



## RENOVATED RESTAURANT AT FRIDAY HARBOR HOUSE FEATURES NEW EXECUTIVE CHEF, LOCALLY INSPIRED MENU AND UNIQUE DINING EXPERIENCE

*Reopening June 24, the restaurant at Friday Harbor House will celebrate fresh island cuisine with an updated design and breathtaking views*



*Friday Harbor House's new executive chef, Jason Aldous*

**Friday Harbor, Wash. – June 22, 2016** – Following a major renovation, the Friday Harbor House restaurant will reopen this summer with new dining and lounge space, new executive chef Jason Aldous, and new menus. Guests and locals can expect an innovative culinary experience featuring Pacific Northwest ingredients with unexpected flavors and spectacular views of the harbor.

Taking the helm of the restaurant is celebrated chef Jason Aldous. Aldous specializes in artfully utilizing Pacific Northwest ingredients, and brings nearly 10 years of professional chef experience to Friday Harbor House.

In preparation for the restaurant's reopening, Aldous has created menus that focus on seasonal fare native to San Juan Island. Aldous' menus feature approachable dishes paired with a locally inspired wine list and craft cocktails that complement the restaurant's relaxed environment. The new lunch, dinner and bar menus also feature hand-drawn sketches from San Juan Island artists.

"It's an honor to be working at the Friday Harbor House restaurant," said Aldous. "We are surrounded by an incredible bounty of fresh ingredients and it is important that the menus reflect these flavors and capture the essence of the island. We work with nearby farmers to source beef for our Harbor House Burger, and get our shellfish delivered the same day it's harvested from the surrounding waters."

After graduating from the culinary arts program at Utah Valley University, Aldous made his way to Washington in 2013, where he took on the role as sous chef at Lummi Island's Willows Inn. Prior to joining the team at Friday Harbor House, Aldous oversaw the kitchen at Camano Island Waterfront Inn as the executive chef.

Jesse Pinnow, owner of Seattle-based design company Resolve Inc., designed the space as well as served as the general contractor. The inspiration was developed by incorporating multiple design elements that modernize the space, with natural materials like reclaimed wood that still celebrate the island's relaxed atmosphere.

Three micro environments for the lounge, bar and dining room are defined by subtle visual cues via materials so that as a guest moves from the front door to their seat they experience a brief exploration. "One is always aware of the spectacular view of the harbor, but only by moving farther into the room, at oblique angles, is the full view realized," said Pinnow. "Once in the dining room, even facing away from the windows, the illuminated glass wall gently reflects the highly dynamic exterior environment."

From Friday Harbor to Seattle, local Northwest craftspeople participated in this project. Some of the new features include:

- Expanded views of the water from the highest point of Friday Harbor are seen from the restaurant and new bar space
- An alder inlay in the bar top, as well as a small shelf detail at the glass wall, were milled from a local fallen tree
- New arrival experience for hotel and restaurant guests with a fireplace and casual seating

Patio seating with panoramic views of the harbor will remain available to guests throughout the summer. The Friday Harbor House restaurant is set to reopen to the public on Friday, June 24. To make a reservation, visit [www.fridayharborhouse.com](http://www.fridayharborhouse.com).

### **About Friday Harbor House**

*Friday Harbor House is perched atop a bluff on beautiful San Juan Island that overlooks the scenic harbor. Each of the 23 graciously appointed guestrooms has stunning views of the marina, ferry landing, San Juan Channel or Mount Constitution on Orcas Island. The newly renovated restaurant at Friday Harbor House features an array of seasonal dishes prepared from fresh, locally caught seafood, as well as produce and other products from the San Juan Islands. The Inn is owned by a group with local ties to the San Juans and is managed by Seattle-based Columbia Hospitality.*

### **About Columbia Hospitality**

*Columbia Hospitality (Columbia) is a Seattle-based hospitality management and consulting company that was established in 1995 by founder and CEO John Oppenheimer. Columbia's growing portfolio includes award-winning hotels, public and private golf facilities, conference centers and distinctive venues. Columbia creates exceptional experiences for guests and team members while achieving*

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