



ALASKA STEELHEAD CO. PACKING LIST

You know yourself best and the elements you can handle, so use your best judgment when packing.

CLOTHING

Layering (No Cotton)

- Light thermal tops & bottoms (early season / Sept–early Oct)
- Heavy thermal tops & bottoms (late Oct, bring both light & heavy)
- Light/mid layer jacket (fleece, Primaloft, synthetic down, wool)
- Heavy mid layer jacket (down, synthetic down, wool)
- Rain jacket, must not leak**

Waders & Boots

- Breathable waders, **must not leak**
- Wading boots, rubber or Vibram soles only. **NO FELT. NO PERMANENT STUDS.**
- Removable-stud boots recommended (e.g. Korkers w/ Alumnatrx + sticky rubber)
- Break in new boots before the trip. Bring moleskin.

Accessories

- Billed hat
- Beanie & buff / neck gaiter
- Gloves (fingerless if you fish in cold weather)
- Comfortable pants for under waders
- Medium to thick wool socks
- Polarized sunglasses (+ low-light pair if you have one)
- Lodge shoes: Crocs, XtraTufs, Bogs, or slippers

PERSONAL ITEMS

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Medications & pain meds | <input type="checkbox"/> Camera, charger & extra SD cards |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Toiletries | <input type="checkbox"/> GoPro + charging cord |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen | <input type="checkbox"/> Cell phone, charger & waterproof case |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Headlamp or flashlight | <input type="checkbox"/> Cash for guide & chef gratuities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hand sanitizer & wipes | |

ESSENTIAL GEAR

- Small waterproof backpack, sling pack, or waist pack
- Water bottle
- Hemostats & nippers
- Wading staff

FISHING GEAR (OPTIONAL)

Our guides provide everything you need. Bring your own only if you prefer your personal setup.

Swinging | Big River (Spey)

- 12'6"–14' Spey rod, 7–8 wt

- Large arbor reel w/ solid drag + 100–150 yds 20–30 lb backing
- Running line (Rio SlickShooter 35–50 lb or GripShooter)
- Skagit head matched to rod grain window (20–25 ft)
- Sink tips: T8, T11, T14 (7.5'–12.5') + MOW tips for shallow water

Swinging | Small River (Switch / Single-Hand)

- 11'6" 7 wt switch rod w/ 18 ft shooting head
- 10'3" 7 wt single-hand Spey (e.g. Echo OHS + OPST Commando Smooth)

Nymphing | Walk & Wade

- 10'–11'6" 7 wt switch rod
- Rio Indicator or Rio Switch Indicator line

Nymphing | Drift Boat

- 9' 8 wt rod
- Weight-forward floating line (Rio Indicator or SA Anadro)

Nymphing Terminal Tackle

- Large arbor 8 wt reel + 100–150 yds backing
- Leader: 25 lb Maxima butt → 15 lb fluoro → 12 lb fluoro
- Beads: 10–18 mm, Tangerine & Light Roe in 10, 12, 14 mm
- #2–4 barbless bead hooks (Owner or similar)
- Removable split shot BB – 3/0
- Indicators: Jaydacators, Oros, or Thingamabobbers (L & XL)

Flies for Swinging

- Dark, unweighted (black, blue, purple)
- Dark, weighted
- Bright, unweighted (pink, orange, red)
- Bright, weighted
- Black & olive trout streamers (small rivers)

Line & Leaders

- Fluorocarbon: 10, 12, 15, 20 lb (Super FC Sniper or P-line, not trout tippet)
- 9 ft leaders: 0x, 1x, 2x salmon/steelhead, 2 of each
- Swing hooks (barbless): tube hooks #2–4, trailer hooks #2–4
- Swing leader: 12–15 lb fluorocarbon or Maxima Ultragreen