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Headlands Coastal Lodge & Spa announces new executive chef at Meridian restaurant and bar

Andrew Garrison brings a decade of experience in the kitchens of top hotel restaurants to the Oregon Coast

Pacific City, Ore. – Andrew Garrison, former executive chef of Salishan Spa & Golf Resort, has joined the newly-named Meridian restaurant and bar at Headlands Coastal Lodge & Spa. The lodge and restaurant will be welcoming guests in December 2017.

Garrison, a Minnesota native, trained at Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts Minneapolis/St. Paul. He moved to Oregon in 2014 to work at the Jory at the Allison Inn & Spa in Newberg, Oregon, where he served as sous chef for two years. In early 2017, he took over as executive chef for the four dining properties at the Salishan Spa & Golf Resort where he updated the dining program, cultivated relationships with local vendors and oversaw a complete kitchen renovation. His specialties include wine and food pairings, developing seasonal menus, foraging, whole-beast butchery, charcuterie and gluten-free cooking.

“We undertook a nationwide search for a chef, and ended up finding the best fit very close to home,” said Mary Jones, owner/partner of Nestucca Ridge Development. “We are lucky to have Andrew’s extensive experience cooking at some of Oregon’s best hotel restaurants with us in Pacific City.”

Garrison will develop an extremely seasonal, ocean-to-table menu for Meridian, focusing on Northwest coastal cuisine. The restaurant will source from the sea, local vendors and Mary’s Herb Garden at the lodge. From his time at the Jory and Salishan Garrison has extensive relationships in Oregon, but he is particularly looking forward to sourcing from North Coast fishing operations. In the future, Meridian will host beer- and wine-focused dinners, drawing wines from the Willamette Valley to beers from Pelican Brewing just next door.

Meridian will seat 40 in the main dining area and an additional 16 at the open bar. Some of the bar seating will be purposed as a chef’s table, with food prepared tableside. The restaurant has views of the

ocean, and features a double-sided glass fireplace with custom plastering reminiscent of the sandstone cliffs of Cape Kiwanda. A unique indoor patio lounge overlooking the ocean will have accordion-style windows that open completely to let even more of the ocean air in. Private dining options are available for groups.

About Headlands Coastal Lodge & Spa

Headlands Coastal Lodge & Spa is managed by Kiwanda Hospitality Group (KHG). Other lodging properties under KHG management include the Inn at Cape Kiwanda ocean view boutique hotel, the new nostalgia-focused Hart's Camp Airstream Hotel and Shorepine Vacation Rentals. The Nestucca Ridge Family of Companies founded in Pacific City, Oregon, in 1990, is a group of organically-grown businesses including KHG and Pelican Brewing Company, one of Oregon's fastest-growing craft beer brands.

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