

ANOTHER FAIRBANKS ANGLER HITS LEADER BOARD IN SILVER DERBY

VALDEZ – All three top fish in the Valdez Silver Salmon derby now weigh in at more than 17 pounds. Lloyd Shreeve brought in a 17.02 pound silver Friday to slide into third place in the overall standings. Silver fishing is heating up all over the Sound with Orca Bay and Valdez Arm producing limits of silvers. The Alaska Department of Fish and Game says that silver salmon anglers report larger than normal fish for this time of year in all areas. Pink salmon fishing has slowed as fish near the end of the spawn and silvers are prevalent now at Allison Point. With the silvers continuing to grow, the Silver Derby has several more weeks for the big one to come in and capture the \$15,000 first place prize before September 3rd at noon.

Halibut angling has been good with more catches reported over 200 pounds. Laura Saxe of Valdez reeled in a 240.8 pounder to take the 1st place weekly prize in the derby, but it wasn't big enough to make the leader board. Kevin Lincoln of North Pole remains in the lead with his 343.6 pounder. Derek Nahinu of North Pole is currently 2nd with a 262.3 pounder and James Fields of Glennallen is holding onto 3rd place with his 253.8 pounder.

While most charters have switched from halibut to salmon, those going for halibut are reeling in some nice Lingcod. Brian Marston of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game reports lingcod fishing is good near Montague and Montague straight. "Lingcod can often be found in mid water feeding on pink salmon and will chase a jig up to the boat if you retrieve it quickly up from the bottom" according to Marston.

With big halibut still coming to Port Valdez and the silvers getting bigger everyday, derby leaders can change in a heartbeat. For up-to-date derby standings and pictures, visit www.valdezfishderbies.com

SILVER SALMON DERBY – OVERALL LEADERS

	Name / Address	City	Weight	Date	Charter
1 st	Richard Kruckenberg	Fairbanks, AK	17.64	8/11	Private
2 nd	Paula Noel	Circle, AK	17.50	8/12	Tango
3 rd	Lloyd Shreeve	Fairbanks, AK	17.02	8/18	Private

HALIBUT DERBY – OVERALL LEADERS

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

HALIBUT DERBY – WEEKLY WINNERS

	Name / Address	City	Weight	Charter
1 st	Laura Saxe	Valdez, AK	240.8	No Excuses
2 nd	Dallas Feguson	Fairbanks, AK	214.5	Orion

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