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Bravo Media's "Top Chef" Films Two Episodes in Alaska

January 31, 2013, Anchorage, Alaska - Alaska fans of Bravo Media's "Top Chef" might recognize many of the Alaska locations featured in two episodes airing February 6 and February 13. Filmed in Juneau in August, "Top Chef" will feature four locations in the capital city, including the Governor's House with Governor Sean Parnell and First Lady Sandy Parnell for the final dinner.

Bravo Media's "Top Chef" consists of 21 chefs from across the nation competing for the title of "Top Chef," a \$125,000 prize, a feature in a gourmet food magazine, and a showcase at a food and wine event in Aspen, Colo. Each week, the participants attempt to top the competition with various dishes that highlight their culinary specialty and craft.

The Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development (DCCED) successfully attracted the 10th season of the James Beard Award and Emmy-winning series to Alaska.

"Alaska's tourism and seafood marketing programs work closely with local businesses to coordinate national media events like this," said Susan Bell, DCCED Commissioner. "Alaska has long been successful in attracting this kind of national attention for Alaska, ranging from 'Good Morning America' and Martha Stewart, to the recent live broadcasts of Al Roker's series for the 'Today' show and the 'The Early Show' on CBS."

Bell added the "Top Chef" episodes were filmed in the state's capital at Tracy's Crab Shack, Gold Creek Salmon Bake, Mendenhall Glacier, Jorgenson House, and the Governor's House.

"Chef'testants" also used the commercial kitchens at Thunder Mountain High School, as well as many Alaskan agricultural and seafood products. The production also worked with the Juneau Convention & Visitors Bureau, the Office of the Governor, and many local businesses, including,

Alaska Airlines, AVIS Alaska, Westmark Baranof Hotel, Prospector Hotel, Aspen Suites Hotel Juneau, Temsco Helicopters, Era Alaska, Taku Smokeries, Juneau CARRS Safeway, and Alaska Glacier Seafoods.

The final Elimination Challenge of the season took place at the Governor's House as celebrity chef judges Tom Colicchio, Hugh Acheson, Wolfgang Puck, Gail Simmons, Emeril Lagasse and host Padma Lakshmi inched closer to the decision of who would become "Top Chef."

The first Alaska episode airs Feb. 6 on Bravo, with the next episode airing on Feb. 13. For air times, check your local listings.

For more information on "Top Chef," visit www.BravoTV.com.

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