

Alaska - The way it was meant to be!



Come join the fun at Anchor Point

May in Alaska — Halibut Fishing

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Friday, May 30th was just too nice of a day on our end of the Kenai Peninsula not to be fishing. We loaded our gear into the skiff and headed out onto the water.

There was just 3 of us on this trip, son John (our skipper), granddaughter Alyson and me. Alyson is a Texas Aggie and was home on summer break. She took time out from her summer job for fishing - one of her favorite sports.

Sea otters seemed to be everywhere as we traveled from the Homer Spit boat ramp toward Anchor Point; and we saw one whale.



We picked up several nice

halibut on the light salmon gear while drifting in shallow water - but no activity



from king salmon.

As the tide began to slow, we moved out to deeper water and started using the halibut rods. We quickly boated two more nice halibut. At noon I was half-way through a hamburger, when something told me that I should get back to fishing. I put the burger down, picked up my rod and lowered the jig into

about 190 feet of water. As I was doing that, John got a fish on. I felt my jig hit the bottom and reeled up several turns to avoid a snag as we continued to drift. I had just started moving the jig up and down when it felt like I caught the bottom. But, when the bottom started fighting back, I realized this was a good fish. I'm not sure how long it took, but we eventually got this barn door into the boat. It weighed right at 80 pounds.



View from Kachemak Bay

The Beaver Chair

In the 1950's, a favorite winter activity of ours was trapping muskrats near our home in NW Pennsylvania.

Muskrat trapping was profitable, but beaver skins were even more valuable. I never had the opportunity to trap beaver because there were no beaver dams within bicycle range. I always felt somewhat disadvantaged because of that.

In 1986 we started hunting and fishing the rivers in the Alaska Interior. The most common critter we encountered there (not counting mosquitoes & ducks) was beaver. These interior rivers



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were always afloat with "beaver sticks" - small willows that had been cut by beaver who stripped and ate the bark. We collected some of the beaver sticks that we have since used to make beaver-stick-and-birch-bark picture frames and, most recently, a beaver chair.

The beaver chair in the above photo was made from Interior Alaska beaver sticks. The beaver belt is from an animal trapped through the winter ice near Anchor Point.

When you stay in the Bear Paw Adventure's Wise Old

Hunter Lodge, you can sit on the "beaver chair" while you check your email. When you do, be sure to feel the groves cut by the beaver's teeth on the wood and the soft beaver fur on the seat.

Reservations for 2008

Some dates are still open this summer for the Wise Old Hunter Lodge (\$270/night for 5 guests) and the Moose Cabin (\$145/night for 2 guests). World class fishing and other exciting Alaskan adventures are waiting for you. Call or email now for your reservation.



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