

THE SPA AT SALISH LODGE RANKS AMONG TOP 20 HOTEL SPAS IN NORTH AMERICA ON *CONDÉ NAST TRAVELER'S* READERS POLL

Washington state's renowned spa included on list of top hotel spas in North America

Snoqualmie, Wash. (April 2, 2010) – The Spa at Salish Lodge announces the distinctive honor of being recognized on *Condé Nast Traveler's* 20th annual Readers' Poll of the Top 240 Spas in the United States, Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean. Ranked as number 20 among the top 50 hotel spas in North America, The Spa at Salish Lodge is the only Washington State property that appears in the hotel spa category. With an overall score of 89.9, The Spa at Salish Lodge also boasts the highest score of any Washington state spa appearing on the comprehensive list of hotel and resort spas in North America.

"In 2009 we updated our menu to offer treatments and experiences that feature ingredients indigenous to the region in order to complement the authentic Northwest experience that is echoed throughout the Lodge," said Melanie Silver, spa director of The Spa at Salish Lodge. "It is very satisfying to see that our guests have awarded us with this very special honor – it is evident that this new focus seems to resonate with them."

Each spa on the list is given a comprehensive rating based on the following criteria: treatments, spa staff, spa facilities and price of basic massage. The readers give Salish Lodge & Spa a particularly high score for its treatments and spa facilities.

According to the magazine, "more than ever, spas use local ingredients and custom blends to personalize services, creating a more authentic, destination-based experience." In 2009, The Spa at Salish Lodge introduced an enhanced menu featuring Indigenous Northwest experiences that incorporate regionally sourced ingredients such as nutrient-rich seaweed from Puget Sound and natural exfoliants made from locally produced organic espresso.

Highlights of the menu include the "Green Tea & Northwest Seaweed Salt Glow," a detoxifying treatment to buff skin and restore its natural glow, and the "Espresso Hydrating Body Wrap," a new three-step spa therapy that restores inner balance while nourishing outer beauty.

To learn more about The Spa at Salish Lodge or to make an appointment, visit

www.salishlodge.com

Salish Lodge & Spa

Consistently ranked among the best small resorts in the world, the AAA Four Diamond Salish Lodge & Spa overlooks the 268-foot Snoqualmie Falls. This iconic Pacific Northwest lodge has a world-renowned spa offering regionally inspired treatments, Chef Jack Strong's indigenous Northwest cuisine, an award-winning wine list and a variety of nearby recreational activities. Nestled in Washington's picturesque Cascade Mountains, each of its 89 guest rooms has a wood-burning fireplace, two-person whirlpool tub,

goose-down comforter, feather bed and balcony or window seat. The resort is located 30 minutes east of downtown Seattle and within 40 minutes from Seattle-Tacoma International Airport. Salish Lodge & Spa is managed and operated by Seattle-based Columbia Hospitality, Inc. For more information or reservations, please call 800-2-SALISH or visit salishlodge.com.

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