

## River Etiquette

Alaska is one of the few locations in North America where man has not destroyed the natural beauty of the wilderness. A land where wildlife has roamed for thousands of years untouched and untamed. To help keep this beautiful, vast, wilderness pristine and enjoyable for future outdoorsman, please follow these simple rules. Also included are some other suggestions for a successful trip. Enjoy!

### **“RIVER”** *(leave no trace.)*

1. Leave no trash on gravel bars or in the river.
2. When nature calls, please dig a small pit away from the river and fill in when finished.
3. If temporary structures are made out of wood or other natural objects, please disassemble before departing.
4. If burnable trash fails to burn completely, you need to take it with you.
5. If you have multiple boats, stay together. If you split up for some reason, be sure that each boat has a tent and equipment to survive.

### **“FISHING”**

1. Know your regulations for the river you are on.
2. Anglers come from all over the world to experience the seclusion of Western Alaska. Please respect your fellow anglers as follows.
  - a. Avoid fishing in the same area as other groups.
  - b. Please be responsible with catch and release.

### **“BEAR”** *(keep a clean camp)*

1. Store food away from camp during the night.
2. Gut and clean fish in moving water, not in camp, and not in the raft.
3. Clean all pots and pans in moving water after cooking.
4. Don't leave the cooler or food in the raft over-night.

### **“CAMPING”**

1. Avoid camping next to other groups, lodges, or occupied structures.
2. Pull raft on shore and tie off to a log or large rock. The rivers can rise several feet in a short period of time, and they will wash your raft away.
3. Pick a gravel bar that is high and dry in case of over-night rain.
4. Avoid camping on a gravel bar in the middle of a river. You may be in danger if the water rises in the middle of the night.

### **“PICK UPS”**

1. Be early to your pickup point and be packed up ready to go one hour prior to pick up time.
2. Be courteous to your driver/ pilot. Tips are not expected, but greatly appreciated.

