



A Success Story

Picture Perfect

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The new Eight Fathom Cabin was constructed in Hoonah in the summer of 2009. This American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) project was built with lumber harvested and milled by Icy Straits Lumber & Milling in Hoonah and constructed through a contract with Channel Construction, Juneau. Once the cabin was completed

it was moved 15 miles southwest of Hoonah to Eight Fathom Bight, where it is now ready for reservations.

On April 22, 2010, Forrest Cole, Tongass Forest Supervisor; Rich Jennings, Hoonah District Ranger; and Geno Cisneros, Hoonah Recreation Specialist, visited the new Eight Fathom cabin. This was the first visit to the cabin for Forrest, since it was moved from Hoonah.

Access to the cabin is by a 45-minute boat ride from Hoonah or a short 10 minute flight from Hoonah or a 30 minute flight from Juneau. When you arrive, the gravel beach leads to a short barrier-free trail.

All of the wood in the cabin is cedar, yellow-cedar for most of the cabin and redcedar for trim. From the outside deck, the craftsmanship details are obvious. Stepping inside the attention to detail continues, with the wood stove, counters, table, and bunks; you'll feel right at home.



No need for pictures on the walls, the view out the windows is enough.

When you are done setting up your living area, go for a walk up the road, fishing, hunting, or just sit on the deck and enjoy the view and maybe you'll spot some wildlife. While Forrest, Rich and Geno were at the cabin, they saw lots of shore birds and some whales. Remember, this is brown bear country so bring some protection along with your other supplies.

If you are looking for a real Alaska vacation this summer, try the Eight Fathom cabin. It is just a short flight to this new experience.



Forest Supervisor Forrest Cole and Hoonah District Ranger Rich Jennings inspect the new cabin.



Left: Bunk, dining table and kitchen area. Right: The cabin sits at the end of the road. Be on the lookout for bears.