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Ivar's Fish Bar Reels in National Airport Dining Recognition

Local fish, chips and chowder continues to delight SeaTac travelers while demonstrating environmental excellence

Seattle, Wash. — April 10, 2017 — Airports typically don't have a reputation for being a dining destination, but the Ivar's Fish Bar at SeaTac airport has proved a real catch for hungry travelers. The iconic fish bar was recently named a Top 10 Best Airport Grab-And-Go Dining option by **USA Today's 10Best** list, and was ranked by the **Huffington Post** among 14 Restaurants That are Worth a Layover. Rounding out the accolades, the popular airport location also recently won SeaTac's Green Gateway Environmental Excellence Award.

"SeaTac is one of our busiest locations," said Bob Donegan, president of Ivar's. "In the 12 years we've been at the airport, we've served more than 200,000 bowls of chowder and more than three million customers. We are proud to welcome travelers to the Northwest, as well as giving our local fans a taste of home before they set off on their travels."

The USA Today award highlights readers' favorite airport dining options throughout the country for their downright delicious fare. Together with Airport Revenue News and industry experts, USA Today nominated 15 finalists that were then voted on by readers. Ivar's was chosen among other eateries spanning airports in Los Angeles, Chicago, Dallas and more. Similarly, the Huffington Post consulted roundups, travel guides and passenger reviews to generate a list of top-ranked restaurants at some of the busiest airports across the U.S.

Food isn't Ivar's only specialty though. The travel-friendly fish bar also snagged SeaTac's Green Gateway Environmental Excellence Award for its continued support of environmental objectives. The Port of Seattle will recognize Ivar's among other airport concessionaires at its commission meeting on April 25.

With these latest recognitions, Ivar's SeaTac staple has now been honored 17 times, between national airport dining ranking lists and various awards. Past honors have included a spot on Frommer's 10 Best U.S. Airport Restaurants (2011), the Top 10 Airport Restaurants list by the popular "The Points Guy" (2012), and in 2013, a featured favorite spot on travel tastemaker Anthony Bourdain's *The Layover*, showing on the Travel Channel.

About Ivar's

Ivar's Restaurants opened on Seattle's waterfront in 1938. Today, there are 23 Ivar's fast casual Seafood Bars and three full-service restaurants: Ivar's Acres of Clams, Ivar's Salmon House and Ivar's Mukilteo Landing. Ivar's Seafood, Soup and Sauce Company markets and sells its award-winning soups, chowders and sauces nationally and internationally. The company also operates

regional stadium concessions including Safeco Field, CenturyLink Field, Alaska Airlines Arena, Husky Stadium and Cheney Stadium. Learn more at www.lvars.com or Follow Ivar's on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Pinterest](#) or [Instagram](#).

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Ivar's Fish Bar at SeaTac airport has been honored 17 times in 9 years!

Year	Group/Company/Award	More Info:
2009	The 13 Best U.S. Airport Restaurants "probably the best restaurant in Seattle's airport" – Brookwood Farms	http://brookwoodfarms.com/index.php/news/eat-runaways/
2010	Ivar's Chowder named in "Best Airport Food in the Country" – Urban Daddy.com	https://www.urbandaddy.com/articles/11890/hub-grub-the-best-airport-food-in-the-country
2011	Frommer's - The 10 Best U.S. Airport Restaurants 2011 - "The best restaurant in Seattle-Tacoma airport..."	http://www.eater.com/2011/3/1/6694799/heres-a-list-of-the-top-ten-airport-restaurants
2011	Fox News Travel Best Airport Food	http://www.foxnews.com/travel/2011/04/19/americas-best-airport-food.html
2011	The 10 Best Airport Restaurants in the U.S – Complex.com	http://www.complex.com/pop-culture/2011/09/the-10-best-airport-eateries-in-the-us/
2012	Top 10 US Airport Restaurants – The Points Guy travel site	https://thepointsguy.com/2012/09/travel-tuesday-top-10-best-us-airport-restaurants/
2012	#8: The Definitive Guide to America's Favorite Airport Restaurants – Gate Guru	http://blog.gateguruapp.com/post/21036549628/the-definitive-guide-to-americas-favorite-airport
2013	Ten Best Airport Restaurants in the US – The Savvy Explorer	http://thesavvyexplorer.com/ten-best-airport-restaurants-us/
2013	The Layover (Travel Channel) - Anthony Bourdain's Favorite Restaurants - Seattle Guide	http://www.travelchannel.com/shows/the-layover/travel-guides/seattle-travel-guide
2013	CheapFlights.com - 6 US Airport Restaurants Worth the Long Layover	http://www.cheapflights.com/news/6-us-airport-restaurants-worth-a-long-layover/
2015	One of the 5 best places to eat at SeaTac – SeattleRefined.com	http://seattlerefined.com/travel/traveling-soon-here-are-5-of-the-best-places-to-eat-at-sea-tac
2016	10 Best Things to Eat - Seattle Met magazine	https://www.seattlemet.com/articles/2016/5/24/the-10-best-things-to-eat-at-sea-tac
2016	Nominee - USA Today's 10 Best Readers' Choice Awards	Link no longer operational; email from Feb 3, 2016

2016	7 Airport Restaurants You SHOULD Look Forward To! – Duty Free Buzz Blog	http://blog.dutyfree.buzz/dining-airport-restaurants-things-know-49/
2017	Winner - USA Today's 10 Best Reader's Choice Awards	http://www.10best.com/awards/travel/best-airport-grab-and-go-dining-2017/
2017	"14 Airport Restaurants That Are Totally Worth a Layover" – Huffington Post	http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/best-airports-restaurants_us_58d04964e4b0be71dcf75043
2017	Seattle-Tacoma International Airport - Green Gateway Environmental Excellence Award	See attachment from Port of Seattle