

Doesn't Take Much to Win Weekly Prize in Halibut Derby

VALDEZ – Week three was a slow one, with only four halibut weighed in. A total of twenty-seven halibut have been weighed since the derby began May 20, with majority of derby tickets being sold to Fairbanks fishermen. A storm started out in the gulf last Thursday preventing the charter boats from going fishing for the rest of the week. With only three fish to contend Con Seay of Fairbanks took first place in the weekly winners with his 88.7 pound flat fish he caught aboard No Excuses. Mathew Ace of Valdez is the first Valdezian to make it into the derby. He took second place for the week with his 84.6 pounder he caught aboard No Excuses.

With no change to the overall standings Rich Piech of North Pole is in first place with his 195 pound flatfish he caught aboard No Excuses May 30. Bill Langley of Fairbanks is in second place overall with his 133.8 pound halibut and another Fairbanksan Chad Greenway is currently in 3rd place with his 118.2 pounder.

The first place prize for the largest Halibut and Silver Salmon caught in the Valdez derbies will once again be \$15,000. The second place prize for both derbies is \$5,000 and third place is \$2,000 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. Each derby ticket purchased gets you five entries in a drawing for the truck, totaling over \$80,000 in Cash and Prizes in this year's Halibut and Silver Salmon Derby.

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#3 (June 4-June10)

	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

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1st	Con Seay	Fairbanks, AK	88.7	6/6	No Excuses
2nd	Mathew Ace	Valdez, AK	84.6	6/5	No Excuses

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