Cordova # Weekly Fishing News 9/2/16 **Alaska**

A week of glorious sunny weather has slowed down the run of salmon a bit, but there are still plenty to be caught. The low water levels in many streams across the delta has led most of the pushes of salmon upriver to be timed with high tide events. Anglers have reported higher catch rates several hours after the high tide, and the crowding on the rivers during these periods shows that the word is out. However though the clear weather will come to an end this weekend, there's the chance of some partial clearing later in the week.

Caption: Charles Ambrose of Arkansas with his first ever salmon! 9/2/16. Photo by Andrew Morin.

Ibeck: While most of the week the influx of glacier water directly above the bridge at Ibeck led to the majority of fishing to occur upstream, this has now changed and fish are being caught upstream and down. Anglers are headed out at all hours of the day in the pursuit of fish. I would remind anglers that bears have been sighted recently in the area. At the current low water levels we recommend that fish be packed out whole and cleaned at one of the public cleaning stations around town. As the water has cleared many anglers have switched from roe to using spinners and flies to great success. Generally the fishing has been slower in the morning compared to the afternoon, but this may change as we get later tides this next week.

Caption: Anglers along Ibeck upstream of the bridge.

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Eyak: Slow and steady appears to be the word on Eyak River. There are a lot of boats on the river so if you are wading please be aware that the boats need to remain on step at these water levels, so try to avoid standing in the channel. If you don't have access to a boat, you can still get to the good fishing water by hiking the Eyak River Trail. Park in the pullout along the lake on the west side of the Eyak River Weir; the trailhead is right across the highway. The one mile hike will take you to a productive stretch of water, but bring a friend and make noise along the way as brown bears sometimes frequent the area.

Alaganik: Looking to get away from the crowds? The Alaganik River isn't exactly a secret, but you will find a little more elbow room than at Ibeck Creek, particularly if you hike away from the road. Try walking to the end of the Alaganik Angler Trail. To get to the trail, turn right off the Copper River Highway onto the Alaganik Access Road (near mile post 16). Just before you reach the parking area at the end of the road, look for an informational sign on your left. This marks the head of the 1/2 mile long trail. This section of the Alaganik is tidal, and anglers have been stranded on the wrong side of feeder creeks, so bring a tide chart (provided below) and keep your eye on the water level. The best time to fish is several hours after high tide. At the peak of the high tide, silvers are scattered and wading is difficult. The tide at this section of the Alaganik is about 2 hours after the time listed for Cordova in the tide book.

High/Low Tide Predictions

Station Name: CORDOVA,AK
Parameter: Weekly
Product: Tide Prediction
Start Date & Time: 2016/09/03 12:00AM
End Date & Time: 2016/09/09 11:59PM

Source: NOAA/NOS/CO-OPS
Prediction Type: Harmonic
Datum: MLLW
Height Units: Feet
Time Zone: LST/LDT

Date	Day	Time	Hgt	Time	Hgt	Time	Hgt	Time	Hgt
2016/09/03	Sat	03:07 AM	12.92 H	09:11 AM	-0.35 L	03:31 PM	12.69 H	09:31 PM	0.52 L
2016/09/04	Sun	03:41 AM	12.39 H	09:45 AM	0.36 L	03:58 PM	12.51 H	10:09 PM	0.75 L
2016/09/05	Mon	04:14 AM	11.7 H	10:19 AM	1.23 L	04:24 PM	12.19 H	10:47 PM	1.16 L
2016/09/06	Tue	04:50 AM	10.86 H	10:53 AM	2.2 L	04:53 PM	11.75 H	11:28 PM	1.69 L
2016/09/07	Wed	05:30 AM	9.95 H	11:30 AM	3.21 L	05:27 PM	11.22 H		
2016/09/08	Thu	12:13 AM	2.29 L	06:26 AM	9.06 H	12:11 PM	4.17 L	06:12 PM	10.64 H
2016/09/09	Fri	01:06 AM	2.83 L	07:49 AM	8.46 H	01:02 PM	5.0 L	07:23 PM	10.2 H

Caption: Tide Chart for Cordova, AK from NOAA's Tides and Currents website. At the Alaganik Boat Ramp, high tides will be about two hours later than the times listed here.

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