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We are in the eighth year of publishing our monthly newsletter with updates on great fly fishing venues, trip reports and insights for our traveling fly fishers. We want to help you match the right location with your fly fishing goals and objectives and properly prepare you to fully enjoy the experience. 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.

**PART 1 – THREE WAYS TO DO ALASKA**

Many anglers have on their annual roster of destinations returning to Alaska. This is one of those destinations that every fly fisherman needs to visit at least once – some get captured and can't get enough. Alaska provides one of the two "fishiest fresh water environments" we know of (the other being the Amazon). To gain an understanding of the life cycle of the salmon and the impact that life cycle has on the watersheds in our 50<sup>th</sup> state is a stimulating and enlightening experience.....not to mention the exciting river fisheries that are part of the package. Generally, there are three ways to approach fishing Alaska – the traditional fly out lodge, the more rugged, camping based float trip, and the non-fly out riverside lodge. Each offers a different approach and, in the next three months, we'll provide examples of each of the three.



Joe Rusconi (at right) and Dave Hamilton just returned from visiting one of Alaska's top fly out lodges, Bristol Bay Lodge where they hit the conditions and the fishing just right. There are six or seven of what we term grade "A" traditional Alaska fly out lodges and each has a slightly different personality. One of the elements of the Bristol Bay Lodge stay that our clients have enjoyed over the years are their two outpost camps. You spend one night at each outpost camp in addition to the five nights at the main lodge – breaks up the week while adding a wilderness aspect to the regular lodge experience.



Some comments from Dave and Joe.....from Dave: "It was fantastic! It exceeded our wildest expectations. The fishing was great everyday, the guides were all terrific, the lodge and food were wonderful. Would highly recommend it.....We loved both of the outpost camps and fishing was great at each of them."

From Joe: "We literally landed hundreds of fish and hooked more. The lodge, lodge staff, and guides were all first rate and I have had a rough re-entry having to readjust to my normal existence. We landed char, sea-run Dolly Varden, Grayling, rainbows, and Silver Salmon.....the chrome beauty of a Silver in the photo (above right) ran 200-300 feet

downstream and I followed it down to the net. I've rarely had a steelhead put up such a fight. Dave had a silver the next day that jumped 17 times. We were told that the Silver fishing had just begun and was 'a little slow.' Their 'a little slow' was the best big fish day I have ever had. On another day.....we were busy all day landing

rainbows and char.....One of the pleasures of the trip were the shore lunches prepared by the guides.....consisted of potatoes and salmon 'two ways.'

We landed dozens of 20 inch sea-run Dolly Varden at one of the outpost camps. Along with the Silvers at the other outpost camp, the dolly fishing at the second camp on that spectacular and remote river was the other highlight of the trip for me. While there may be other places where you can catch more big rainbows or greater numbers of Silvers, I can't imagine that there is another place where you can catch as many fish, and as many species of fish, in one too-short week."

The Silver Salmon (also known as Coho - at right below) and the rainbow (left below with Dave) are the two most sought after fly rod species in Alaska. Stationary tents (center, below) are part of the outpost camps.



Other species like the Dolly Varden (left, below) and the Grayling (right) also provide excitement. The bears are as much a part of the Alaska scene as the traditional guide prepared shoreside lunch (below, right-center).



## LOOKING FOR A PARTNER(S)



Occasionally, our newsletter carries this column mentioning traveling fly fishers who are looking for a partner (or partners) to join them on an adventure to a certain destination. Having someone to build memories with is one reason to look for a fly fishing partner; additionally, there is the practical element of sharing costs instead of paying a single supplement for a private room or guide.

**SPEAR FISHING:** (from an anonymous client)....."I am looking for a new spear fishing buddy...my current partner (see photo at left) won't go with me anymore...let me know if you are interested as I am planning my next trip. (thanks to whoever sent me this bit of levity – can't recall who?)

**ARGENTINA – BOTH GOLDEN DORADO AND JURASSIC LAKE:** have travelers for both destinations that could use one or two partners. For

more information on each of these destinations, click on the links below for trip reports from earlier this year:

Jurassic Lake [http://www.flyfishingadventures.org/Newsletter/Jurassic\\_Lake.pdf](http://www.flyfishingadventures.org/Newsletter/Jurassic_Lake.pdf)

Golden Dorado [http://www.flyfishingadventures.org/Newsletter/TR\\_Dorado.pdf](http://www.flyfishingadventures.org/Newsletter/TR_Dorado.pdf)

**HAWAII – BONEFISH:** We know of a guide who has developed a fishery for good numbers of large bonefish on certain beach front flats on the island of Molokai. There have been several exciting reports from this fishery over the last few years. Accommodations are in rented beach front homes. We know of two single anglers, one in



each the months of September and December, who are looking for someone to team up with for a week long trip to Molokai.

**BELIZE:** As usual, we have single anglers looking to round out a group or join with another single for a Belize mothership trip on either the Meca or Rising Tide. This is still the best value in the world of salt water flats angling, all things considered. [www.flyfishbelize.com](http://www.flyfishbelize.com)

### 10<sup>TH</sup> PERMIT – A SPECIAL FISH



Johnny Williams and David Rogers took their first Belize mothership trip on the *Rising Tide* in July of 2011. On that trip, they hit conditions just right and it resulted in intense permit and tarpon action. The 2011 trip report and photos were featured in our August newsletter last year. From that report was this quote from Johnny: “.....one day we estimated we saw about 1000 permit between the two skiffs. Multiple schools of 50-100 fish, along with a steady stream of singles and doubles.” That’s what you call “hitting it right!”

On this years *Rising Tide* trip, the salt water fishing gods got even and provided generally overcast conditions with poor visibility. They did manage a few good fish and for Johnny, one of them was very special, his tenth permit (at left). That puts Johnny in a very small club of salt water flats anglers with double digit numbers of permit released. David reached the ten permit plateau on last years trip and got #11 this year with a fish in the classic permit environment.....description from David: “Very cool fish, tailing in the shallows in super skinny water!”

### MORE,,,,,,,,,MINIPI RIVER BROOKIES

Last month’s newsletter featured a trip report and photo essay from our recent trip to the Minipi River in Labrador. The photos from Minipi veteran, Jeff Reinke, didn’t arrive in time due to technical difficulties. At right is Jeff with a beautiful 7.5 pound male taken on a dry fly during a mid-day brown drake hatch. The photos below from left to right: the river sections usually provide smaller fish, but that fish is a very healthy river brookie; aerial view of the Minipi watershed through the window of a float plane; traditional Anne Marie canoe; big brookie flank.

If you’d like to see the entire photo essay report of the trip, click on this link: [http://www.flyfishingadventures.org/Newsletter/minipi\\_photos.pdf](http://www.flyfishingadventures.org/Newsletter/minipi_photos.pdf)



### AUGUST MEMORY PHOTO



Juan Marcheletti displays one of Jurassic Lake’s giant rainbow trout. The lodge has built some new paths for their ATV’s to get to previously unfished areas of the lake. These paths have opened up new access points on the lakeshore. Juan took this 23 pound fish from one of the these areas.....although the “old areas” aren’t too shabby when it comes to giant rainbows. These fish are not pellet fed creations, but grow to these dimensions feeding on an abundance of naturally occurring freshwater shrimp in this watershed. There is a link to our trip report from our visit to Jurassic Lake earlier this year – under “Partners....Argentina” above.

**PHOTO CREDITS:** Alaska – Joe Rusconi, Dave Hamilton and Lisa Reinke with silver; permit – Johnny Williams; Minipi River – Jeff Reinke

**Either phone or drop us an e-mail if you have questions or would like more information about any of our destinations.**

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