

Anglers from the Interior Continue to Dominate Valdez Halibut Derby

VALDEZ – Interior anglers continue to dominate the Valdez Halibut Derby standings. At the end of week number two, Rich Piech of North Pole is in first place in the overall standings with the 195 pound flatfish he caught aboard No Excuses May 30th. Piech won himself the first place weekly prize in the Halibut derby while Hugh Wingfield of Delta Junction won the 2nd place weekly prize with the 117.0 pounder he caught aboard the Dawn Treader. Bill Langley of Fairbanks is currently in second place overall with his 133.8 pound halibut and another Fairbanksan Chad Greenway is currently in 3rd place overall.

Sixteen fish were weighed in during week number two of the Valdez Halibut Derby and the majority of fish being weighed and tickets being sold are going to anglers out of Fairbanks according to weigh-in officials. Things may change soon, as lucky anglers Gil and Sandy Glover of Anchorage purchased season derby tickets this week and said they plan to do a lot of fishing in Valdez this summer. Gil Glover may be a name you recognize, as he brought home a Valdez Fish Derby prize weighing tons. Glover won the drawing for the Valdez Fish Derby truck several years ago. Every derby ticket purchased is put in a drawing for a 4x4 Ford truck.

Although the halibut season has just barely gotten underway, there's already a story of one that got away. Actually, in this instance the halibut didn't get away, the prize did. A 179 pound halibut was caught that would have won the 2nd place weekly prize, but the angler had no derby ticket. In the Valdez Halibut Derby, tickets must be purchased before the angler goes fishing and it must be a season ticket or a daily ticket purchased for the day you catch the fish. A complete set of rules can be found in Valdez Fish Derby brochures or online at www.valdezfishderbies.com.

For more information on the Valdez Halibut Derby or upcoming silver salmon and women's derby, go to www.valdezfishderbies.com.

HALIBUT DERBY – OVERALL LEADERS - WEEK#2 (May 28 – June 3)

	Name /address		Weight	Date	Charter
1st	Rich Piech	North Pole, AK	195	5/30	No Excuses
2nd	Bill Langley	Fairbanks, AK	133.8	5/24	No Excuses
3rd	Chad Greenway	Fairbanks, AK	118.2	5/24	No Excuses

HALIBUT DERBY- WEEKLY WINNERS – WEEK #2 (May 28th - June 3)

1st	Rich Piech	North Pole, AK	195.0	No Excuses
2nd	Hugh Wingfield	Delta Junction, AK	117.0	Dawn Treader

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