

SEMAIHMUO RESORT HONORED WITH PRESTIGIOUS “ELITE” CERTIFICATION

*Elite Meetings International selects **Semiahmoo Resort** as one of
North America’s top properties for group functions*

BLAINE, WA—**Semiahmoo Resort** is pleased to announce that it has been awarded Elite Certified status by Elite Meetings International (EMI), an innovative company that offers tools to assist top planners in researching the best properties for meetings and incentives throughout North America.

Elite Certified status is granted by EMI’s Elite Meetings Advisory Board, a distinguished body comprised of corporate meeting planners and hospitality executives. The board considers the resorts and hotels based on a demonstrated commitment to providing an exceptional group experience. A number of criteria factor into the advisory board’s assessment, including the arrival experience, accommodations, meeting and event facilities, activity options, food and beverage, and most importantly, service.

“Our goal in establishing Elite Certification was to compile a peer-rated resource that recognized those properties that represent the best of the best, independent of affiliation,” says EMI CEO Kelly Foy. “We’re proud to offer Elite Certified status to **Semiahmoo Resort**. Our endorsement reflects our belief in the exceptional standards that visiting groups can expect.”

“The entire staff at Semiahmoo Resort shares the goals of our clients to create a personalized and memorable experience for all the group meetings and events we host. We are extremely honored to be recognized by Elite Meetings International, our industry colleagues, and clients as an acknowledgement of our service, dedication and hard work.” says **Wendy LaBlanc, Senior Sales Manager** at Semiahmoo Resort.

Semiahmoo is a 1,100-acre seaside golf resort destination and community less than two hours from Seattle and one hour from Vancouver, B.C. It includes Semiahmoo Resort, championship-caliber golf, an array of resort amenities and a world-class spa.

The resort has received recognition for golf, dining (*Wine Spectator*) and designation as Elite Meetings Certified (2009) and *Seattle Bride’s* “Best Northwest Destination Wedding Site” award.

For tee times and group golf information, call toll free at (800) 231-4425, or (360) 371-7005. For more information on Semiahmoo Resort and the community, call (800) 770-7992 or visit the web at www.semiahmoo.com.

ABOUT ELITE MEETINGS INTERNATIONAL

Elite Meetings International is based in Santa Barbara, California, and connects top meeting and incentive planners with a hand-selected, independently evaluated group of upscale hotels and resorts throughout North America via their semiannual publication, *Elite Meetings* magazine and semiannual event, the Elite Meetings Alliance. Additionally, the company’s Web site serves as a commission-free RFP-generating tool and a comprehensive vehicle for sourcing luxury properties. For additional information, please visit www.EliteMeetings.com or call 805.730.1000.