

Record Halibut Takes Lead in Halibut Derby, Morrison Wins Big Prize Friday

VALDEZ- Kevin Lincoln of North Pole took the lead in the Valdez Halibut Derby and set a record with his 343.6 pound halibut. The mammoth halibut is the largest on record in the Valdez derby, beating out the previous record-holder by almost 20 pounds. David Bruno of Glennallen caught a 325.4 pound halibut in 2005. Lincoln won the weekly first place prize and is in line to win the overall prize of \$15,000 if no one beats his fish before August 3rd at noon. James Fields of Glennallen broke into the overall standings in third place with a 253.8 pound halibut.

On Sunday the docks were loaded with people checking out large halibut, but the winner of Big Prize Friday August 4th didn't draw nearly as much attention as he won a 12 foot Maxxon inflatable sport boat valued at \$2,699 courtesy of Marita Sea & Ski. That's probably because Ron Morrison of Medical Lake, Washington slipped into the weigh-in station just 10 minutes before closing Friday night to weigh-in his 15.28 pound silver. Morrison said his son coerced him into buying a derby ticket and he was glad he did. "We knew it was a good size fish", Morrison said. "And my son knew all about raft so we got it back to town in time". Another Maxxon sport boat will be given away on the last Big Prize Friday of the derby September 1st.

Women are already registering for the 2nd Annual Women's Silver Salmon Derby August 12th. Early registration is going on at the Prospector in Valdez through August 11th and the Silver Salmon Sisterhood Opening Ceremony is Friday, August 11th at 7pm at the Civic Center. A new twist to the opening this year will be the "Bachelor Filet-A-Fish" Auction. Women will be given the opportunity to bid on men to be on call to clean six fish for them when they return to Port with their catch Saturday. This year, anglers catching the top 20 fish will take home prizes as the weights are revealed at the Closing Ceremony Sunday night at the Civic Center. Pudge Kleinkauf of Women's Flyfishing is the featured guest and will hold a fly casting clinic Friday afternoon. A complete schedule of events can be found at: www.valdezfishderbies.com.

HALIBUT DERBY – OVERALL LEADERS – WEEK #11

	Name /address		Weight	Date	Charter
1 st	Kevin Lincoln	North Pole, AK	343.6 lbs.	8/5	Harvester
2 nd	Derek Nahinu	North Pole, AK	262.3 lbs.	7/7	North Country
3 rd	James Fields	Glennallen, AK	253.8 lbs.	8/1	No Excuses

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SILVER SALMON DERBY – OVERALL LEADERS

	Name /address		Weight	Date	Charter
1st	Geri Rocheleau	Fairbanks, AK	16.24	8/2	Valhalla
2nd	Bert Griefenberg	Colorado Springs, CO	16.24	8/3	Alaskai
3rd	Pravat Phumin	Valdez, AK	15.86	8/1	Private

SILVER SALMON DERBY – BIG PRIZE FRIDAY WINNER

	Name /address		Weight	Date	Charter
1st	Ron Morrison	Medical Lake, WA	15.28	8/4	Private

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