

Cross Sound Marketing

CSMA is a non-profit fisherman's cooperative. We own and maintain the Elfin General Store with an extensive selection of fishing gear, groceries, and liquor, as well as the Elfin Cove showers and laundry—all to make sure that commercial fishermen have a platform and meeting place from which to work. As a result, Elfin Cove continues as one of the strong, vibrant commercial fishing towns in Alaska. Within CSMA we share fishing information and gear discounts, work on education about wild Alaskan salmon, and explore marketing possibilities for our members. The process is slow—not only because we have the financial pressures of an early stage business operation, but because we are independent fishermen, terrific at hauling and cleaning king salmon, but not necessarily intrigued by business, meetings, or paper work. What can be said for members of CSMA: We catch and deliver the best salmon in the world!

To find out more about Cross Sound Marketing try us at: [fairweatherfish . com](http://fairweatherfish.com)

Spring Meeting

Saturday June 27 2:00 meeting, pot luck and party after

Officers and Board Members are up for election. Please attend.

Dues have been reduced to \$200.00 for power trollers, \$100.00 for hand trollers.

What We Did On Our Winter Vacation

Steve (Genesee) left Juneau for a trip to Washington, Oregon and D.C. where he got lost on public transit until his kids set him right. Greg and Jane (Keta) went on safari to the Serengeti, Ngorogoro Crater, and Zanzibar where they discovered the “most awesome and incredible” adventure experience ever. Hap (Lizard Rock) worked for the Makaw from his home, where he brought home a new puppy, Bella. Lane (Victoria) shoveled snow since there was more snow in Inian Cove than anywhere in snowy Southeast. Jim (Lavinia) saw Omen's new baby in California in the fall, but otherwise enjoyed the simple quiet pleasures of home in Elfin with Mary Jo. Bob-o (Village Idiot) took a month long music festival tour from Texas to Louisiana to Maine; met Debra (Madam Ching) for hiking in Mexico's Copper Canyon, until snow time in the Tetons with 77 days of back country skiing. Phil (Imperial) made his wife happy, bought her a garden in California with a house too. Yes that's a move from Funter Bay. Steve (Silver Surf), Jim (Sandy Andy), and Scott (Myrth) kept the snow shoveled and the boats afloat in Elfin Cove. Matt (Chan II) played daddy all winter in Juneau though he managed some hunting and fishing too. Taiga (Lory) surfed overhead waves in Peru and Ecuador before putting in a new bow stem with Dave Abel. Pat (El Nido) bought a power troll permit and discovered the beautiful women of Juneau. Charles (Fool's Gold) spent his winter in Haines snowboarding. Jeff (Silver Convention) took a break from painting fish spoons in Juneau to take his daughter Nadeline to Disneyworld. Dennis (White Cap) worked and played with his 3-wheeler in Juneau and practiced his Mexican chef skills for Rosie. Fred (Apollo) spent the winter in Port Townsend, with road trips along the West Coast. Joe (Katrina Louise) read, contemplated the immortality of the soul, and played with his family in Juneau. Chris (Lucky Strike) taught 7th grade English in Kotzebue where he

caribou hunted and with Serena took a trip to Boston to see a few Bruins games. Ken (Amnicon) had 17 days straight of fishing out of Sitka, a pheasant hunt with brother Dan in Oregon, and a good winter in Juneau with Marina. Charlie (Day Tripper) finished another year of school at TCU in Fort Worth, but got a travel break to Panama where he ate fresh fish out of a palapa on the Archepelago de San Blas. Dennis (Escapade) built his new fiberglass and aluminum boat with Randy in Port Townsend. Chris (Sea Hawk) quit smoking 9 months ago and returned to Elfin to find no martens at Hap's place. John (Dorick) quit drinking and highlined early spring kings. Scott (Georgia) left Haines for some time rock climbing in the Sierra with Theresa, Erica and some old climbing buds from the 70s. Todd (Admiral) spent the winter on boat projects in Hoonah but did get to blood his new rifle deer hunting. Joe (Njord) and Sandy enjoyed Hawaii, macadamia nuts, pig hunts, and Sandy's new horse. Joanne (CSMA storekeeper) got to make 2 trips to Hawaii to visit not only her niece but her sister. Eric (I Gotta) attended the presidential inauguration in D.C., and involved himself in politics and grandchildren in Sitka. Zane (Sunset) got married.

Great Fisher Services in Our Excellent Elfin Cove Community

Elfin General Store Hours:	Fuel Dock Hours:	Post Office Hours:
Mon-Sat: 9-12, 2-5	Mon-Sat: 8am-12pm, 2-7pm	Mon-Fri: 9-4
Sun: closed	Sun: 1-4 \$30.00 off hour charge	Sat: 1-4

When Cross Sound Marketing Association formed, our intent was to keep Elfin Cove a healthy fishing community. The great variety of boat and fishing services now in Elfin Cove attests to our success. Fishing thrives here. Young fishermen are buying boats and permits and making Elfin Cove their home base. Ocean Beauty keeps a fish buyer (Thank you Dan Curry!) on location even for the spring king fishery.

Cross Sound Marketing's Elfin General Supply and Liquor Store

Joanne keeps our store wonderfully stocked with groceries, gifts, and alcoholic beverages, along with a wide supply of fishing gear. Fresh produce and dairy are flown in weekly. Look for the newest stuff on Friday morning. The liquor store shelves are filled with beer, wine, coolers, and the hard stuff. Leads, troll wire, gaffs, knives, boots, raingear and gloves are stocked along with a fine assortment of hoochies, spoons, leder, flashers and hooks. Check out local artists from Steve Heminway's coloring book to Mary Jo Lord Wild's cards. 239-2236

Laundromat and Showers

We're keeping the machines running smoothly, and the dryers hot. The showers are world class for hot long massaging pressure.

Shower tokens: \$3.00 for 10 min. washers: \$2.75 dryers: \$1.00

CSMA rentals

We offer daily, weekly and monthly rates on several rentals, O-Rourkes, the apartment above the store, the apartment above the Laundry, and the White House. Enquire with Joanne at the store 239-2236 or Jane 723-8514.

Hardware Plus

Jim carries plenty of necessary stuff from zincs to paint, to nuts and bolts, to line and shackles. He'll do special orders too. Find Scout and you'll find Jim. 239-2240

Iron Mike's HappyThought Welding

Mike's hand is working with a new welder, building first class bait sheds, and various aluminum jobs. I vouch for his ability with broken poles. 239-2244

Dave Abel Shipwright

Look at the new bow stems on the Dorick, Sea Hawk and Lory to see the quality of Dave's work. He's an artist, and Elfin Cove is blessed to have an accomplished shipwright taking care of our boats. Try him on the VHF.

Boat In Distress Diver

Chris (f/v Lucky Strike) will dive on boat problems—lines in the prop, anchor loss, zinc replacement. 723-3690

Stu Glendenning is a maniac fisherman and a first rate *carpenter*. 239-2234.

Elfin Cove Fuel Dock

The prices are down from last year! Marina is pumping iron and pumping fuel daily. The next fuel comes June 22, 24, and 26. 239-2208

U.S. Post Office

Postmaster Rick keeps mail and packages moving. He'll also sell you the new Simpson's or Bob Hope 42 cent stamps. Rent a post box for \$70.00 a year.

Coho's Bar and Grill

They're back in the swing of the season for your fooding and drinking pleasure with fresh bread daily, home made pizza, pies and cake. Open 9-9 for breakfast, lunch and dinner. For later, there's a pool table, karaoke with 2 mikes, and Wednesday night "Ultimate Fighting" on the big screen.239-2246

Patti's FP Smokery

Patti buys Cross Sound Marketing Association fishermen's catch to smoke the most f.p. salmon on earth, (at least I think so.) Easy to find her at the Yellow House. 239-2244

Jim Wild's Oysters

This year will bring more of the best ever oysters. Since the stock is 3-4 years old this summer there should be a good quality size, and prices will remain at last year's level, \$10 per dozen. At Elfin General Supply from late June through July.

Eagle Gift Shop

Marilyn doesn't do the usual tourist bric a brac, but concentrates on unusual pieces, basketry, jewelry and Native Alaskan art. 239-2260

Elfin Cove Book Trade Library

The old building between the fuel dock, and the government float is filled with paper backs. Please read, take, trade. I try to keep the books in order, separating the romance, westerns, thrillers, mysteries, sci-fi/fantasy, horror, fiction, non-fiction and inspirational.

The Sports Charter Lodges

Even though our industries have their disputes and differences, the sport and commercial groups in Elfin Cove have learned to work well together. Compared to rumors we hear about other areas, we remain generally polite and considerate where our fishing drags overlap.

Some of the lodges may offer a rare deal in the next year or two of economic hard times.

Cove Lodge offers customized trips. With their small size they give individualized itineraries that include besides the world class fishing, kayaking, scuba diving, beach combing, whale watching and more. 239-2221.

Eagle Charters and ***Cross Sound*** are located mid-village on the boardwalk. They run four persons per boat, and are open for day charters, sightseeing and room rentals. Eagle 239-2242. Cross Sound 239-2269.

Elfin Cove Lodge was the first sports Charter outfit in Elfin Cove and boasts the best view. They take up to 4 fishers in their 32-foot fast boats. 239-2263.

Fishmasters Inn with an outstanding view of the Fairweather Mountains offers fishing trips that strive to take care of each customer. 239-2209.

Gull Cove Lodge is Paul Johnson's base to offer multi-day hunting, fishing, and sightseeing guided individualized excursions on the beautiful ***Lituya***. 209-5149

Hobbit Hole Guesthouse Bed and breakfast is an unforgettable experience in a secluded and paradisiacal homestead on nearby Inian Island. 723- 8514.

Icy Straight Adventures offers a one boat one captain one cabin fishing experience including fly fishing, crab pot and shrimp hauling, whale watching as well as salmon and halibut hunting. 723-4561

Paul and Mary's Alaska Charters say "You name it, we'll do it." Whale watching, fishing and bear viewing.

South Passage Outfitters rent Lund skiffs out of Gull Cove where clients live in individual cabins with a group sauna, a smoker and cookhouse meals. 723-4561

Tanaku Lodge brings clients to the ocean on comfortable 34-foot boats that accommodate 4-6 fishers. The lodge stands by itself across the Elfin Cove entrance with views of the Fairweathers. 239-2205.

Large Thanks

To everyone who kept the operation running through the snowy winter and repair necessary spring, Thanks.

As always, we have projects ready for an extra hand. If you or your deckhand have some extra time Steve Stromme has some suggestions.