

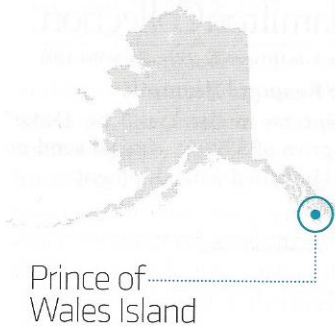
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Searching for Salmon Near Prince of Wales Island

A fishing novice heads to one of Alaska's premier fishing resorts

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The author and her friends show off their catch for the day.

I'm not a fisherman, but the sport is an iconic part of Alaska's tradition. When you go there, you fish. So, when friends invited me to join them at Waterfall Resort Alaska on Prince of Wales Island, I jumped at the chance. What better way to experience the state? My lack of fishing experience, though, made me nervous. In the days leading up to the trip, I worry: *What if I can't catch anything?*

The first day on the water, I admit my fears to our fishing guide, Brian. Without hesitation he says, "This is a great place to learn! You'll have a big box of salmon to take home."

I can only hope he's right. >>