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**Issaquah Eatery WildFin American Grill to Participate in the Alaska Airlines Copper Chef Cook-off**

*WildFin is one of three prestigious restaurants invited to compete*

**ISSAQUAH, WASH.:** Renton’s popular neighborhood restaurant WildFin American Grill will participate Friday, May 17, in Alaska Airlines’ Copper Chef Cook-off, the annual kick off of the Copper River Salmon season. WildFin’s executive chef, Chef Chris Bryant, will represent the restaurant.

A seasonal tradition, the Copper Chef Cook-off begins with Alaska Airlines delivering the first Copper River salmon from Cordova, Alaska, and then offering it up to three prestigious Northwest restaurant chefs who prepare the fish on the spot, competing for the best salmon recipe and the title of Copper River Chef.

“We’ve been preparing and serving Copper River salmon in our restaurants for many years and look forward to competing with the other chefs and restaurants for the Copper River Chef title,” said WildFin President Attila Szabo.

The restaurants were selected by the three seafood processors participating in the event with Alaska Airlines. WildFin was chosen by Copper River Seafoods. The other two restaurants are Anthony’s and Seastar.

"We're excited to have Executive Chef Chris Bryant representing Copper River Seafoods at this year's event,” said Cassandra Squibb, chief business development officer for Copper River Seafoods. “The strong partnership between our companies has helped us provide sustainable Alaska seafood to a growing number of consumers, which in effect, supports numerous fishermen and fishing communities across Alaska.”

WildFin’s flagship restaurant in Issaquah opened in 2011. The Renton restaurant, located at Renton Landing, opened earlier this spring.

For more information call 425-427-0127, or visit [www.WildFinAmericanGrill.com](http://www.WildFinAmericanGrill.com). You can follow them for current news and specials at <http://www.facebook.com/WildFinAmericanGrill> or [www.twitter.com/WildFinGrill](http://www.twitter.com/WildFinGrill).

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***ATTENTION MEDIA:*** *Members of the media are invited to attend this event, starting at 6 a.m. May, 17, at SeaTac Airport. Please RSVP by emailing* [*jen@theflyingpenguinpr.com*](mailto:jen@theflyingpenguinpr.com) *or calling 206-250-3209.*