advocating economic vitality for all of Alaska.

**Kenai Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center Kenai / 907-283-1991 / info@kenai-chamber.org / www.kenai-chamber.org** Immerse yourself in the untamed beauty of Kenai, Alaska, where rugged landscapes meet the thrill of world-class salmon fishing, inviting adventures to explore a pristine wilderness that whispers tales of ancient cultures and promises unforgettable outdoor escapades.

**Ketchikan Visitors Bureau Ketchikan / 907-225-6166 / 800-770-3300 / fax 907-225-4250 / info@visit-ketchikan.com / www.visit-ketchikan.com** Convention and Visitors Bureau. Spending time in Ketchikan during your POW Island visit? Stop by our visitor center for information to make the most of your time with us! See ad on page 13

**Petersburg Chamber of Commerce Petersburg / 907-772-4636 / fax 907-772-2453 / pcoc@alaskan.com / www.petersburg.org** Serves the business community of Petersburg through communication, networking, and education of our members.

**Prince of Wales Chamber of Commerce Klawock / 907-755-2626 / fax 907-755-2627 / info@princeofwalescoc.org / www.princeofwalescoc.org / www.DiscoverPOWIsland.com** Call for a Prince of Wales Island Visitor Guide; USFS road map; the Inside Passage map; relocation packets with brochures from our members. Contact us for more information about beautiful and friendly Prince of Wales Island!

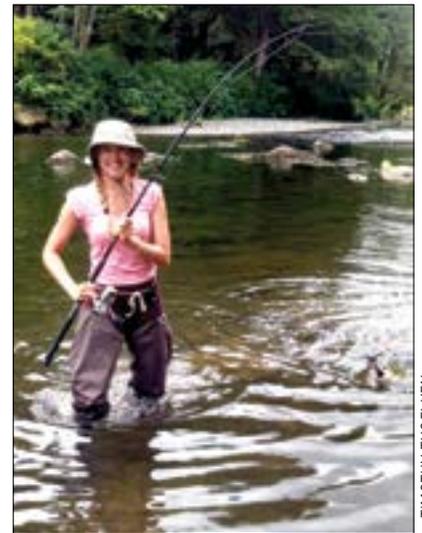
**Prince Rupert & District Chamber of Commerce Prince Rupert, B.C. / 250-624-2296 / fax 250-622-2334 / executive@princerupertchamber.ca / www.princerupertchamber.ca** Our mission is to lead the business community in building a diverse, competitive and sustainable economy that enhances our quality of life.

**Seldovia Chamber of Commerce Seldovia / 907-234-7612 / president@seldoviachamber.org / www.seldoviachamber.org** You Otter Be Here!

**Skagway Chamber of Commerce Skagway, AK / 907-983-1898 / fax 907-983-2031 / chamber@aptalaska.net / www.skagwaychamber.org**

**Soldotna Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center Soldotna / 907-262-9814 / 907-262-1337 / fax 907-262-3566 / info@soldotnachamber.com / www.soldotnachamber.com** Soldotna Visitor Center offers Soldotna Logo Wear & branded merchandise, wildlife exhibits, and free parking to access Riverwalk for fishing and the Centennial Trail. Home of the world-record King Salmon! Free Recreation Guides available upon request.

**Wrangell Chamber of Commerce Wrangell, AK / 907-874-3901 / fax 907-874-3905 / wrangellchamber@gmail.com / www.wrangellchamber.org** We encourage the growth of existing business activities while giving all proper assistance to any new firms or individuals seeking residence in Wrangell and its environs.



TIMOTHY THOELKEN

Fishing with no net—ausgezeichnet! A visitor from Germany hooked a salmon on the Harris River.

## CHARTERS / GUIDES / OUTFITTERS

**Adventure Alaska Southeast, LLC** *Thorne Bay / 907-828-3907 / 877-499-3474 / info@fishorhunt.com / www.fishorhunt.com* Packages including: cottages, boats, vehicles, saltwater charters, or guided stream fishing. Our facilities include tackle store, hot tub, freezers, canoes, laundry, and more. Serving POW for over 20 years.

**Alaska by Sea, LLC** *Thorne Bay / 208-371-3374 / cjohnson@akbysea.com / www.akbysea.com* Experience Alaska in an unforgettable way aboard a 5-day private yacht charter for 4-6 guests. Custom all-inclusive package options including fishing, coastal hunting, and wilderness expeditions. See ad on page 25

**Anderson Lodge Alaska / Tackle Shack** *Thorne Bay / 907-419-0957 / andersonlodgealaska@gmail.com / www.andersonlodgealaska.com* Experience Alaska with a personal touch! All-inclusive Charter & Self-guided packages for every season in our newly remodeled lodge in Thorne Bay. Call for details and custom packages. See ad on page 29

**Catch-a-King Charters, Inc** *Craig / 907-826-2938 / cell 907-401-0189 / fax 907-826-2937 / catchaking1@aptalaska.net / www.catchakingcharters.com* Fishing charters for salmon, halibut, bottom fish from May through September. Lodging for up to thirty guests. Twenty years in business with very experienced and friendly guides.

**Dreamcatcher Inn & Charters** *Craig / 907-826-2238 / cell 907-965-2720 / dreambb@aptalaska.net / www.dreamcatcherbedandbreakfast.com* Luxury waterfront lodging in Craig, Alaska. Enjoy one of our three guestrooms all with private baths, phone, DirecTV, Wi-Fi, and homemade buffet style breakfast. Charter packages available, open year-round. See ad on page 31

**Eagles Wings Wilderness Lodge** *Wadleigh / 800-987-7211 / cell 907-821-0033 / eagleswingsretreat@gmail.com / www.eagleswingsalaska.com*

Our inclusive package includes: 5 nights lodging, 3 meals/day, 3 days guided saltwater fishing plus a 4th day of self-guided salt or freshwater fishing (or a variety of other choices). We filet, vacuum seal, freeze, and box your catch for your trip home. Beautiful, remote, authentic lodge on west side of Wadleigh Island.

**Fireweed Lodge** *Klawock / 907-755-2930 / cell 206-910-7702 / fax 907-755-2936 / canderson@fireweedlodge.com / www.fireweedlodge.com* The only full-service fishing resort. 10 boats, kayaks, recreational facilities, spa and fitness room. See ad on page 69

**Harlequin Lodge** *Craig / 541-720-0266 / Lucaswagner76@gmail.com / www.harlequinlodge.com* Come stay with us and enjoy Charter fishing, wildlife viewing, or self-guided hunting. Our operation is intimate and flexible and can customize your escape! Day trips when available. A truly relaxing Alaskan experience. See ad on page 7

**Hooked On Alaska Charters** *Craig / 907-401-4665 / HookedOnAlaska@outlook.com / www.hookedonalaskacharters.com* LET THE FUN BEGIN! From world-class fishing to picturesque scenery and wildlife, there is something for everyone to enjoy. We accommodate up to 10 people, day/multi-days, all inclusive. See ad on page 47

**J & J Charter Service** *Coffman Cove / Cell 907-617-5211 / 907-329-2009 / jandjcharters@yahoo.com / www.jandjcharters.com* Full-service fishing & lodging. Freshwater, saltwater, and waterfowl charters. Also offering wildlife viewing and sightseeing, 1-vehicle rental, 3-boat rentals, lodging and meals available. See ad on page 23

**KingFisher Charters & Lodge** *Craig / 907-826-3350 / fax 907-826-3350 / cell 907-202-4421 / rico@aptalaska.net / www.alaskakingfisherlodge.com* Full-service fishing lodge, family-run. Three-day packages starting at \$3,400 include round-trip airfare from Ketchikan International Airport to Craig. 32-foot walk around boats. See ad on page 15

**Silverthorn Charters, Inc** *Thorne Bay / 208-484-6977 / silverthorncharters@gmail.com / www.silverthornfishing.com* Quality Charters in beautiful Thorne Bay, Alaska. Book today for the experience of a lifetime fishing for halibut, salmon, ling cod, and/or shrimp, crabbing, whale watching. GAF permits available. See ad on page 25

## CHURCHES / CLUBS

**American Legion POW Post 26** *Craig / 907-209-1300/* We support Island veterans, patriotism, youth outreach. We are a mobile post, able to travel to your community, if invited. We meet the second Thursday of each month, 10 a.m.

**Catholic Parish of Saint John by the Sea** *Klawock / 907-755-2345 / saintjohnbythesea@aaj.org / https://aaj.org/st-john-by-the-sea* Call, write, or check the Web site for the current Mass schedule in Klawock and other towns. The Church in Klawock is open most days; drop by for prayer and contemplation.

**Craig 4th of July Celebration Committee** *Craig / 907-826-2575 / recreation@craigak.com* Craig 4th of July Celebration starts July 3rd: Kids Fishing Derby, Greasy Pole, Royalty Crowning, and Fireworks at 11 p.m. On July 4th: run, parade, games & booths at the ball park.

**Craig A.N.S. Camp #19** *Craig / 907-401-0461 / millie.schoonover@yahoo.com / Facebook: Alaska Native Sisterhood Craig Camp 19*

**Craig Country Line Dancers** *Craig / 907-965-2944 / mszell@hotmail.com* FREE line dancing lessons. Small group fun exercise, two nights a week. Call for meeting location in Craig. Beginners welcome anytime. Lots of music variety. Follow us on Facebook.

**First Presbyterian Church of Craig and Klawock** *Craig / 907-826-3288* Join us for Worship. Come as you are, stay for lunch. Sunday Worship 10am Sunday School 10:15am, after children's time (Sept - May). Located 2nd and Spruce Streets.

**Hollis Community Church** *Hollis / 907-530-7038 / ezraclark@gmail.com* Camp facility includes: cabins, bathhouse, conference room, Chapel, classrooms, kitchen, trails, and more. Church gatherings: for worship/fellowship Sunday am/pm. Bible studies during week, call or email for times.

**Liberty Church** *Craig / 907-826-2185 / Pastor.liberty@outlook.com / Facebook.com/powbaptist* Join us for our friendly, casual, Bible-based worship and teaching. Sunday School 9:45am Worship Service 11:00am (right across from Craig Aquatic Center). Visit us on Facebook. See ad on page 25

**Naukati Community Church** *Naukati / 907-629-4124 / lagrou4sealaska@gmail.com* Sunday services for adults, youth, children, and other weekly groups. Call for times and with any questions. All are welcome!

**New Hope Baptist Church** *Craig / 907-826-2526 / pastoroyania@gmail.com / nhbcraigak.com* Preaching Christ as our only HOPE. Sunday Services: Sunday School 10am, Worship Service 11am and 6pm, Wednesday at 6:30pm, Friday Youth Group 6:30pm. Children's Playgroup, Thursdays. Radio Station KJBA 107.1 FM. See ad on page 23

**P.O.W.E.R. — Prince of Wales Emergency Resources** *Craig / 907-826-3995 / 907-826-2690* POWER Thrift Store, Food Bank, and emergency resources. Helping those in need on POW Island. Volunteer run Thrift Store supported by Island businesses, churches, and community members since 1987.

**Prince of Peace Assembly of God Church** *Klawock / cell 907-617-5886 / pastorbobgirt@gmail.com / www.klawockpopag.org* Sunday School 9:30am/Worship service 10:30am. Home fellowship groups, at various times & places during the week for men and women. Call for information. Join us and experience the love of God and His people. See ad on page 43

**Prince of Wales Island Lions Club** *Thorne Bay / 219-781-1825 / powlionsclub@yahoo.com*

**Prince of Wales Little League** *Craig / 971-219-7754 / info@powlittleleague.org / facebook.com/Little League* POWLL is operated by volunteers. Players 4-16 are welcome to participate. Registration opens Feb 15-April 2nd. Season begins in April and continues into June.

**Prince of Wales Runners/Walkers Club** *Craig / 907-738-5700 / info@powmarathon.org / www.powmarathon.org* Sponsoring organization for the 23rd Annual POW Island Marathon and 11th annual Half Marathon on May 25, 2024. Also sponsors other fun runs throughout the year promoting a healthy lifestyle.

**Prince of Wales Shooting Club** *Craig / powshootingclub@gmail.com / Mile Post 8, Port St. Nicholas Road / www.powshooters.com* POWSC Range at Port Saint Nicholas is open to members every day and to the public for special events. Please check the club calendar at powshooters.com for information.

**Prince of Wales VFW** *Craig / jantrojanvfw@gmail.com / www.facebook.com / Prince-of-Wales-VFW-690291071086827/* Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 12151 meets the second Thursday at 11 a.m. We will take a road trip to any community that wants us and provides a meeting place.

**Quilters by the Sea** *Klawock / 907-401-1067* A gathering of quilters to promote quilting and goodwill with an emphasis on contributions to those in need. Monthly meetings. Call/text for more information.

**The Salvation Army** *Klawock / 907-755-2769 / fax 907-755-2768 / cjoseph.murray@usw.salvationarmy.org* Join us for Sunday services! Sunday school 9:45am Worship Service 11am. Visitors aren't just welcome, they are expected! Emergency assistance and commodities when available. Hours 10:00am - 2:00pm, Tuesday - Thursday.

**Whale Pass Bible Church** *Whale Pass / 907-846-5464 / whalepasschurch@gmail.com* Sunday school for adults and children at 10:00am. Service @ 11:00am. We are a Bible teaching church. Everyone is welcome!



DON BUSSE

Where there's smoke, there's ... fish. Alder wood smoking in hand-built smokehouses is an Alaskan tradition.

## CONSTRUCTION / CONTRACTORS

**B-3 Contractors, Inc.** *Klawock / 907-755-2375 / 907-401-0376 / fax 907-755-2361 / b3con@aptalaska.net / belle@aptalaska.net* General contracting, site development, retaining walls, driveways, utility installations, pre-engineered metal buildings, hauling, excavation. Forty-eight years' experience and high-quality service building Alaskan excellence.

**Channel Electric, Inc.** *Ketchikan / 907-225-9725 / Fax 907-225-1450 / channel@kpnunet.net*

**Island Excavation Coffman Cove / 907-687-9411 / dania@islandexcavation.net / www.islandexcavation.net** Island Excavation is a locally-owned general contracting company.

**Island Tile & Marble** *Ketchikan / 907-225-5444 / info@islandtileandmarble.com / www.islandtileandmarble.com* Interior products for new construction, remodel, and commercial. Flooring, countertops, window coverings, tile. Retail sales and installation.

### Mike Hamme's Quality Carpentry, LLC

*Craig / 907-826-5038 / fax 907-826-5687 / cell 907-401-0351 / mikehamme@hotmail.com*  
General carpentry: concrete, framing, roofing, siding, windows, trim, interior packages. Island-wide.

### Ocean Air Contracting Coffman Cove /

*907-821-3855 / oceanairak@gmail.com* Ocean Air Contracting is a heating, air conditioning, refrigeration, and ventilation company specializing in ductless heat pumps which are much less to operate than other methods. Please, give us a call.

**Packer Construction, LLC** *Klawock / 907-755-2611 / cell 907-401-0604 / eapackerconstruction@hotmail.com* Packer Construction, LLC, "Serving Prince of Wales Island, Licensed, Bonded, & Insured for over 20 years." Free estimates & consultation.

**Southeast Stevedoring Corp.** *Ketchikan / 907-225-6157 / fax 907-225-8254*  
Southeast Stevedoring Corp. is a marine service business handling cargo and cruise vessels in the region.

**Stiller's Rock Trucking** *Craig / 907-401-3186* Specialty Contractor offers all phases of site development; land clearing, driveway construction; house pad; drainage; retaining wall; utility installations. Rock hauling and excavation.

**Tongass Electric** *Craig / 907-617-9246 / admin@tongasselectric.com / www.tongasselectric.com* Licensed, bonded, & insured electrical contractor specializing in residential, commercial & industrial electric work. Locally owned and operated.

**Trojan & Son, LLC** *Craig / 907-826-3734 / fax 907-826-3734 / richard@trojanandson.com / www.trojanandson.com* Remote site work, home sites, driveways, roads, and water. Dump truck, landing craft serving Prince of Wales since 1997. Car Wash at False Island, sells water tanks and septic tanks.

## DINING

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**Annie Betty's Bakery-Café** *Craig / 907-826-2299 / anniebettys@aptalaska.net*  
Annie Betty's is a family-owned and operated business. We serve fresh baked pastries, specialty sandwiches, and our own Skyana Coffee, roasted fresh locally. *See ad on page 7*

**The Bread Box** *Klawock / 907-755-2269 / khc@aptalaska.net / www.facebook.com/breadboxklawock* Featuring lunch and early dinner. Open Monday-Saturday, 11:00am – 6:00pm.

**Dockside Restaurant** *Craig / 907-826-5544 / ourdockside@yahoo.com / www.facebook.com/POWDocksideCafe* Full-service restaurant. Open 7 days a week. Great pies and desserts!

**Fireweed Lodge** *Klawock / 907-755-2930 / cell 206-910-7702 / fax 907-755-2936 / canderson@fireweedlodge.com / www.fireweedlodge.com* The only full-service fishing resort. 10 boats, kayaks, recreational facilities, spa and fitness room. *See ad on page 69*

**The Hill Bar** *Craig / 907-826-3423 / hillbar@aptalaska.net* Bar & liquor store in downtown Craig. Open 1pm daily. Cold drinks, hot food, ATM, darts, pool tables, pull tabs, Texas Hold'em, Sunday, 3pm. *See ad on page 32*

**The Landing Hotel** *Ketchikan / 907-225-5166 / fax 907-225-6900 / info@landinghotel.com / www.landinghotel.com* Across from Alaska Marine & IFA ferry terminal & airport. Large rooms and suites, complimentary high-speed Internet, courtesy van, exercise room, two restaurants, guest laundry, business center, and meeting rooms. *See ad on page 9*

**Papa's Pizza** *Craig / 907-826-7272 / info@papaspizzaalaska.com / www.papaspizzaak.com* Fresh homemade pizza, salads, sandwiches, appetizers, and ice cream. Dine in, take out, or call for delivery. Located in the West Wind Plaza Shopping Center in Craig. *See ad on page 23*

**Totem Trail Café** *Kasaan / 907-617-9121 / fax 907-542-3006 / ovk@kasaan.org / www.kasaan.org* Open Wednesday to Saturday, 12pm-5pm. Serving hand-pressed burgers, classic sandwiches, house-made soups and the occasional diner special. Or enjoy a custom Espresso drink.



*This pair viewed Craig's fireworks from the shore of Cemetery Island. Check the calendar on page 33 for a guide to POW's events celebrating Independence Day.*

## FINANCIAL SERVICES / INSURANCE

**AGP Wealth Advisors** *POW / Ketchikan / 800-563-1636 / fax 425-228-9999 / Randall.s.linde@ampf.com / www.agpwealthadvisors.com /* Financial Planning specialists. We work with businesses and individuals to accomplish their financial goals. Our team of specialists focus on the following areas: retirement planning, investments, insurance (life, long-term care, disability), 401(k), Cash Balance plans, IRAs, 529s, Social Security, and group healthcare.

**DBI** *Craig / 907-206-4017 / insurance@dbiak.com / www.dbiak.com* Local Insurance Agency offering personal and business insurance coverage for all of Alaska. Auto, Home, Boat, Business, Life and Health. Open Monday-Friday, 8:30am-5:00pm. *See ad on page 47*

**First Bank** *Craig / 907-826-3254 / fax 907-826-3910 / lynnette.logan@firstbankak.com / www.firstbankak.com* Full-service community bank offering checking, savings, and time deposit accounts; consumer, commercial, construction and home loans; and online banking services. Two ATM locations on Prince of Wales Island. *See ad on page 29*

**Jay M Johnson, LLC CPA** *Ketchikan / 907-220-9970 / jayjohnson@ketchikancpa.com / www.ketchikancpa.com*

**Milner, Howard Palmer & Edwards CPAs (PC)** *Ketchikan / 907-225-1040 / smilner@1953.tax* CPA firm providing advisory, financial statements, and tax services.

**Petersburg-Wrangell Insurance Center** *Prince of Wales Island / 907-772-3858 / susane@p-wins.com / www.p-wins.com* At PWI Insurance, we help you find the coverage you need at the right cost for you. Contact our agency today and get the peace of mind you deserve.

**Southeast Alaska Tax Services** *Craig / 907-826-2267 / fax 907-826-5752 / cell 561-253-4083 / kevin@seaktax.com / https://seaktax.com/contact-us* Complete tax preparation and bookkeeping service.

## FINANCIAL SERVICES / INSURANCE

**Tongass Federal Credit Union** Thorne Bay 907-828-8880 / Klawock 907-755-2800 / toll free 800-960-8328 / scheney@tongassfcu.com / www.tongassfcu.com ATFCU, we offer business/consumer loans, construction loans, credit building products, credit/budget consulting, consumer/business accounts, online banking, bill pay, instant issues debit/credit cards, and so much more...

**Wells Fargo Bank** Craig / 907-826-3040 / fax 907-826-3044 / Cherish.A.Carter@wellsfargo.com / www.wellsfargo.com We're your financial connection on Prince of Wales Island. Local service and national access. Open 9:00am-5:00pm, Monday to Friday.

## FOREST PRODUCTS / U.S.F.S. / MINING

**Coeur Alaska Kensington Mine** Juneau / 907-523-3300 / kensington@coeur.com / www.coeur.com/kensington Coeur Alaska Kensington Mine is an underground, hard rock gold mine located 45 miles north-northwest of Juneau. Coeur Alaska employs approximately 400 workers and provides high-paying jobs and economic diversity to Southeast Alaska.

**Columbia River Carbonates** 360-225-4160 / 360-225-6505 / info@carbonates.com / https://carbonates.com Columbia River Carbonates was established in 1985 as a supplier of high-grade, ultra-fine ground calcium carbonate products and technical service for the paper, paint, plastic and other industries.

**Hyak Mining Co.** Juneau / 206-295-5457 / johnlsund@yahoo.com We're working to bring mining back to POW!

**Sundance Mining Group, LLC** Hollis / 907-530-7049 / robertf@dawsonmine.com Underground hard rock, gold, silver mine operation.

**Ucore Rare Metals** Nova Scotia, Canada / 902-482-5214 / fax 902-482-0197 / randy@ucore.com / www.ucore.com Ucore Rare Metals is a junior mining company focused on developing the Bokan-Dotson Ridge Rare Earth Element property located on Prince of Wales Island, approximately 60 miles southeast of Craig. See ad on page 48

**USDA Forest Service Craig and Thorne Bay Ranger Districts** Craig / 907-826-3271 / fax 907-826-2972 / www.fs.usda.gov/tongass Thorne Bay / 907-828-3304 / www.fs.usda.gov/tongass Forest Service information, maps, public-use cabin information, trail conditions/opportunities, campgrounds, day-use areas. Call for El Capitan Cave reservations 907-828-3304.

**Viking Lumber Company, Inc.** Klawock / 907-755-8880 / fax 907-755-8888 / vikinglumber@aptalaska.net Wood products manufacturer at Mile 6, Craig-Klawock Highway. Firewood briquette sales. NO RETAIL LUMBER SALES.

## FUEL / DIESEL / PROPANE / UTILITIES

**Alaska Power & Telephone** Craig / 907-826-3202 / fax 907-826-3210 / pow@aptalaska.com / www.aptalaska.com A progressive employee-owned energy, telecom, data transport, and Internet services company providing clean, renewable power and state of the art communications that enhance the quality of life in Alaskan communities, stretching from the Arctic Circle to the southernmost tip of Southeast Alaska. Find us on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/AlaskaPowerandTelephone. See ad on page 11

**Arrowhead LP Gas** Craig / 907-826-2944 / fax 907-826-3916 / arrowhead@lynden.com / www.arrowheadlpgas.com THE PROPANE PROFESSIONALS. Reliable deliveries and dispensed propane. Efficient Heaters, Hot Water heaters, Gas Fireplaces, Hearth pads and Gas Installation parts. Propane: Clean and Affordable Cozy Warmth for your family. See ad on page 32

**Black Bear Store** Klawock / 907-755-2292 / fax 907-755-2984 / blackbearstore@logcabinsports.com / www.logcabinsports.com/blackbear/ Basic groceries, fuel, hunting and fishing licenses, and tackle. See ad on page 54

**Petro 49, Inc** Craig / 907-826-3296 / fax 907-826-3905 / kylee@petro49.com / www.petro49.com / We provide marine fueling, home heating deliveries, and industrial lubes and fuels for the logging, mining, and construction industries.

**The Port of Thorne Bay** Thorne Bay / 907-828-3995 / thornebayport@gmail.com / www.thornebayport.com One stop shopping with Espresso, amazing milkshakes, clothing, gifts, convenience store, fuel, propane, and so much more! Stop in and buy local.

## HOME ARTISANS / AUTHORS

**Alaska Mist Soaps** POW / 907-846-5357 / alaskamistsoaps@gmail.com / www.alaskamistsoaps.com / All our products are handcrafted using high quality ingredients. They are plant-based, environmentally friendly, and petroleum-free. Try Alaska Mist Soaps and feel the difference. LIKE us on Facebook.

**Alaskan Woodsman Adventures** Thorne Bay / 907-978-5001 / ggholt@gci.net Personalized nature walks, natural history, future YouTube posts. Lodge, B&B, sub-construction.

**Author Marianne Jennings** POW Island / 801-613-0480 / marianne@knowledgegetbooks.com / www.knowledgegetbooks.com From glaciers to grizzlies, get lost in Alaska's wonders with over 700 fun and wild facts in the new book, "Amazing Alaska!" See ad on page 21

**Author Melissa Cook** POW Island / 307-899-9001 / info@melissacook.us / www.melissacook.us Author of "The Call of the Last Frontier." Schoolteacher Melissa Cook is the author of "The Call of the Last Frontier," a twenty-year adventure memoir in remote Alaska, based on Prince of Wales Island and the Aleutians. See ad on page 69

**KingKatcher Flies** Craig / cell 907-570-1191 / holliscreekcabin@gmail.com / www.facebook.com/kingkatcherflies KingKatcher Flies are hand-tied on POW Island, Alaska, using the highest quality materials. KingKatcher is a proven bucktail design that salmon fishermen have learned to trust.

**Mariia Taylor Art** Thorne Bay / cell 907-251-1708 / mariiataylorart@gmail.com Mariia Taylor is an Alaskan artist from Ukraine. She loves painting flowers and Alaska wildlife with Ukrainian folk and point-to-point styles.

**Nang Kadangaas Kidgaay Kasaan** / cell 907-401-3742 / hardtimeshamar@gmail.com / www.facebook.com/eric.hamar Specializing in traditional Haida art and monumental works.

**Persuasions by JoAnne Klawock** / 907-965-4098 / capemark070403@hotmail.com A fine artist & graphic artist, muralist, book illustrator, sign painter, boat lettering, designer of art cards, logos, and advertising. Love to paint critters. Primary art medium is watercolor.

**Sharp Creations Hollis** / 907-617-8699 / marty\_sharp@hotmail.com / www.facebook.com/marty-sharp54 Marty has been a Hollis resident since 1979. Her passions for people, scenery, and culture are subject matters for her paintings. Commissions welcomed. Please contact by email or text.

**Windy City Woodworks** Craig / 907-401-0245 / pcoffey1615@gmail.com / www.windycitywoodworkak.com Lathe-turned wood products suitable for gift-giving or to commemorate your visit to POW. Bowls, vases, etc., all made in Craig from local woods. Truly unique, no two pieces are alike! See ad on page 13

## INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

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**Tamara Buoy** 907-401-0827 / aktam99921@gmail.com

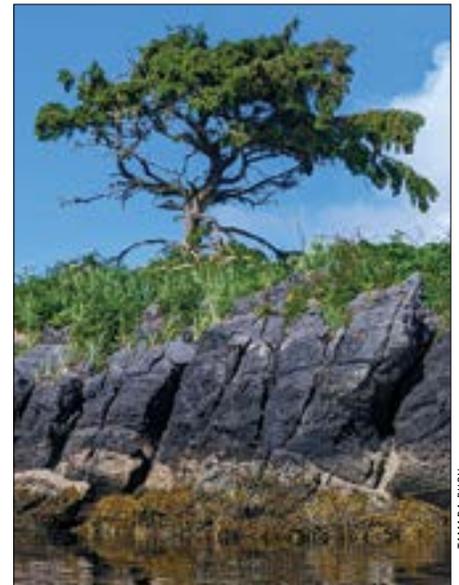
**Wendy Hamilton** 907-755-2626 / info@princeofwalescoc.org

**Matthew Scarsella** scarsellam@tilestone.com

**Stacey Skan** 907-401-3331 / owner@realtradish.co

**Barbara Stanley** 907-826-2428 / info@princeofwalescoc.org

**Sen. Bert Stedman** 907-463-3873 / sen.bert.stedman@akleg.gov



Pining for company? This lonesome conifer, twisted by the wind, holds fast to a remote, rocky shoreline.

TAMARA BUOY

## LODGES / RESORTS

**Adventure Alaska Southeast, LLC** Thorne Bay / 907-828-3907 / 877-499-3474 / info@fishorhunt.com / www.fishorhunt.com Packages including: cottages, boats, vehicles, saltwater charters, or guided stream fishing. Our facilities include tackle store, hot tub, freezers, canoes, laundry, and more. Serving POW for over 20 years.

**Alaska Boardwalk Lodge** Thorne Bay / cell 907-204-8832 / kate@alaskaboardwalklodge.com Sports Lodge – Award-winning full service. Orvis-endorsed for fly fishing and has five cabin cruisers for saltwater fishing. Provides a host of other land and sea adventures.

**Anderson Lodge Alaska / Tackle Shack** Thorne Bay / 907-419-0957 / andersonlodgealaska@gmail.com / www.andersonlodgealaska.com Experience Alaska with a personal touch! All-inclusive Charter & Self-guided packages for every season in our newly remodeled lodge in Thorne Bay. Call for details and custom packages. See ad on page 29

**Catch-a-King Charters, Inc** Craig / 907-826-2938 / cell 907-401-0189 / fax 907-826-2937 / catchaking1@aptalaska.net / www.catchakingcharters.com Fishing charters for salmon, halibut, bottom fish from May through September. Lodging for up to thirty guests. Twenty years in business with very experienced and friendly guides.

**Coffman Cove Adventures** Coffman Cove / 907-329-2043 / 907-351-2978 / info@coffmancoveak.com / www.coffmancoveak.com Coffman Cove Adventures offers full-service self-guided packages for fishing, hunting and sightseeing. Weeklong rates include accommodations, meals, vehicle and boat rentals.

## LODGES / RESORTS

**Coffman Cove Lodging** *Coffman Cove / 907-329-2228 / 907-329-2088 / 907-329-2219 / [ccbunkhouse@yahoo.com](mailto:ccbunkhouse@yahoo.com) / [www.coffmancovelodging.com](http://www.coffmancovelodging.com)*

Coffman Cove Lodging offers you accommodations, home cooked meals along with 16' Lunds, and 20' & 22' Hewescrafts, and Jetcraft for rent. Private rooms available. Call or email for an Alaskan adventure that suits your needs!

**Dreamcatcher Inn & Charters** *Craig / 907-826-2238 / cell 907-965-2720 / [dreambb@aptalaska.net](mailto:dreambb@aptalaska.net) / [www.dreamcatcherbedandbreakfast.com](http://www.dreamcatcherbedandbreakfast.com)*

Luxury waterfront lodging in Craig, Alaska. Enjoy one of our three guestrooms all with private baths, phone, DirecTV, Wi-Fi, and homemade buffet style breakfast. Charter packages available, open year-round. See ad on page 31

**Eagles Wings Wilderness Lodge** *Wadleigh / 800-987-7211 / cell 907-401-3175 [eagleswingsretreat@gmail.com](mailto:eagleswingsretreat@gmail.com) / [www.eagleswingsalaska.com](http://www.eagleswingsalaska.com)*

Our inclusive package includes: 5 nights lodging, 3 meals/d, 3 days guided saltwater fishing plus a 4th day of self-guided salt or freshwater fishing (or a variety of other choices). We fillet, vacuum seal, freeze, and box your catch for your trip home. Beautiful, remote, authentic lodge on Wadleigh Island (a 20-minute boat ride from POW Island). Lodge & 2-private cabins, sauna, kayaks, on the water.

**Fireweed Lodge** *Klawock / 907-755-2930 / cell 206-910-7702 / fax 907-755-2936 / [canderson@fireweedlodge.com](mailto:canderson@fireweedlodge.com) / [www.fireweedlodge.com](http://www.fireweedlodge.com)* The only full-service fishing resort. 10 boats, kayaks, recreational facilities, spa and fitness room. See ad on page 69

**JS Development** *Craig / 907-401-0071 / [james.seley@gmail.com](mailto:james.seley@gmail.com)* Storage units, secured parking, furnished room and suite rentals, apartment.

**KingFisher Charters & Lodge** *Craig / 907-826-3350 / fax 907-826-3350 / cell 907-202-4421 / [rico@aptalaska.net](mailto:rico@aptalaska.net) / [www.alaskakingfisherlodge.com](http://www.alaskakingfisherlodge.com)* Full-service fishing lodge, family-run. Three-day packages starting at \$3,200 include round trip airfare from Ketchikan International Airport to Craig. 32-foot walk around boats. See ad on page 15

**Klawock Casino and Lodging** *Klawock / 907-755-2265 / [tribaladmin@klawocktribe.org](mailto:tribaladmin@klawocktribe.org)* Unique 7-room accommodations with a seamless blend of Native traditions and modern comforts. Amenities include Casino machines, communal living spaces, and beautiful water views! See ad on page 68

**McFarlands Lodge** *Thorne Bay / 541-571-8304 / [mcfarlandslodge@gmail.com](mailto:mcfarlandslodge@gmail.com) / [www.mcfarlandslodge.com](http://www.mcfarlandslodge.com)* Beautiful waterfront lodge style cabins that offer vehicle, boat, fishing and crabbing gear rentals. Experience all that Prince of Wales has to offer with a DIY adventure at McFarlands Lodge.

**Shaan Seet, Inc.** *Craig / 907-826-3251 / [ddouville@shaanseet.com](mailto:ddouville@shaanseet.com) / [contact@shaanseet.com](mailto:contact@shaanseet.com) / [officemanager@shaanseet.com](mailto:officemanager@shaanseet.com) / [www.shaanseet.com](http://www.shaanseet.com)* Hotel and cabin accommodations; boat storage; trailer court space rentals; office space rentals; commercial rock sales. See ad on page 17

**South Haven Guest House** *Thorne Bay / 907-828-3471 / [southhavenguesthouse@yahoo.com](mailto:southhavenguesthouse@yahoo.com) / [www.southhavenguesthouse.com](http://www.southhavenguesthouse.com)* Best view on the bay. Private waterfront two-bedroom, furnished guest house with woodstove and Satellite Internet & TV. Includes skiff, vehicle, and ocean rods for your self-guided Southeast experience. See ad on page 13

**Southeast Alaska Getaway** *Hollis, Craig / cell 817-907-1038 / [southeastalaskagetaway@yahoo.com](mailto:southeastalaskagetaway@yahoo.com) / [www.seakgetaway.com](http://www.seakgetaway.com)* Now offering NEW lodging options for 2022. Hollis cabin has 2-bedrooms, sleeps 5; All three Craig apartments are fully furnished including WiFi, W/D, linens/towels; pots/pans, and dishes. Apt A has 2-bedrooms, sleeps 5; Apt B has 1-bedroom, sleeps 4; Apt C has 1-bedroom, sleeps 2.

**Waterstreet Apartments LLC** *Craig / 907-826-2298 / [kelseysheakley@gmail.com](mailto:kelseysheakley@gmail.com) / [www.waterstreetapartmentsllc.com](http://www.waterstreetapartmentsllc.com)* Available nightly and located in the middle of Craig. Fully furnished 1- & 2-bedroom apartments, complete kitchen for cooking on your own. WiFi and DirecTV. Perfect for work, visiting family, and vacations.

## MEDICAL

**Island Care Services, LLC** *Naukati / 907-629-4140 / (cell) 907-254-2904 / [heidi@islandcareservicesllc.com](mailto:heidi@islandcareservicesllc.com) / [www.islandcareservicesllc.com](http://www.islandcareservicesllc.com)* Island Care Services is dedicated to providing individualized services for clients that require a professional to help them navigate their healthcare needs.

**Jeannie's Touch Massage** *Craig / 907-401-3896 / [jeannierogan@gmail.com](mailto:jeannierogan@gmail.com)* Jeannie is highly trained in Swedish massage. The benefits of Swedish massage include increased blood circulation, mental & physical relaxation, decreased stress & muscle tension, and improved range of motion. See ad on page 13

**Pacific Pediatrics, LLC** *Whale Pass / 313-300-8189 / [elisarosier@pacificpediatricsllc.com](mailto:elisarosier@pacificpediatricsllc.com) / [www.doctoralaska.com](http://www.doctoralaska.com)* Elisa Rosier, MD, FAAP, is a board-certified pediatrician providing pediatric care and peer support services via telehealth for Alaskans at Pacific Pediatrics, LLC.



R 'n' R—rest and reading. The homey Coffman Cove Library welcomed visitors touring POW by bike.

CORBYN JAHN

**PeaceHealth Medical Group—Prince of Wales** *Craig / 907-826-3257 / Ktn 907-225-5171 / fax 907-228-8515 / [ssilverthorn@peacehealth.org](mailto:ssilverthorn@peacehealth.org) / [www.peacehealth.org/phmg-pow](http://www.peacehealth.org/phmg-pow)* Primary-care clinic serving residents and visitors of Prince of Wales Island. State of the art medical, diagnostic, and X-ray equipment; telemedicine; visiting specialists; home healthcare. See ad on page 45

**Prince of Wales Cancer Coalition** *Klawock / cell 907-617-5520 / [rock17@aptalaska.net](mailto:rock17@aptalaska.net)* Provides financial assistance to Prince of Wales Island cancer patients to cover travel and lodging expenses that are not covered by insurance or other sources. Receipt copies needed for reimbursement.

**Prince of Wales Health Network** *Craig / cell 907-254-2904 / [info@powhealthnetwork.org](mailto:info@powhealthnetwork.org) / [www.powhealthnetwork.org](http://www.powhealthnetwork.org)* A network of healthcare organizations collaborating to strengthen the healthcare system on Prince of Wales Island.

**SouthEast Alaska Regional Health Consortium SEARHC** *POW Island / 907-755-4800 / [www.searhc.org](http://www.searhc.org)* SEARHC provides high quality medical, dental, vision, and mental health services for residents and visitors of Prince of Wales Island with locations in Craig, Hydaburg, Kasaan, Klawock and Thorne Bay. See ad on page 39

**Whale Tail Pharmacy** *Craig / 907-826-5750 / 866-826-5750 / fax 907-826-5752 / [technician@whaletailrx.com](mailto:technician@whaletailrx.com) / [www.whaletailrx.com](http://www.whaletailrx.com)* Located at West Wind Plaza. For all your prescription and over-the-counter needs. See ad on page 48

## NATIVE CORPORATIONS / NON-PROFITS / GOVERNMENTS

**"By the Sea" Arts & Seafood Festival** *Coffman Cove / 907-329-2031 / fax 907-329-2212 / [info@artsandseafoodfestival.com](mailto:info@artsandseafoodfestival.com) / [www.artsandseafoodfestival.com](http://www.artsandseafoodfestival.com)* Our Festival displays over 40 artists, craftsmen, food vendors from Petersburg, Wrangell, Ketchikan, and Prince of Wales Island. There is live music, hourly raffle drawings, art contests, and more. See ad on page 31

**City of Coffman Cove** *Coffman Cove / 907-329-2233 / [clerk2@ccalaska.com](mailto:clerk2@ccalaska.com) / [www.coffmancovealaska.com](http://www.coffmancovealaska.com)* The City of Coffman Cove operates utilities, harbor, public library, event space for rent, monthly clinic, EMS, and fire department.

**City of Craig** *Craig / 907-826-3275 / fax 907-826-3278 / [info@craigak.com](mailto:info@craigak.com) / [www.craigak.com](http://www.craigak.com)* Municipal government, recreation, aquatic center, harbors, public works, parks & public facilities, police, fire, EMS, public library with Internet access. At 500 Third St., across from First Bank.

**City of Edna Bay** *Edna Bay / 907-594-6300 / fax 907-594-6107 / [clerk@cityofednabay.org](mailto:clerk@cityofednabay.org) / [www.ednabayalaska.net](http://www.ednabayalaska.net)* Edna Bay is located in the Tongass National Forest on Kosciusko Island.

**City of Hydaburg** *Hydaburg / 907-285-3761 / fax 907-285-3760 / [cityhydaburgclerk@gmail.com](mailto:cityhydaburgclerk@gmail.com)* The City of Hydaburg works to ensure adequate infrastructure for its water, sewer, and garbage services. We provide these services to 350 community residents. For more information contact us.

**City of Kasaan** *Kasaan / 907-542-2212 / fax 907-542-2223 / [kasaancityclerk@gmail.com](mailto:kasaancityclerk@gmail.com)* Municipality; second-class city.

**City of Klawock** *Klawock / 907-755-2261 / fax 907-755-2403 / [cityclerk@cityofklawock.com](mailto:cityclerk@cityofklawock.com)* Municipality operates utilities, harbor, liquor store, library, Totem Park, Long House, and carving shed. The restoration of the 21 poles in Totem Park was completed in 2013. A must-see destination.

**City of Thorne Bay** *Thorne Bay / 907-828-3380 / fax 907-828-3374 / [events@thornebay-ak.gov](mailto:events@thornebay-ak.gov) / [www.thornebay-ak.gov](http://www.thornebay-ak.gov)* Thorne Bay The Hidden Gem of the Southeast, a full-service community. Library with Internet access. EMS. Fire. Post Office. Fuel on Water. Grocery. Liquor. K-12 School. Churches. Vehicle Repair.

**City of Whale Pass** *Whale Pass / 907-846-5222 / [cityofwhalepass@gmail.com](mailto:cityofwhalepass@gmail.com)*



TAMARA BUOY

A hiker and hound tramp across muskeg as mist-charged air holds a summer rainbow over the ridgeline. Hardy shore pines colonize areas such as this, while hemlock, spruce and cedar trees dominate forested lands that have richer soil.

## NATIVE CORPORATIONS / NON-PROFITS / GOVERNMENTS

**Craig City School District** *Craig / 907-826-3274 / fax 907-826-3322 / creitan@craigschools.com / www.craigschools.com*

Our students will be lifelong learners who will be resilient, compassionate, self-sufficient members of society. CCSD will provide an environment that empowers every student, every day, to transfer their learning to life.

**Craig Tribal Association** *Craig / 907-826-3996 / info@craigtribe.com / www.craigtribe.org* The Craig Tribal Association owns and operates the CTA Smoke & Gift Shop, the CTA Public Transit, Aimee's Cabins, and the 420 Green Street Marijuana Dispensary. Contact us at 907-826-3996 or visit our website [www.craigtribe.org](http://www.craigtribe.org) for additional information. *See ad on page 19*

**Eagles Wings Ministries** *Naukati / 907-629-4200 / fax 907-629-4310 / www.eagleswingspow.life* Faith-based residential recovery for women seeking freedom from addictions.

**Friends of the Thorne Bay Library** *Thorne Bay / tawandathornebay@gmail.com / 120 Freeman Drive, Thorne Bay, AK* Offering historic walking tours of Thorne Bay.

**Hollis Community Council** *Hollis / 907-401-0702 / sandranesett@hotmail.com / www.hollisalaska.org* To further the common good and welfare of all the people of the community by bringing about civic betterment and social improvement.

**Hollis Public Library** *Hollis / 907-530-7112 / hollispubliclibrary@gmail.com / www.hollisalaska.org/library.html* Established in 1985, Hollis Public Library is a volunteer-run library for all ages. We offer books, audio books, DVDs, FREE Wi-Fi, public-use computers, reading programs, video conferences, and a meeting space. Come check out our new location!

**H.O.P.E. Helping Ourselves Prevent Emergencies** *Craig / Advocate's cell phone 907-401-1611 / Office 907-826-2581 / fax 907-826-2584 / hopeprevention@aptalaska.net / www.hope4pow.org* H.O.P.E. is our local advocacy group for survivors of domestic violence and/or sexual assault. For help or information, please call.

**Hydaburg Cooperative Association** *Hydaburg / 907-285-3666 / fax 907-285-3541 / hca\_administrator@hcatrIBE.org* Tribal government for the Haida community of Hydaburg. We coordinate a Culture Camp and Haida Festival which is always held the last full week in July. *See ad on page 29*

**Klawock Casino and Lodging** *Klawock / 907-755-2265 / tribaladmin@klawocktribe.org* Unique 7-room accommodations with a seamless blend of Native traditions and modern comforts. Amenities include casino machines, communal living spaces and beautiful water views! *See ad on page 68*

**Klawock City School District** *Klawock / 907-755-2220 / fax 907-755-2320 / klawock@aptalaska.net / www.klawockschool.com* K-12 School District with enrollment of 130, pupil-teacher ratio 8 to 1. "KCSDD has done an outstanding job of creating a positive culture and pride in their school." Advanced Accreditation.

**Klawock Heenya Corporation** *Klawock / 907-755-2270 / fax 907-755-2966 / khc@aptalaska.net / www.klawockheenya.com* Klawock Heenya Corporation is an ANCSA Village Corporation with approximately 1,100 shareholders.

**Mule Deer Foundation Alaska** *Thorne Bay / 907-209-6690 / baichtal@muledeer.org* The Mule Deer Foundation is the only conservation group in North America dedicated to restoring, improving, protecting mule deer, black-tailed deer and their habitat, with a focus on science and program efficiency.

**Naukati Bay, Inc** *Naukati Bay / 907-629-4235 / naukatitresure@gmail.com* Naukati Bay is a wonderful community (pop. 124) which provides local emergency services (FIRE/EMS), a public dock & boat launch, (excellent fishing), and community beach (4th of July celebration).

**Organized Village of Kasaan** *Kasaan / 907-542-2230 / / ovk@kasaan.org / www.kasaan.org* The Organized Village of Kasaan is committed to developing economic opportunities and promoting education and Haida culture. The Tribe offers a unique eco-cultural tourism experience through the Kasaan Cultural Campus & Naay I'waans Chief Son-i-Hat Whale House Tours. Lodging available at Discovery Cabins and Espresso and food service available at the Totem Trail Café. *See ad on page 2*

**Prince of Wales Cancer Coalition** *Klawock / cell 907-617-5520 / rock17@aptalaska.net* Provides financial assistance to Prince of Wales Island cancer patients to cover travel and lodging expenses that are not covered by insurance or other sources. Receipt copies needed for reimbursement.

**Prince of Wales Community Advisory Council (POWCAC)** *www.powcac.org* POWCAC, established in 1989, is a membership organization made up of the communities, tribes, and Prince of Wales Chamber of Commerce. POWCAC promotes the resolution of issues important to the residents of Prince of Wales Island. The Prince of Wales Community Advisory Council is a non-profit member.

**Prince of Wales Vocational and Technical Education Center** *Klawock / 907-401-1456 / powvotec@gmail.com / www.powvotec.org* Workshops and classes. Meeting space with business amenities available for rent-up to 4 hours \$100 / up to 8 hours \$200. Tech lab / high-speed Internet. Construction & Welding Shops.

**Sealaska Corporation** *Ketchikan / 907-225-9444 / Jason.Gubatayao@sealaska.com* Sealaska is owned by over 20,000 tribal member shareholders guided by traditions of environmental stewardship with the goal of positively impacting its communities.

**Shaan Seet, Inc.** *Craig / 907-826-3251 / eddoville@shaanseet.com / contact@shaanseet.com / officemanager@shaanseet.com / www.shaanseet.com* Hotel and cabin accommodations; boat storage; trailer court space rentals; office space rentals; commercial rock sales. *See ad on page 17*

**Southeast Alaska Conservation Center** *Craig / 907-586-6942 / info@seacc.org* The Southeast Alaska Conservation Council is a conservation group of Southeast Alaskans fiercely fighting to protect our home: the Tongass National Forest and the waters of the Inside Passage.

**Southeast Conference** *Juneau / 907-586-4360 / fax 907-463-5670 / info@seconference.org / www.seconference.org* The mission of Southeast Conference is to undertake and support activities that promote strong economies, healthy communities, and a quality environment in Southeast Alaska.

**Southeast Island School District** *Thorne Bay / 907-828-8254 / fax 907-828-8257 / sisd@sisd.org / www.sisd.org* SISD'S VISION: Students are equipped to realize their dreams and aspirations. MISSION: Together we will foster student skills to achieve their goals and thrive in an ever-changing world.

**Southern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association, Inc.** *Ketchikan / 907-225-9605 / fax 907-225-1348 / admin@ssraa.org* A nonprofit salmon hatchery association committed to salmon enhancement to benefit common property fisheries and the economic development of Prince of Wales Island and Southeast Alaska.

## REAL ESTATE

**Coastal Keller Williams Realty, Alaska Group** *Ketchikan / 907-247-5811 / fax 907-247-5812 / info@coastalal.com / www.coastalal.com* Integrity. Knowledge. Results. If you are in the market for a place to call home, your own private getaway, or simply land to roam and play, let Coastal Keller Williams Realty, Alaska Group help you. Whatever your real estate needs may be, we will be there to exceed your expectations. *See ad on page 69*

## REAL ESTATE

**DBI** Craig / 907-206-4017 / insurance@dbiak.com / www.dbiak.com Insurance agency specializing in home, auto, boat, and business insurance. Open 8:30am-5:00pm, Monday-Friday. In business more than 70 years. Offering coverage for all locations in Alaska. See ad on page 47

**Prince of Wales Island Realty, LLC** message 907-826-6600 / cell 219-781-1825 / chucksrealstate@yahoo.com / www.alaskaislandrealty.com Serving Prince of Wales Island and Ketchikan areas for over 35 years. See ad on page 15

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**Seagrove** Craig / 206-321-3443 / hello@seagrovekelp.com / www.seagrovealaska.com Seagrove brings sustainably-grown kelp from the pristine water in Alaska to your table; a superfood with natural sources of protein, fiber, iodine grown in its native environment.

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## SERVICES

**The Bay Company** Craig / 907-826-3341 / fax 907-826-2592 / info@baycompany.com / www.baycompany.com Dealership for North River, Hewescraft, Kingfisher. Lund & SeaArk boats. Mercury and Yamaha outboard sales and service. Arctic Cat snowmachines. ATVs & UTVs. King and EZ Loader boat trailers. Marine parts and accessories. See ad on page 47

**Betty's Hair & Nails** Klawock / 907-755-8883 / Klawock Heenya Mall Haircuts, color, highlights, lowlights, perms, waxing, paraffin dips, manicures, pedicures, acrylics, tanning. Retail products. Arts & jewelry handmade in Alaska.

**Black Bear Store** Klawock / 907-755-2292 / fax 907-755-2984 / blackbearstore@logcabinsports.com / www.logcabinsports.com/blackbear/ Basic groceries, fuel, hunting & fishing licenses, and tackle. See ad on page 54

**Craig Moose Lodge 1206** 907-826-3216 / lodge1206@mooseunits.org / facebook.com/moose.lodge1 Family and Community oriented. Fraternal Order. See ad page 7

**DBI** Craig / 907-206-4017 / insurance@dbiak.com / www.dbiak.com Insurance agency specializing in home, auto, boat, and business insurance. Open 8:30am-5:00pm, Monday-Friday. In business more than 70 years. Offering coverage for all locations in Alaska. See ad on page 47

**The Healing Touch Massage Therapy** Craig and Klawock / 907-530-7080 / cell 775-842-7758 Discover the benefits of massage. Outcall to local lodges, \*travel fees apply. Located on Hemlock Street. Available by appointment year-round. STATE & nationally certified.

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**Jeannie's Touch Massage** Craig / 907-401-3896 / jeannierogan@gmail.com Jeannie is highly trained in Swedish massage. The benefits of Swedish massage include increased blood circulation, mental & physical relaxation, decreased stress & muscle tension, and improved range of motion. See ad page 13

**Island Daycare** Craig / 907-401-2009 / 907-401-0272 / islanddaycare907@gmail.com Island Daycare is a non-profit childcare facility. We are a state licensed center on POW Island, providing a safe and healthy place for children to learn and grow.

**Mitsy Enterprises** Craig / cell 907-401-0449 / jonikuntz@gmail.com Rental property, Thorne Bay and Craig.

**Ocean Air Contracting** Coffman Cove / 907-821-3855 / oceanairak@gmail.com Ocean Air Contracting is a heating, air conditioning, refrigeration, and ventilation company specializing in ductless heat pumps which are much less to operate than other methods. Please, give us a call.

**Oceanview Hair Care** Craig / 907-826-2543 / hairizon@aptalaska.net Oceanview Hair



TAMARA BUOY

ATV means 'awesome trail views.' This rider took in the panorama above Winter Harbor.

Care is a full-service salon for men and women. Aveda makeup, hair care products, and Nu Skin skin care products. Bill Eggen is a continuing education stylist. Open evenings.

**Off the Hook Taxidermy** Klawock / cell 907-965-4779 / info@offthehooktaxidermy.com / www.offthehooktaxidermy.com A full-time fish only, taxidermy studio. The studio provides one of a kind, high quality, traditional skin mounts, fiberglass reproduction, or custom mold fish mounts.

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**POWTEC** Prince of Wales Island / 1-877-776-9832 / 360-377-8600 / Karen.ferris@powtec.com / www.powtec.com POWTEC is a professional services company specializing in IT support, facilities support, logistics management, and environmental/engineering services for government and commercial clients. See ad on page 17

**Raven Hair Design** Klawock / cell 907-401-2164 One-chair salon offering haircuts, perms, hi/low lights, color, waxing. By appointment only. Hair products. Convenient quiet location next to The Healing Touch Massage on Hemlock Street, Klawock. Longtime POW resident.

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**Spruce Root** Juneau / 907-586-9251 / grow@spruceroot.org We provide Southeast Alaskans with access to business development and financial resources in the form of loan capital, business coaching, and workshops. We also provide planning and facilitation services to nonprofits, Tribes, and local governments.

**Tight Area Tree Removal** Thorne Bay / 231-970-1244 / saralynnstree@gmail.com Based on Prince of Wales Island, Tight Area Tree Removal, LLC, specializes in Tree Removal by Obstructions, Lot Management, and Care of Trees. Call, text, or email to schedule a FREE Bid. See ad on page 31

**Tongass Electric** Coffman Cove / 907-329-2054 / 907-401-1502 / admin@tongasselectric.com / www.tongasselectric.com Licensed, bonded, & insured electrical contractor specializing in residential, commercial & industrial electric work. Locally owned and operated.

**TSS, Inc.** Craig by appointment 866-225-1431 / Ketchikan 907-247-1431 / fax 907-247-1432 / Juneau 907-523-8402 / info@tss-safety.com www.tss-safety.com Southeast Alaska's only full-service drug and alcohol program manager. Federally mandated. Drug and Alcohol Consortium Management, Supervisor training, Leadership training. Please call 866-225-1431 to schedule.

**Winner's Circle Pulltabs** Craig / 907-826-2581 / hopeprevention@aptalaska.net Winner's Circle Pulltabs is a charitable gaming facility owned by H.O.P.E. All gaming proceeds are used to assist victims of interpersonal violence.



GERALD PEELE

An eagle carved into stone by Gerald Peele sees a Hydaburg sunset with abalone-shell eyes. The artist carved the piece in argillite from a quarry in Haida Gwaii.

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**Alaskan Echo Creatives and Mercantile Craig / 907-826-3626 / admin@alaskanecho.com / www.alaskanecho.com** With so much to offer: trending brands, seasonal specialties, coastal décor, local woodworking, children's toys, pet products, unique finds including Halibut Release Rulers and other items not found anywhere on the Island. Pets always welcome! See ad on page 29

**Anderson Lodge Alaska / Tackle Shack Thorne Bay / 907-419-0957 / andersonlodgealaska@gmail.com / www.andersonlodgealaska.com** Experience Alaska with a personal touch! All-inclusive Charter & Self-guided packages for every season in our newly remodeled lodge in Thorne Bay. Call for details and custom packages. See ad on page 29

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**The Bay Company Craig / 907-826-3341 / fax 907-826-2592 / info@baycompany.com / www.baycompany.com** Dealership for North River, Hewescraft, Kingfisher. Lund & SeaArk boats. Mercury and Yamaha outboard sales and service. Arctic Cat snowmachines. ATVs & UTVs. King and EZ Loader boat trailers. Marine parts and accessories. See ad on page 47

**Bear Trail Store Whale Pass / 907-346-5363 / beartrailstore@gmail.com /** Basic groceries, snacks and drinks, fishing tackle, locally made gifts and art, skiff and cabin rentals, and much more. Open 7 days a week.

**Black Bear Store Klawock / 907-755-2292 / fax 907-755-2984 / blackbearstore@logcabinsports.com / www.logcabinsports.com/blackbear** Basic groceries, fuel, hunting & fishing licenses, and tackle. See ad on page 54

**Heppe's Indoor Edition Klawock / cell 907-401-3663 / heppesindooredition@hotmail.com / Facebook@heppesindooredition** We are a small, family-owned business. We specialize in custom graphic design, DTF printing, and vinyl. We carry a variety of clothing, souvenirs, and gifts. We offer gift wrapping. See ad on page 9

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**Stryker Rods POW Island / 541-913-1691 / billing@strykerrods.us / https://strykerrods.us** Made in the USA for fishermen by fishermen, Stryker Rods takes the utmost care and uses only the highest quality components to bring you the best rod on the market. See ad on page 32

**Thorne Bay Market Alaskan & Proud Thorne Bay / 907-828-3306 / fax 907-828-3614 / rob.williams@akproudtteam.com / www.akandproud.com/StoreLocator/Store\_Detail\_S.As?L=18685=** Thorne Bay Alaskan & Proud Market is an independent full-service grocery store. We feature fresh meat and produce, a full line of groceries, and non-food items. Winter Hours: 8am-6pm Monday-Saturday; 10am-6pm Sunday. Summer Hours: 7am-7pm Monday-Saturday; 9am-6pm Sunday. RIPTIDE LIQUOR is a full-service liquor store. Winter Hours: 11am-6pm Monday-Saturday; noon-6pm Sunday. Summer Hours: 11am-7pm Monday-Saturday; noon-6pm Sunday. BOTH stores accept Visa and MasterCard. See ad on page 48

**Tyler Rental, Inc. Craig / 907-826-2924 / fax 907-826-2956 / brianh@tylerrental.com / www.tylerrental.com** Construction equipment rentals. Retail sales: Milwaukee power tools, Stihl chainsaws and trimmers, safety supplies, rigging, and welding supplies. See ad on page 7

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**Full Circle Media Arts Ketchikan / cell 907-617-6035 / fullcirclemediarts@gmail.com** Production and consultation for publishing in print and online. Writing, text editing, photography, graphic design, publication design, printing and more.

**Pioneer Printing Co., Inc. Ketchikan / 907-225-3157 / tena@ketchikandailynews.com** Pioneer Printing Co., Inc., is the parent company of the Prince of Wales Island Post and Ketchikan Daily News. As a printing entity, it also offers commercial printing, ranging from business cards to postcards, rack cards, newsletters, and many other items. See ad on page 48

**POW Report POW Island / powreport@gmail.com** News, reports, & information for Prince of Wales Island.

**Prince of Wales Island Post Ketchikan / 907-607-4157 / news@powislandpost.com / ads@powislandpost.com / www.ketchikandailynews.com** Newspaper, commercial printing, web, and other online services.

**Prowess Creative Solutions Naukati / 602-661-9334 / support@prowess.io / www.prowess.io** Prowess Creative Solutions is a business consultation and website development company which works with business owners to develop technology-based solutions to increase their likelihood of success.

**Tongass Communications Craig / 907-247-3569 / cell 206-973-7265 / alaskareport@gmail.com / www.tongass.net** Google Apps / Office 365 consulting and site hosting. Remote desktop-based computer configuration.

## TRANSPORTATION / GROUND & WATER

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**Alaska Seaplanes Juneau / Klawock / 800-354-2479 / 907-755-2200 (Klawock) / info@flyalaskaseaplanes.com / www.flyalaskaseaplanes.com** Based in Juneau, Alaska Seaplanes is the premier commuter airline of Southeast Alaska, providing direct scheduled service from Klawock to Sitka and Juneau with convenient connections to Northern Southeast Alaska. Flying at a Higher Standard. See ad on back cover

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**Arrowhead Transfer Inc.** Craig / 907-826-3419 / fax 907-826-3916 / [arrowhead@lynnden.com](mailto:arrowhead@lynnden.com) / [www.arrowheadlpigas.com](http://www.arrowheadlpigas.com) Local and long-distance trucking services. Agent for Alaska Marine Lines weekly barge. Shipments from Seattle and throughout Southeast Alaska. Heated mini-storage units. Packing cartons for sale. See ad on page 32

**DJ's Alaska Adventure Rentals** Klawock Airport / 907-530-7040 / fax 866-309-6483 / cell 907-617-4709 / [carsinak@gmail.com](mailto:carsinak@gmail.com) / [www.harentals.com](http://www.harentals.com) Car rental with kayak, boat, and camping gear packages. We also offer skiffs, vans, trucks, and fishing gear rentals at affordable rates. No delivery fees to Hollis, Klawock, or Craig.

**Inter-Island Ferry Authority** Hollis / Reservations 866-308-4848 / Finance Office 907-826-4848 / Fax 907-826-4849 / [reservations@interislandferry.com](mailto:reservations@interislandferry.com) / [www.interislandferry.com](http://www.interislandferry.com) Year-round daily, reliable passenger and vehicle ferry transportation between Hollis, on Prince of Wales Island, and Ketchikan. Food service onboard. See ad on page 9

**Island Air Express** Klawock / 888-387-8989 / [info@IslandAirX.com](mailto:info@IslandAirX.com) / [www.IslandAirX.com](http://www.IslandAirX.com) Based on Prince of Wales Island, Island Air Express safely operates modern jet-prop aircraft. Fully FAA certified for day & night IFR flights. Island Air's aircraft provides travelers with the most reliable year-round scheduled service available between Prince of Wales Island, Ketchikan, Petersburg, and Juneau. All scheduled flights to and from Ketchikan coincide with Alaska Airlines arrivals and departures. Fly safe...Fly Smart! See ad on page 3

**Klawock Totem Taxi** Klawock / 907-965-5222 / 907-401-1337 / [shooteen@icloud.com](mailto:shooteen@icloud.com) / [www.facebook.com/groups/439271867537217](http://www.facebook.com/groups/439271867537217) / Klawock Totem Taxi: Proudly serving Prince of Wales Island, Alaska! Please call to schedule an Inter-Island Ferry and a Klawock Airport pick up.

**Samson Tug and Barge** POW, Ketchikan, Seattle / toll free 855-907-8559 / Craig 907-826-4824 / Thorne Bay 907-931-3091 / [booking@samsontug.com](mailto:booking@samsontug.com) / [www.samsontug.com](http://www.samsontug.com) Alaskans serving Alaskans. Barge service between Seattle, Southwestern, and Southeast Alaska, call for pricing and information. See ad on page 9

**Tyler Rental, Inc.** Craig / 907-826-2924 / fax 907-826-2956 / [brianh@tylerrental.com](mailto:brianh@tylerrental.com) / [www.tylerrental.com](http://www.tylerrental.com) Construction equipment rentals. Retail sales: Milwaukee power tools, Stihl chainsaws and trimmers, safety supplies, rigging and welding supplies. See ad on page 7

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## PRINCE OF WALES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



Our motto is Progress Through Unity and that principle keeps us focused on the economic, cultural and educational features that we all share. Although our island is a unique melting pot of indigenous peoples, loggers, kayakers, pilots, fishermen, artists, lodge owners, builders, forest rangers and a hundred other types, we agree on a few key things. They're in our mission statement.

*The Prince of Wales Chamber of Commerce works to promote commerce on the island by advocating for economic vitality, a healthy quality of life and wise resource development that benefits all residents and communities.*

**Beyond networking** and providing information through our office, the chamber participates in many events to promote commerce and enhance quality of life. Our major outreach to communities and to the world at large is this annual island guide. The publication, in printed and online forms, is aimed primarily at visitors and residents, but it appeals to investors, re-locators and second-homers as well.

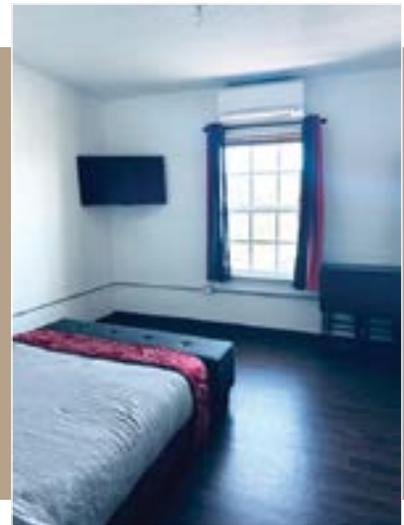
The chamber's Adopt-A-Marathon Mile cleanup in May goes along with co-sponsorship of the Prince of Wales Marathon. We also support youth by funding annual scholarships for high school graduates.

**The chamber is** a nonprofit 501(c) 6 organization governed by a nine-person board of directors. Our goal is to have members representing as many communities island-wide as we can. The Prince of Wales Chamber of Commerce is funded by advertising in the guide and by members' dues. Annual scholarships are funded by the generous underwriting of members and other benefactors.

To find out more and to get involved, see the contact information on page 4 of this island guide.

*It's a good place  
to stay while you play*

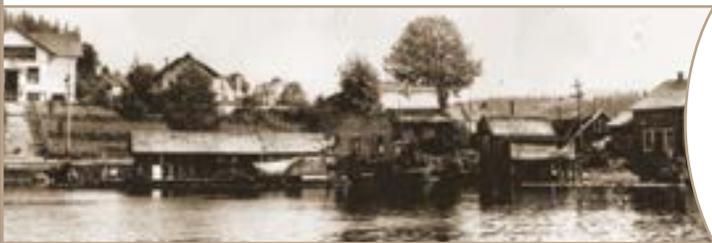
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