Thorne Bay, Alaska was named after Frank Manley Thorn, Superintendent of the US Coast and Geodetic Surveys from 1885 through 1889.

The current community evolved from a Ketchikan Pulp Company's floating construction camp in 1960. It quickly evolved into the world's largest logging camp through the "Big Time Logging Era" of the 1960s and 70s with up to 600 residents. As the major logging operations shifted to other camps, Thorne Bay's role shifted to one of a transportation hub for "Woods Run" log rafts which were scaled, graded, sorted and remanufactured to the highest economic value for towing to manufacturing plants or export. At the heart of this operation was this 47,000 lb grapple which hoisted and later gently returned whole bundles weighing up to 200,000 lbs to and from the salt water.

Today the "World's Largest Logging Camp" is a vibrant Alaskan city and the "World's Largest Ever Logging Tong" welcomes visitors to our community.
2006-2007 Business Association Members

8. Adventure Alaska Southeast (978) 489-FISH, info@fisherhounds.com
Jason B Trisha Clewar, Cottage, vehicle, boat & more, all you need to fish or hunt in PWS Island. Saltwater chartercraft also available.

28. Alaska Handcrafted Wood Works (907) 828-3747, alaskawoodwork@hotmail.com
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18. Alaska LaserCraft (978) 828-3328, laserxman@tptalks.net
Custom gifts & engraving, featuring locally handcrafted cedar goods.

Crg. Alaska Marine Lines (907) 225-7650, clift@ad.com Cliff Stilling.
Weekly Barge & freight service to and from PWS with connections to all southeast ports. Seattle & Anchorage. PWS Island phone number (907) 828-3849.

29. Alaska Power & Telephone Company (907) 828-3220, pow@pttalks.net
Supplying hydroelectric power and telephone service to Prince of Wales Island.

18. Alaska Top Dog charters (907) 828-8889, topdoguktalks.net
Lauren Burch, Multiple day trips, sleeping on boat for groups of 2 to 4.

30. Alaskaan Escape (907) 254-6923, info@alaskaanescapes.com
Mark, Linda B Chris Werner, Waterfront cabins fully equipped with skiff for self guided fishing.

31. Alaska’s Boardwalk Lodge (907) 828-3818, info@boardwalklodge.com
Brad Stewart, owner. Guided fishing on both salt and freshwater.

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33. Baskets & Bullets (907) 828-3353, floralist@pttalks.net


22. Baywood Lodging (907) 828-3852, dibpop@talkshop.com, Julie Baron.
Fully furnished 2 bedroom unit with great view, vehicle & skiff rental available.


28. Carl’s Creations Photography (907) 828-8840, andrewhurley@yahoo.com
Carla Thuleman. Indoor/Outdoor photography. Have professional equipment, will travel.

13. City of Thorne Bay (907) 828-3290, cityofthb@gmail.com Ten Guild, city clerk. City of ThorneBay.

13. Public Library (907) 828-3203. thpl@yahoo.com Located next to City Hall. Books, computers, internet service and information available.

13a RV Park (907) 828-3478, Mary Douchette. Manager for the City of Thorne Bay. Short and long term camping.

29. Country Loo BBQ & Cafe (907) 828-8416, anette@dds.com Anette and Louis Thompson, Beachfront BBQ & Cafe – 5 min. hike to Totem House B Totem Poles.


7. Dale’s Pizza (907) 828-3222, Dale and Debbie Fife, dealespizza@bby.com Take-out Pizza, BBQ Ribes, Take 6 Bake Pizza.

8. DJ’s (907) 828-3470, milslides@talkshop.com Diane and Jim Stittgen. Spin fishing lures, photo cards, B clairical services.


18. Island News (907) 828-3371, islandnews@pttalks.net, islander@talkshop.net
Weekly news for the communities on Prince of Wales Island since 1981.

34. McFarland’s FLOTATEL (988) 828-3333, floralist@pttalks.net


Petersburg Wrangell Insurance Center (907) 772-3688, group@wirx.com Susan Erickson. Owner, Insuring homes, autos, businesses & lives. Asset protection and security through insurance.


Kw. PWS Chamber of Commerce (907) 775-2320, info@princeofwales.org
The Island-wide Chamber of Commerce and information center. Located in Klawock.


17. Promach Air (907) 828-8950 or (907) 690-3145, www.promachair.com
Scheduled & Charter Air Service, passengers and freight.

BAY Quiet Cave Excursions (730) 708-0126, quietcave@hotmail.com
Red & Krisy Edison, Charter fishing B sightseeing.


If we don’t have it we can get it.

22. Rapids Liquor & Video Rental (907) 828-3233, twodog@pttalks.net
Jim B Karen Peterman. A wide variety of spirits, fairly priced, and sold with a smile Full service Video Rental.

30. River Bitch Inn (907) 828-3222, riverbitchinn@pttalks.net, Jana Carpenter.
Quiet, secluded and clean, full service kitchen, Sat. TV all channels & washer & dryer.

33. SEARHC Throne Bay Clinic (907) 828-3849, kwantl@searhc.org, Kurt Webster, P.A., Rural Health Clinic: Open Mon. Tues., Thurs., 8am to 4:30pm.

6. Silverthorn Auto Body (907) 828-3308, jessivans@pttalks.net, Jim Silverthorn. Fish B Charters available from Thorne Bay B Craig.

18. Southeast Alaska Log Homes (907) 828-3223, tazrek@pttalks.net, Kenny Shaw, Log Home Packages for every budget.

62. Seattle Road Builders, Inc. (971) 766-2833, oncall@pttalks.net
Real Construction Contractors.

32. South Haven Guest House (907) 828-3478, southhaven@pttalks.net
Chuck and Cass Klee. Best view on the Bay! Private waterfront guest house with skiff, ocean rods and vehicle included.

10. Southeast Alaskan School District (907) 828-2542, jenny@sealaska.org, Jim Nygaard, Superintendent. District Offices for the islands in Southeast Alaska located in Thorne Bay.

10. St. John’s Catholic Church (907) 775-2205, sjchurch@pttalks.net
The Catholic Church on the waterfront in Thorne Bay.


20. The Church of Thorne Bay (907) 828-3515, evangle@pttalks.net
Christian Missionary & Alliance Church on the waterfront.

BAY The Landing at Otter Cove I-998 424-544, stephen@ottercove.com
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1. Northland Services
2. The Port
3. Petro Alaska
4. Welcome Inn Bed & Breakfast
5. Thorne Bay Baptist Church
6. Silverthorn Auto Body & Charters
7. Dale’s Pizza
8. Adventure Alaska Southeast
9. Tracy’s Heavy Equipment & Welding Repair
10. Southeast Island School District
11. R & M Sporting Goods
12. Tongass Federal Credit Union
13. Prince of Wales Gas
13b City RV Park
14. Bayview Fuel & Tire
15. Cabin Fever Co.
16. ProMec, Inc.
17. Alaska LaserCraft and Island News
18. Southeast Alaska Log Homes
19. St. John’s Catholic Church
20. The Church of Thorne Bay
21. Durette Construction Co.(project office)
22. Bayview Lodging
23. Riptide Liquor and Video Rental
24. Thorne Bay Market
25. The Thorne Bay Boat Works
26. U.S. Forest Service
27. Alaska Handcrafted Woodworks
28. Alaska Power & Telephone Co
29. The River Bitch Inn
30. Carla’s Creations Photography
31. Southeast Road Builders

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