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SEE ALASKA THE WAY IT WAS MEANT TO BE

BEAR PAW ADVENTURE

Winter Fishing in Alaska — The Local's Best-Kept Secret *by Denise Ogle*

Winter Fishing – The Local's Best-Kept Secret.

More and more fishermen are quietly coming to Alaska in the winter months to enjoy king salmon fishing equal to the popular summer months – but without the crowds.

While other charter boat owners board up their windows and leave the state in the fall, Jeff Cundiff of Good Time Charters keeps fishing each Saturday all through the winter months.

“We usually get 2-3 fish each trip,” said Cundiff. “The limit is 2 per person and 4-8, 18-22 lbs fish per trip isn't unusual. Our largest has been 46.5 lbs, caught in February. Rockfish and halibut are possible as well, providing plenty of fresh fish to eat. The last trip was fantastic! We saw killer

whales all day long.”

Recently over 800 people entered in the 11th annual Homer Winter King Salmon Derby to compete for more than \$61,000 in prizes and cash. The timing of the derby coincides with



spring's warmer weather, longer days, and excellent king salmon fishing.

“There's usually 100-150 fish caught on that single day...it is interesting,” said Cundiff. “It would be wonderful for people to come up in the wintertime and see

how good the fishing is.”

Five-hundred-eighty-eight people entered last year's one day tournament, with only 25 people coming from a state other than Alaska. Anglers weighed in 261 king salmon.

The fishing isn't the only draw. For those who want to experience quiet sports, there is an extensive, groomed cross-country ski trail that offers views of Alaska that can only be accessed in the winter. Skiing, snowshoeing and snow machining are all very popular sports in Alaska. Participants can access

back hills in the winter that have never seen a road.

Come experience the reason why so many Alaskans refer to the Kenai Peninsula as a winter playground.

Come see Alaska the way it was meant to be.

King Salmon Fishing on the Anchor River

This particular trip got us to Anchor Point at about 10:00 PM on Friday night. The long trip from our “outside” home in Lake Jackson, Texas, had me tired out but I quickly found lots of energy when daughter-in-law Denise suggested that we head for the Anchor River and some King Salmon fishing.

We drove down to the bridge which is about 3 miles from the Wise Old Hunter lodge.

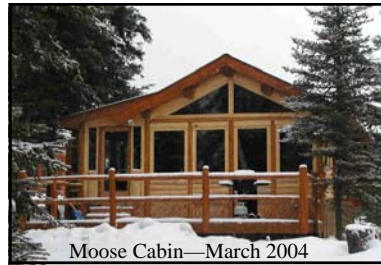
Once out of the car we made our way in the dim light to an open spot under a tree on the river's right bank. We waited until midnight which marked the opening of the fishing hours and then put some salmon eggs into an egg loop tied onto a single hook. I tried to carefully flip my hook out into the swift current, but something caught the line on the bank and I had to retrieve my cast and

try again. On my second attempt the eggs landed in the right place and there was an immediate explosion as a big king salmon surfaced. The fish immediately turned down river, despite my efforts to turn his head upstream. I increased the drag on the reel and then made the mistake of trying to thumb the spool to slow his run—Ouch!

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Moose Cabin Changes

Moose cabin was built in 1997 from beetle-killed spruce trees that stood on the property. The original building was 16 x 24 feet and included a shower-bath, kitchen, dining area and four twin beds. Revisions completed this year closed in what were open porches on the south and west side of the cabin.



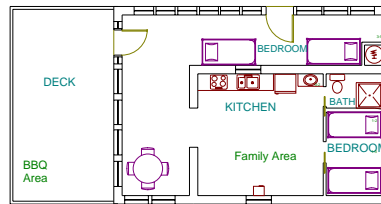
Moose Cabin—March 2004

One sleeping area is in the newly created west room, and the other is in the north bedroom. The dining area has been relocated to the new south sunroom.

The main part of the cabin is now opened up for combined use as a kitchen and family area. You can enjoy



These changes have doubled the cabin floor space. There are now two separate sleeping areas each with two twin beds.



Moose Cabin Floor Plan

satellite TV while you rest up between adventures.

The family area is furnished with some of our hand-made log furniture.

The cabin kitchen has all of the basic equipment that you'll need if you want to prepare your own meals. The kitchen includes refrigerator, sink, electric range, microwave oven and an assortment of pots & pans, dishes, etc. There is also a gas grill on the deck for your exclusive use. The kitchen cabinets are stocked with most staple items, such as sugar, flour, salt & pepper and other seasonings and coffee.

Moose Cabin rate for 2004 is a bargain at \$130 for two, and \$25 each additional guest. Advanced reservations are recommended. Call **866 286 0576** or email **Alaska@bearpawadventure.com**.

Stay in the newly remodeled Moose Cabin in late May or June and enjoy weekend river fishing and weekday halibut & salmon charters.

Bring a group of 2 to 12 adventurers to the Shore Bird Festival and stay in Moose Cabin and the Wise Old Hunter Lodge.

12th Annual Kachemak Bay Shorebird Festival

The 12th annual Kachemak Bay Shorebird festival is scheduled for May 6,7,8 & 9. The program includes more than 50 events and lectures and hundreds of thousands of shorebirds, representing over 50 species from as far away as

Asia, Hawaii and South America, have been invited. Wise Old Hunter and Moose Cabin are currently available and accommodate groups from 2 to 12. For more information on the festival, see our website at www.bearpawadventure.com.

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Homer Spit—March 2004



King salmon fishing

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Unable to stop the fish in the fast current, I started to move downriver with him. In about 50 yards, the river split into two channels and my king wanted to take the wrong one. Fortunately I was able to turn his head in right direction and soon had him on the bank. When I got back to Denise, she had already landed her king. *The Wise Old Hunter*

Looking for the current fish and game information and changes? Go to their website at : www.sf.adfg.state.ak.us

Weekend kings in the Anchor River and weekday halibut & salmon combination saltwater charters.

IT JUST DOESN'T GET ANY BETTER

The Anchor River opens for king salmon fishing from midnight Friday through midnight Monday for five weekends starting with the Memorial Day weekend (May 28th). Weekend fishing the river for kings and weekday charter fishing on the saltwater for salmon and

halibut is a great Alaskan fishing adventure.

Space is available in the remodeled Moose cabin and now is the time to make your cabin and charter reservations. Call now and experience Alaska the way it was meant to be.

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