

SEAFOOD FESTIVAL CONTESTANTS FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS.

Once all contestant registrations have been submitted by the deadline, the finalists that made it into the competition will be notified that their entry has been accepted. The City of Valdez will meet with each of the finalists to assist them in preparing for the competition, and to further answer any questions they may have.

Q 1. Can we bring our own judging plates, bowls, etc.?

ANSWER: Bring your own presentation plating for the judging.

TIP: Choose the right plate. One way to conceptualize plating is to think of yourself as an artist, the plate as your canvas, and the food as your medium. Choose the right size plate. Choose your plate wisely by making sure it's big enough to allow your food to stand out. Include the silverware as well.

Q 2. Do we provide the public tasting plating?

ANSWER: No. The City of Valdez will provide all the plating and silverware for the public tasting.

Q 3. How does the fish come? Cleaned, skinned, de-boned?

ANSWER: The City of Valdez will work towards having the fish supplied in fillets, and all seafood ready for cooking.

Q 4. How big do the public tasting samples need to be?

ANSWER: 4 ounces.

Q 5. You state in the guidelines that each contestant will have a grill to use. Is that the only cooking medium provided?

ANSWER: The City of Valdez will supply grills for contestants that need them. There is a limited supply of grills, so allocation will be based on a first come, first serve basis. Contestants are welcome to bring their own cooking medium. If power is required, let us know in advance so we can make the necessary arrangements.

Q 6. How large will the allotted food preparation space be for each contestant?

ANSWER: The City of Valdez will assign areas based on each contestants needs. Note: Due to the competition location, it would not suitable for a contestant to take up a 50 – 100 foot area.

Q 7. Will the competition area be covered?

ANSWER: The City of Valdez will make available a 10ft x 10ft tent to each contestant. These are our event tents and come with no sides. There is a limited number, so they will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis.

Q 8. Will we be competing out in the open?

ANSWER: Yes, the competition will take place out in the open.

Q 9. Do we really need to enter into all categories to quality?

ANSWER: Yes. The competition includes the People's Choice Award. You are judged by the public on all categories, hence why you must be registered for all categories to quality.

Q10. Do we and our assistants have to abide by the ADEC (Alaska Dept. of Environment & Conservation) food handling rules?

ANSWER: Yes. If contestants and their assistants do not follow the food handling rules, they will be disqualified.