

262.7 Pound Halibut Edges into 2nd Place in Halibut Derby Standings

VALDEZ – Donovan Swindel of Indio, California reeled in a 262.7 pound halibut to edge out Derek Nahinu in the overall standings of the Valdez Halibut Derby. This flatfish marks the 16th halibut that weighed in at 200 or more pounds during the Valdez Halibut Derby.

The Silver Salmon and Halibut Derbies end this Sunday at noon, so there are still a few days left to reel in a big one. Friday is *Big Prize Friday* and the 1st place daily winner will take home a Maxxon Inflatable Sport Boat from *Marita Sea & Ski* worth close to \$3,000 in addition to the daily 1st place prizes in the silver derby. The Valdez Fish Derbies Spawn ‘til Dawn Derby Awards Party is Sunday night, 7pm at the Valdez Civic Center. Admission is free with a derby ticket. The evening will feature: presentation of winner checks; Fish Olympics; Seekins Ford truck drawing, Alaska Airlines Ticket Drawing, no-host bar, hors d'oeuvres and more.

SILVER SALMON DERBY – OVERALL LEADERS

Place	Name	City/State	Weight	Date	Charter
1 st	Paula Groundwater	Valdez	18.42 lbs.	8/27	Private
2 nd	Richard Kruckenberg	Fbks, AK	17.64 lbs.	8/11	Private
3 rd	Paula Noel	Circle, AK	17.50 lbs.	8/12	Tango

HALIBUT DERBY – OVERALL LEADERS

Place	Name	City/State	Weight	Date	Charter
1 st	Kevin Lincoln	Fbks, AK	343.6 lbs.	8/5	Harvester
2 nd	Donovan Swindel	Indio, CA	262.7 lbs.	8/29	Orion
3 rd	Derek Nahinu	North Pole, AK	262.3 lbs.	7/7	North Country

Halibut Weighing in at More Than 200 Pounds In 2006

<u>Date of Catch</u>	<u>Weight</u>	<u>Date of Catch</u>	<u>Weight</u>
June 19	220.5	August 5	343.6
June 29	216.1	August 8	233.8
July 7	216.1	August 10	226.3
July 24	200.0	August 13	214.5
July 28	210.9	August 14	204.7
July 29	203.2	August 14	240.8
August 1	231.4	August 27	224.0
August 1	253.8	August 29	262.7

16 Halibut Weighed In at 200+ Pounds

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