



Travel Newsletter October, 2025



New Zealand Spring Creek Stalk

We are in the twenty-second year of publishing our monthly newsletter with updates on great fly fishing venues, trip reports and insights for our traveling fly fishers. We've been to most locations and pride ourselves on our ability to research new destinations. Whatever unbiased information on timing and locations we can provide comes at the same cost to you as booking direct – i.e., NO EXTRA COST.

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PRIME-TIME SILVERS++ IN ALASKA



If there is a finer silver salmon fishery on the globe than the Goodnews River, near its mouth, around mid-to-late August, someone will have to show me. For those not familiar with a fresh-run silver as a fly rod fish, it is truly a great sportfish that will eat flies and poppers off the surface, with explosive takes, in the right environment....and the Goodnews provides lots of those “right environments.”

This August, Tim Quattlebaum (at left with fresh silver) returned to the Goodnews along with first timer's Greg Weaver and fly fishing newcomer, Nate Rexroth. Report from Greg: “Silver's were abundant, to say the least. I started every morning, using poppers on the surface, and did very well. Moved on to fishing underwater later in the day. Took a break from salmon and went up river for Dolly Varden and rainbows. Upriver provided a great break from the constant silver action with walking and wading up a small river and catching a lot of Dolly's. Then back to salmon and rainbow hunting the next morning. The best part was sight fishing to laid up fish....like flats fishing in many ways. Nate got all the salmon (and a beautiful rainbow) he could handle and loved it. Thanks for the trip and take care. BTW. There was not one drop of rain, sunshine with light clouds the entire week.”

Photos L to R below: Nate releases a nice silver moments before he intended to let it go; The Dolly Varden is part of the char family and can be brilliantly colored with a metallic green combined with orange spots; Greg with silver; Nate and a fat rainbow.



Tim's first trip last year encountered lots of challenging weather; however, that didn't stop the group from having numbers of double-digit days with trophy silvers. On this year's trip, Tim commented: "Goodnews was perfect this year for what I had hoped for. Weather was sunny and beautiful and I was able to get out of the boat and wade and fish from gravel bars. Went on a hike one day and caught Dolly Varden walking and wading, a nice change up. I would describe it as a fun trip, not physical or challenging, but fun. Lots of fish around there."

L to R: Tim and another large silver; large healthy rainbow for Greg; wildlife is always part of the Alaska experience.



BOOKING PRIME SILVER SPOTS FOR 2026

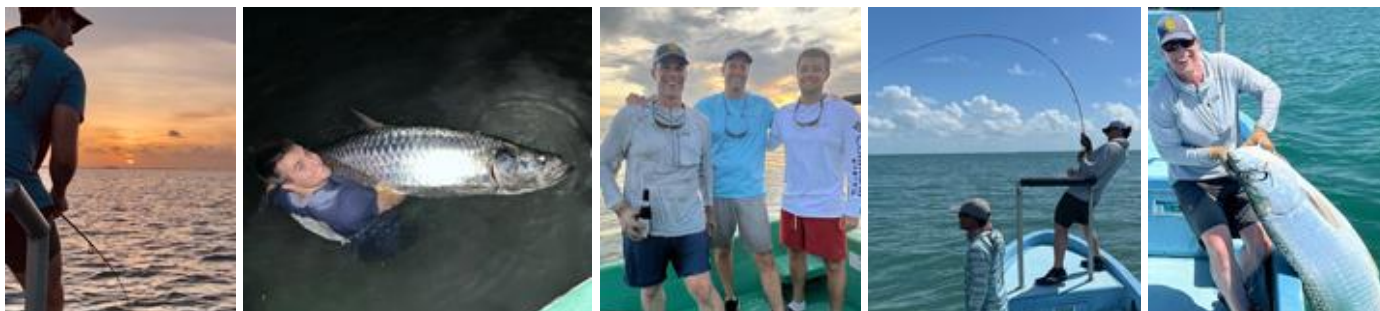
Booking space during the prime time for the silver run on the Goodnews is always a challenge, often requiring getting on the "wait list" two years ahead of time. Each year, we hold spots during this prime time.....if you'd like further info, let me know.

FAMILY AND TARPON IN BELIZE

Bob Ogle (right below struggling with tropical sunset tarpon) joined three generations of the Muelrath family (below – grandpa Don, son Scott, and Grandson Nico) in Belize. We used the Rising Tide (at left) as our floating lodge to fish and explore the shallow offshore waters inside the second largest barrier reef on the globe.



L to R below: The trip got off to a fast start on arrival day with Nico hooking, fighting, and releasing a tarpon in the range of 125#. It was Nico's first ever large tarpon! The original hookup occurred well before dark and, two hours later, the fish was released at the boat. Bob had his best tarpon ever....taking every muscle he had to get him out of the water enough for the photo. Scott joined Bob and Nico for a celebratory Belikan toasting 250# of tarpon in less than 24 hours!



L to R below: Welcoming the sunrise before heading out for an early morning looking for fish; Scott and Nico take an after-lunch swim break; Scott helping with release of a late evening tarpon; Georgia and Nicki did their usual thing in the kitchen making mealtimes a treat.



L to R: Bob with a large tarpon; Nico is into a “baby” tarpon and took some time off from the tarpon to do some barracuda trolling on the reef.



L to R: a water spout created some non-fishy excitement; Captain Dean releasing a baby tarpon; to add some variety, I released my 88th permit, a small one. Scott with a “baby tarpon” before release.

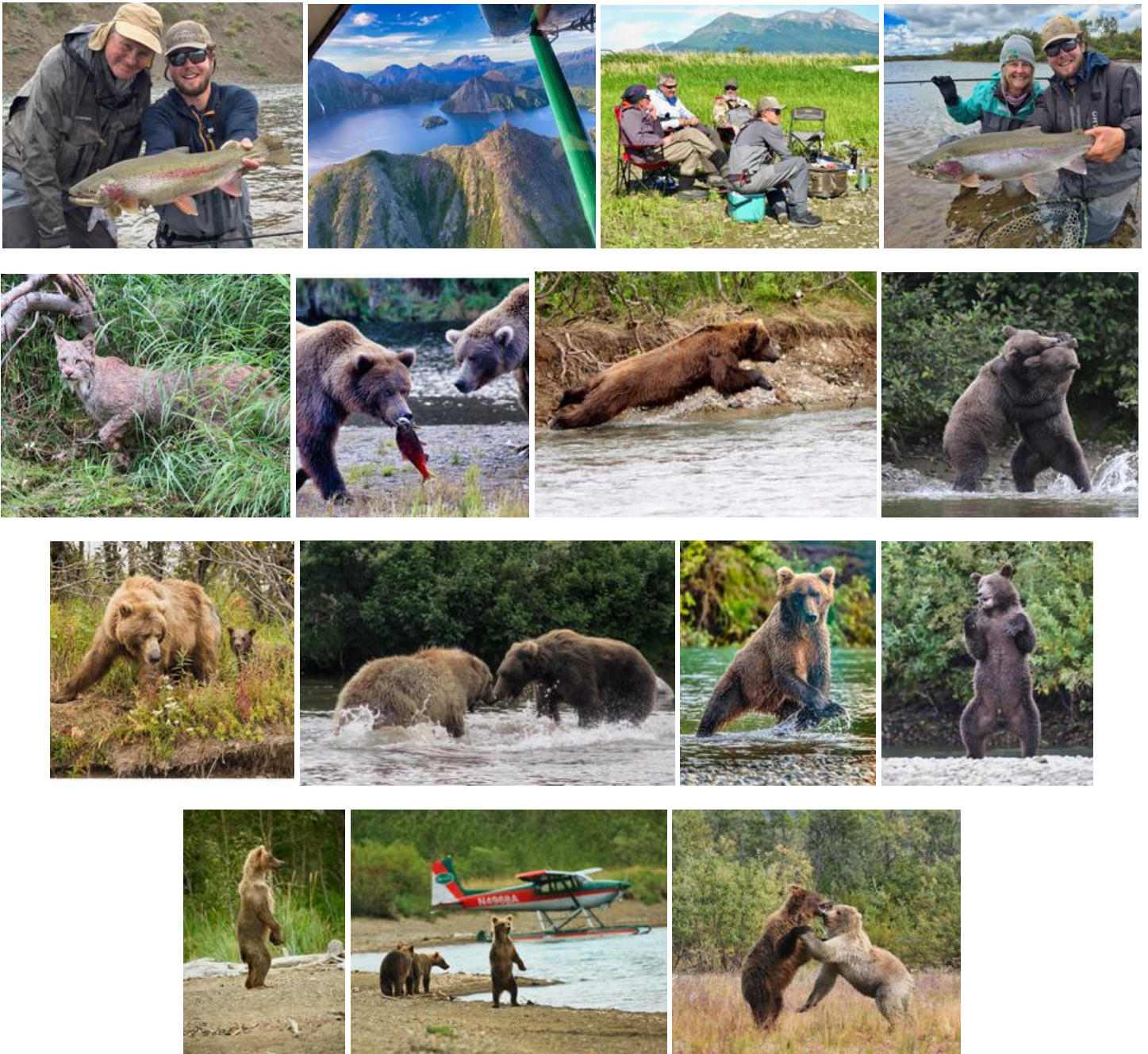


THE RISING TIDE – OPEN SLOTS FOR 2026

The Rising Tide calendar for 2026 still has at least one open week in every month. They only do three trips a month so space will get tighter as we get closer to the new year. For more info and pricing on the Rising Tide, this is the website: www.flyfishbelize.com

DANA AND JOHN LANDIS IN ALASKA

Dana and John have been making a late summer pilgrimage to Alaska for several years. Along the way, they have accumulated an outstanding collection of Brown/Grizzly bear photos. What follows below are a few photos from their recent trip and some of their amazing bear photos. L to R: John with a healthy rainbow. Aerial shot on a fly out day. Often a shoreside lunch includes cooking some fresh caught salmon. As usual, Dana took the largest rainbow. A lynx in the bushes.....and then the bears. Often, salmon fishing creates controversy among the wild creatures.....



WHAT WE DO AT FLY FISHING ADVENTURES

This is a link with a description of who we are and what we do.....also, it lists the destinations around the world where we can provide reliable information and help you prepare for your trip: [Fly Fishing Adventures - About What We Do](#)

OCTOBER MEMORY PHOTO



Most every fly fisher remembers the first fish they took on a fly. However, for most of us, it would be a while after that first fish before we could release a beautiful 19" rainbow. Janie Young was fortunate to have, as her first fish on a fly, that healthy 19" rainbow at left. Coincidentally, it was taken on the Fall River in Northern California, the same waters where son, Scott, took his first fish on a fly.

Photo credits: Goodnews – Tim Quattlebaum, Greg Weaver, and Nate Rexroth; Belize – Scott and Nico Muelrath and Bob Ogle; Alaska – Dana and John Landis.

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