

# Week Four in the Halibut Derby and Yet To Break 200 Pounds

VALDEZ – Duane Person of Copper Center bumped Chad Greenway off the leader board in the Valdez Halibut Derby with the 182.0 pound flatfish he caught aboard No Excuses June 13<sup>th</sup>. Person captured the first place weekly prize for week number four in the halibut derby and is currently in 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall.

Rich Piech of North Pole held onto his top spot with the 195 pound halibut he caught May 30<sup>th</sup>. Bill Langley is holding on to third place with his 133.8 pounder. Taking second place for week number four of the derby is Kevin Radke of Fairbanks with a 123.9 pound halibut.

The weigh-in for the halibut derby is steady, but it's the King salmon that are generating excitement in Valdez. Ron Woods of the Valdez Fish Derbies weigh-in station said there were more king salmon brought to the weigh-in station than halibut this week. "They want to see what the actual weight is for bragging rights purposes", said Woods. The Alaska Department of Fish and Game reports that trolling by the Narrows and in Shoup Bay was popular to pick up kings and say that anglers report fishing is most productive at very slow speeds using a herring and a flasher.

The Silver Salmon Derby is set to kick off July 29<sup>th</sup>. Charter boats are filling up, so anglers should make plans now for the silver season. The first and last Friday of the Silver Salmon Derby, August 4<sup>th</sup> and September 1<sup>st</sup>, are great days to fish as the person reeling in the largest Silver Salmon on those days will win an Inflatable raft courtesy of Marita Sea & Ski. Mark your calendars for the women's silver salmon derby August 12<sup>th</sup> and the Spawn 'til Dawn Derby Awards Party the Sunday of Labor Day Weekend.

The first place prize for the largest Halibut and Silver Salmon caught in the Valdez derbies is \$15,000. The second place prize for both derbies is \$5,000 and third place will take home \$2,000 in cash. Derby tickets for both the salmon and halibut derbies are \$10 each and are good for one day of fishing in the derby. A season ticket for either species is \$50. Participants of the derby will also get their names put into a drawing for a truck from Seekins Ford.

For more information on the Valdez Halibut Derby or upcoming silver salmon and women's derby, go to [www.valdezfishderbies.com](http://www.valdezfishderbies.com).

## HALIBUT DERBY – OVERALL LEADERS - WEEK#4

	Name /address		Weight	Date	Charter
1st	Rich Piech	North Pole, AK	195	5/30	No Excuses
2nd	Duane Person	Copper Center, AK	182	6/13	No Excuses
3rd	Bill Langley	Fairbanks, AK	133.8	5/24	No Excuses

## HALIBUT DERBY- WEEKLY WINNERS – WEEK #4

1st	Duane Person	Copper Center, AK	182	6/13	No Excuses
2nd	Kevin Radke	Fairbanks, AK	123.9	6/12	No Excuses

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