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From the President's Desk:

Oh Happy Pink Day! Mike and I are proud grandparents now! Teslyn Marie arrived at 11:19PM on Monday, May 17th, weighing in at 9 lbs, 4 ozs. We met her a little before midnight in the arms of her parents Astin and Ryan Mills!

Denise is in Colorado 'til mid-June and Lauren Mackie is in the office while she is away from 10AM until 6PM Monday through Friday with some exceptions when the family business requires her attention elsewhere. Please call the office if you are heading there. She will post my cell number on the door if she is not there, and I am two minutes away. In my absence, should I be drawn south for a grandbaby visit, Chamber director Kim Swainson is almost next door at Tongass Federal!

May was a busy month on the home front as well! The Craig Health facility was dedicated at a well attended celebration on May 22nd.

Immediately following that event, the Everyday Heroes were honored at a Wine and Brew Tasting event on Sunday, May 23rd. The 2010 Marathon followed quickly on May 29th with 235 participants. Mudd Boggs are back!

In the midst of those activities, graduation ceremonies happened at our Island High Schools with Chamber scholarships presented to 11 of our graduates seeking further education.

June began with the release of smolt from several Hatchery operation locations. Lauren and I joined three boat loads of islanders to participate in the beginning of the journeys. Enjoy Lauren's write-up on this POW Bucket List experience!

Further news on each of these events can be found in the following pages.

POWCAC and the Island Wide Visitor Committee both met during the month of May. Both meetings were well attended, and much information was shared about projects that will enhance visitor experiences on Prince of Wales Island. The Visitor Committee will take the summer off, with some work continuing by smaller committees. Some of those tasks involve gathering up parts and pieces that will become a part of the 2011 Visitor Guide.

For those of you who want to participate in cooperative advertising, a representative from the MILEPOST will be here during June. Please give your name and contact information to the office if you would like to meet with her when she is here.

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IF YOU HAVE NEWS TO SHARE, PLEASE EMAIL IT TO JAN FOR INCLUSION IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER!!

NEW DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING NEWS IS THE LAST DAY OF THE MONTH!

CHAMBER WEBSITE EXPOSURE for the month of **MAY**

MAY'S web hits were **264,597** with **6415** visitors. Behind the **USA, TURKEY, CANADA, UNITED KINGDOM** and **CHINA** were the countries with the most visitors. **MONDAY** was the most active day, **NINE TO TEN AM** was the most active time of day. **Google** was the top search engine used to find us with 80 percent! 51 percent of the users have Windows XP as their operating system.

2. Chamber Power Sponsors for JUNE Edition—*The following businesses have paid for advertising in this spot and help the Chamber cover the costs of mailing and maintaining our email account and website. The editor shuffles the ad locations each month at random. To become a sponsor and have your information appear here each month or for certain months of the year, call the Chamber office. All of this month's sponsors are located here this month. We thank them for their support of this newsletter.*

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Thorne Bay Market Alaska and Proud / Don Alsup, Manager / 907-828-3306 / anp@kpunet.net / www.alaskaandproud.com / An independent full service grocery store. We feature fresh meat and produce and a full line of groceries. Special orders welcome.

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Tongass Federal Credit Union/ 907-755-2800 / Fax: 907-755-2810 / Toll Free: 800-960-8328 / Kim Swainson, Branch Manager/ tfcu@aptalaska.net / www.tongassfcu.com / Branches located in the Island News building in Thorne Bay, the Klawock-Heenya Mall and 2000 Tongass Avenue in Ketchikan. **Expanded hours: Thorne Bay branch open 10AM-2PM Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday.** Klawock branch open 10AM-5:30PM Tuesday-Friday, noon-3PM Saturday. Public use **ATMs** are at Thorne Bay Market, Klawock-Heenya Mall branch and 6 locations in Ketchikan

The Healing Touch Massage Therapy/ Craig and Klawock/ 907-755-2280/ Massages including therapeutic massage, Swedish, Healing Stone, Bellanina Facial Massage, Deep Tissue and therapeutic by Appointment. Outcall to local lodges is available with notice. Gift certificates available

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The Healing Touch
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3. EVERYDAY HEROES NAMED

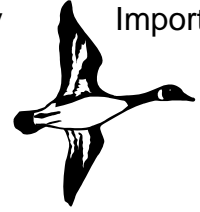
The Prince of Wales Chamber of Commerce provided the celebration and POW communities provided the great people who were honored for their community service!

The Chamber is pleased to announce the names of the 2010 Everyday Heroes who received a matted and framed photo. All photos featured geese, taken by Henry Williamson of Klawock.

Our honorees are **Myla Poelstra** from Edna Bay, **Bob Prefontaine** from Naukati, **Frank Bamberg** from Whale Pass, **Bill Sharpes** from Hollis, **Terry Stonecipher** from Klawock, **Barry Heatley** from Craig, **Jana Carpenter** from Thorne Bay, and **Bobby Lambeth**, a special recipient of an island-wide award.



The honorees were recognized at a Wine and Brew Tasting event held on Sunday, May 23rd, at the CCA. The Chamber thanks all of those involved in the presentation of this event, particularly the distributors: Debbie Kaes, the Odom Corporation; John DeCherney, Specialty Imports, and Bobby Roles, K&L Distributors.



Thanks to Jim Seley for acting as Master of Ceremonies, and to all the presenters from each community, who told the stories and edified us all.

Each of our honorees will be presented here in the months to come.

4. HERO PRESENTATION: FRANK BAMBURG, WHALE PASS

Frank Bamburg of Wales Pass was nominated by Tyra Huestis, a nomination that received wide acclaim from other residents of this community. Tyra's nomination tells a little about Frank and his contributions to the Whale Pass community.

"Frank does so much "behind the scenes." ...He is always there to call on in a pinch. Just yesterday he was pouring 5 gallons of diesel into the community library's fuel tank, just to make sure that the ladies had enough fuel to heat the library the following day for their weekly exercise class. He volunteered his time to build a fish cleaning station at our dock' he spearheaded the launch ramp dock to make sure the project got completed. He organized a volunteer work party to resurface our dock's haul out spaces; he installed a light and switch for our EMS squad so that the rescue vehicle could be accessed without the use of flashlights....there is so much that he does for this community, and the residents don't even realize that he is there, always working, never seeking recognition and getting the job done. And Frank is always a gentleman to the ladies! He is such a valuable person to this community and he deserves our recognition."

Congratulations to Frank, and thank you for your generous service to your friends and neighbors. You help make POW a wonderful place to live!

The Chamber invites the community of Whale Pass to nominate others in their community whose service betters the lives of its residents. The 2011 Nominations are open now!

5. ALASKA AIR AND PACIFIC AIRWAY TICKET RAFFLE FOR 2010

The popular team of two non-directional round trip **Alaska Airline** tickets between Anchorage or Seattle and Southeast Alaska **AND** two round trip **Pacific Airways** tickets between Ketchikan and Prince of Wales Island make up the coveted prize of the 2010 Chamber raffle that funds the Everyday Hero awards.

The drawing will take place on September 8th, giving everyone a last chance opportunity to get a ticket during the Labor Day weekend. Tickets are \$5 each.

If your business wants to be an outlet for ticket sales, please email the office and we will get you a sign and tickets.

6. 2010 Graduate Scholarships and Underwriters

Underwriters for the 2010 Chamber Graduate Scholarships provided funding for eleven scholarship awards.

The Chamber is proud to announce the 2010 recipients: Patrick Quigley, Daniel Coffey, Ariana Volker, Haley Armstrong, and Stephanie Anderson from Craig; Bridget Tew, Tess Larson, Kyle Packer, Cody Williams and Sabrina Stevens from Klawock; Melanie Kadake from Hydaburg.

The following businesses receive our appreciation for making these \$500 awards possible:

Full underwriting was provided by Alaska Power and Telephone, Petro Marine Services, Whale Tail Pharmacy, Rainbird Drilling, Todd Tew, CPA, and Silver Bay Seafoods.

Partial underwriting was provided by Alaska Marine Lines, P&H Construction, Catch a King Charters, Alaska Gifts, A Place To Stay, Log Cabin Resort, Mark and Sheila Beardsley, Cleary Computers, Southeast Retreat, Trophy Inn, Kingfisher Charters and Lodge, Ocean Bluebird B&B, Changing Tides Inn, Hill Bar and Liquor Store.

7. ISLAND WIDE VISITOR COMMITTEE

The following notes from the May 10th meeting have been provided by Jeannie McFarland, Chamber director and Chairperson for this committee. The meeting was held at the McFarland Floatel. The committee takes the summer off and will meet in September. Smaller committees will continue working during the summer.

Advertising – Recreation Guide, Alaska Magazine, Alaska Milepost

Heather Phillips, Tourism coordinator for Coffman cove shared a copy of the full page ads that the Island Visitor Committee encouraged Businesses on the Island to participate in. It will be in this year's issue of the Southeast Recreation Guide printed by the Local Paper in Ketchikan.. Coffman Cove had a full page also and a write up about our Island by Jeff Lund was included. The Publication is due out the last week of May.

Heathers next effort is to find out if businesses on the Island would like to participate in co-op advertizing in Alaska Magazine. She provided handouts on costs to advertize and would be willing to co-ordinate a page for Prince of Wales Island. Cost will depend on frequency of publication and size of ads. Coffman Cove bought an ad in the March issue this year and so far has had 44 sales leads. She suggests the three months of February/March/April might be good ones to be seen in. The deadline for advertizing in those three months would be in mid November. Contact Heather at: 907-329-2233/heather@ccalaska.com.

- DVD PROJECT – Gregg Parsley is moving ahead to secure funding for the production of the DVD. He has contacted First Bank and Wells Fargo so far and hopes the Scenic Byways designation would also be able to help out. Jim and Harvey McDonald agreed to work on a proposal to present to the City of Thorne Bays City council and encourage other communities to do the same. The plan for the Video is to show what Visitors can do on our island in a non-commercial presentation. He envisions a trip around the Island from Community to Community and showcases events that take place like Silver Salmon Derby in Coffman Cove the 3rd of July and the Mud Boggs starting the 30th of May. Anyone with an event in their community is encouraged to send the information to Gregg at bagp@starband.net or call at 907-965-5964.

- INNERSEA DISCOVERIES Wilderness Voyages Cruises – The Safari Quest Klawock Harbor Saturday the 15th, 8am to 11am – Reception for invited guests 9am to 10am. The 20 Media people on board will be taken of a tour by Leslie Isaacs and John Roan while the reception is going on. This is the “Test Run” for the 49 passenger vessels that will be visiting the west side of the Island in 2011. They will be making two stops a week at the Klawock Harbor and anchoring out along the rest of their voyage. The committee is supportive of this type of “Cruise Ship” traffic appropriate for Prince of Wales Island. Owner Dan Blanchard appreciates all the support given to this adventure.

- IFA – Rebecca Chester, Ticketing Agent. Rebecca reported there has been an even flow of customers January to April and reservations are picking up for the summer. There is no plan to have more than one run a day unless there is a special request. Adrian LeCornu City Administrator for Hydaburg said they would be having a Pole Raising Ceremony in late July and expected heavy traffic for the IFA. If anyone has such events they should contact the IFA so they can be prepared to accommodate the traffic. The new location of the main office in the Klawock/Heenya Mall has been very successful with many more visitors than the location in Craig. Reservations can be made on line, a system that has experienced some difficulties, but is working fine now.

The discussion continued about the service the IFA is providing. Harvey McDonald, the IFA board member for Thorne Bay, fielded questions on parking problems around the Hollis Terminal, the distance patrons had to walk with their luggage from the Ketchikan ticket office to the ship, and timing with the Alaska Airlines Schedule out of Ketchikan. The proposed Ward Cove stop was discussed. Such a move has many hurdles to overcome and won't happen anytime soon. Harvey explained the IFA is charged with the responsibility of servicing people and at the same time running a business. He agreed to take all the questions back to the Board meeting and encourages the public to keep asking the questions and give the board some creative solutions. Collection of Data this summer on ridership by visitors coming to lodges this summer would be very helpful. The committee was asked to let lodges know so they could pass their numbers to the IFA board to use to help with service.

Talk about Island wide public transportation came up and the committee agreed such a service would benefit all. It was suggested that we all do a little research in how a service could make a reasonable fare to create a stable year round service. Many public transportation schemes have been tried and failed because they didn't have enough steady business. Heather Phillips said the City of Coffman Cove owned a small bus and they were in the process of figuring out how it could help their community. It was determined by the group that we would need to

collect data on whom and how many would use the service so it could be presented to someone to create a new business venture. An Exit Survey on the IFA was suggested as a way to gather some of the data needed. This committee is looking for members if anyone is interested.

- **ALASKA SCENIC BYWAYS** Progress report – Sam Thomas was not able to attend. The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at the Klawock junction to the North end of the Island is slated for August 5th. You can contact him with any questions you have. sam@kasaan.org or 907-401-0864.
- **FARMERS MARKET** Proposal – Merridith Sornsin was not able to attend the meeting but sent a message that the grant she had applied for will be handled by the Thorne Bay City Administrator. The grant will include funds for materials and at least one paid position to co-ordinate the event. Interested persons that have contacted Merridith so far include: June May-Community Garden Craig Ashley Tower – Thorne Bay, Liz Mosenthin – Coffman 4H, Petersons in Kasaan, Greg Parsley – Naukati and Heather Philips of Coffman Cove.
- **KAYAKINGBEAR PRODUCTIONS** - Randal Queen aboard the M.V. SeaQuil – is working on producing a DVD on the inside passage by boat. The DVD will be an interactive map that takes you to the beautiful photographs he takes as he travels. He expects to market his product to someone wanting to come to see Southeast or someone who has to be an armchair traveler. He has been working on the project since 2007. You can view his web site and follow his progress on www.kayakingbear.com. Randal shared with the committee the ideas he had about POW after talking with people he has run into in the rest of Southeast. He felt most of the people thought there were a bunch of loggers and lots of timber and no reason to come here and visit. What he has found it quite different and he was looking forward to the three months of exploring he plans to do as he circumnavigates the Island. Randal suggested we needed to think not only about publicity to Visitors from other states and countries, but also to those within Alaska. Particularly the northern part of Southeast where we need to educate the residents so they can be spokesman for travel to our Island.
- **USFS** - Update on projects – Maeve Taylor sent a report on Forest Service projects:
 - Cave Tours start Tues May 25, but the cave will be closed May 30-June 6. Tours are Tues thru Sat; call Thorne Bay office to reserve spots.
 - One Duck Trail restoration is going great - hope to be done by end of June.
 - Other big Recreation projects going on around the island are: Harris River Interpretive Trail,
- **Twenty Mile Trail** restoration and Gravelly Creek site fixing up.
 - The Inner Seas Discovery cruise will be visiting POW this weekend - Saturday in Klawock and Sunday at El Cap Caves.
 - This summer the Forest Service will be providing an interpretive guide at the Dog Salmon Bear Viewing Site (Tues through Saturday, July 15 to Aug 31.)
- The selection was made for the RAC committee and they will be holding their 1st meeting on June 3rd. Information will be available as the committee starts making recommendations for projects.
- We hope you have a fun and safe summer on the Island!
- **SEATRAILS KIOSK** – Jim McFarland has been involved in helping the SeaTrails organization as they installed a Kiosk in Thorne Bay. Coffman Cove has a similar Kiosk and two others are to be installed one in Craig and one in Hollis. The Kiosk purpose is to map out for those traveling by water from Yakutat to Metlakatla. One side of the Kiosk will have the SeaTrails information on it and the other side can have community information. The information on the community side will be semi-permanent as it is not intended to be a bulletin board for notices of community happenings.

8. IFA COMINGS AND GOINGS: MAY 2010 vs 2009

The IFA carried **1790** passengers and **425** vehicles off the island during the MAY morning runs to Ketchikan. The 2009 figures were **1765** and **417**.

During the evening return runs, **1873** passengers and **558** vehicles arrived on POW through the Hollis port. 2009 figures were **1899** and **539**.

During the month of MAY, the car deck was FULL for EIGHT runs, with SIX other runs at 90% to 100%.

The Chamber thanks Carolyn Chapman of the IFA for providing the monthly stats.

9. MEMBER NEWS....Douglass Home Builders

Gordie and Paula Douglass have a new sideline to go with home construction. They get the “D” out of DIRT, with their Professional Carpet and Upholstery Cleaning service. You can call them for a free quote at 907-329-2018, or cell number 907-254-0672.

10. ADOPT A MARATHON MILE cleans up!

Thank you to CAROLYN CHAPMAN AND REBECCA CHESTER, both employees of Chamber member IFA, for coordinating the 2010 Marathon Mile cleanup!

A huge thanks to the three NEW checkout locations for the safety vests, gloves and litter bags: **IFA TERMINAL IN HOLLIS, LOG CABIN STORE IN CRAIG, AND BLACK BEAR STORE IN KLAWOCK**. All the supplies have been returned to the Chamber office awaiting the 2011 Season.

Carolyn and Rebecca reported that the **City of Klawock** had to empty the dumpster several times. Thanks to the City of Klawock for the designated dumpster that made it so much easier for all our volunteers to get rid of their collections. The City also secured the yellow litter bags that are reserved for this project.

Two boxes of gloves for the volunteers were provided by both **ARMC** and **Whale Tail Pharmacy**.

Names of all the volunteers have not all been turned in to the office, so an article will be placed in the Island News once the list is updated with the names of all the great volunteers who helped in this annual event.

11. NEW MEMBER

The Chamber welcomes our newest:
Philip Weber, Individual

12. LAUREN MACKIE SHARES HER “BUCKET LIST” EXPERIENCE!

As a first-time gillnetting deckhand in '09, I know from rookie experience that there's always something getting in the way of a net full of fish, whether it's a football field-sized kelp bed or a humpback whale who just doesn't have the common decency to go "around" the net rather than through it. I keep this in mind as my dad and I prepare for our sophomore season. But despite the "hard-knocks" of net fishing in Southeast Alaska, the feeling of elation after snagging a Labrador-sized king salmon or a stainless-steel silver salmon can always bring spirits back up. After all, it's easy to imagine the money you'll pocket for your catch or how good it'll taste that evening after sitting on the open grill. Last summer, little or no thought was given on my part to where that beautiful, fat female coho was headed before she was plucked out of the water and tossed into her respective bin. This July, however, as a new generation of silver salmon pass over the stern of our boat, I'll remember an experience that I was pleased to be a part of only days ago, on June 1st, when the Prince of Wales Hatchery released upwards of 3 million smolt (or young salmon) into the waters of Klawock Lake. I was on an assignment, as a temporary employee of the POW Chamber of Commerce, to do a short write-up on the event, and it was a pleasure to see not only the participation of other community members, but also get a first-hand look at this important day on the hatchery calendar, and what the hatchery will, in return, expect back.

We began the process by meeting at the hatchery float and taking a ride out to the fresh water net-pen complex. This is a large float on which 24 nets are attached, each net, or "pond," holding more than a hundred thousand smolt, which had spent 14 months developing out of their fry stage and preparing for their release on June 1st. John Bruns, hatchery manager, Dan Goodness, the recently appointed head fish culturist and assistant manager, and Paul Busse, a Klawock high school student and long-time summer hatchery employee, oversaw the process of dropping the nets and releasing the millions of smolt, a surprisingly simple task for such an important event in the life of a hatchery salmon. Once the smolt are free, they begin the journey towards the salty waters of Klawock Inlet, led by natural instinct, and will spend just one year in the ocean waters before they return to Klawock Lake. John

Bruns and his team expect only 6 to 8 percent survival of the fish released to the sea. 70 percent of those coho survivors will be intercepted by commercial, charter, and sport fishing vessels, and the remaining survivors who return to fresh water will be weekly sorted for escapement for natural spawning, a world class fall coho fishery as well as subsistence in the Klawock River; Cost Recovery by the hatchery to cover operating cost; 5 bright coho to every Elder on POW and brood stock for another 5 million eggs for the next generation of coho. It is estimated that 1 in 5 coho caught on the west side of POW is POWHA origin.

Our unofficial "fish release team" was comprised mostly of families and children, the youngest being only 4 years old. Paula Price, back for her second year after enjoying the experience last summer, came with children Liam, Duncan, Bowen, Desmond, and Ruby. Other volunteers were Dawn Fisher and her daughters Hannah and Lauren Barr, Pia Dinon, Cathy Bolling and daughters Grace and Mary, Wayne and Nathan Brookshire, Jan Bush, and myself. The hatchery will now begin preparations for the 15 of July, when last year's smolt, now adult salmon, will begin their journey back to Klawock lake. Locals are welcome to gather at the hatchery and watch as up to 5 million eggs will be harvested from the returning fish for this year's "brood stock," and the cycle begins again. June 1st was a day 2 years in the making for the Prince of Wales Hatchery, and while their job with these salmon in particular is done for now, the hard work and dedication of the employees and volunteers will culminate in (cross your fingers) a bountiful catch for the fisherman of the summer of 2011.

13. ALASKA GIFTS and RAZZ MA TAZZ FOR SALE

Business for Sale * Turn –Key Operation, Contents, inventory, equipment & fixtures

After many wonderful years the owners of Alaska Gifts are looking to spend some time off. A truly wonderful shop, a Craig landmark Alaska Gifts caters to the tourist as well as filling a niche market with the Island residents. Alaska Gifts offers jewelry repair as well as a wide variety of authentic Alaskan items, including but not limited to silver & gold jewelry in traditional native design as well as local native art, pelts, carving and art prints. Once in the door, you're hooked! It's a shoppers dream on any budget!

2010 Craig/Klawock King Salmon Derby is underway. 2010 Craig/Klawock King Salmon Derby is underway. This operation serves as a film drop and offers the only Kodak Picture Maker on the island, great for those eye catching last minute enlargements as well as a full service custom matting & frame center.

A wonderful selection of holiday themed gifts and supplies are always well received.



Alaska Gifts carries a nice supply of party goods including cards and candles even Alaskan chocolates and of course locally smoked canned salmon. Well established 11+yrs. Currently open 7days a week, year round.

Owner looking to semi- retire but will still do jewelry repair.

Serious inquiries only. Please email aplacetostay@aptalaska.net

Razz Ma Tazz Hair Salon for Sale

Well established, Single operator,
family style salon. Contents and inventory.

Turn –Key operation.

Centrally located in Downtown Craig.

West Wind Plaza Mall

Serious inquiries only, please call 907-826-5900



14. DERBY NEWS

THE THORNE BAY KING SALMON DERBY NEWS

The Thorne Bay King Salmon Derby is "Going On NOW" until July 18th! Ticket holders have a chance at over \$10,000. in prizes and cash this year. The first weekend was Memorial Weekend and several special prizes were awarded. The first King Caught was by Donnie Alsup, he won the Trip for two on the IFA and Dinner at the Landing in Ketchikan. Pam Nelson caught the first King by a woman and receives a handmade basket donated by Barbara Allred and Cordless Scissors from Madison Lumber and Hardware. Bob Hartwell brought in the biggest King for the Memorial Weekend and will receive the Berkley Rod donated by Log Cabin Sports.

The Derby Standings as of June 1st are as follows with only Adults turning in KINGS. 1st Bob Hartwell 28.20lb, 2nd Lee Burger 27.95lb, 3rd Pam Nelson 26.70lb, 4th Wes Chaco 22.30lb, and 5th Donnie Alsup 17.30lb. It is time to get out fishing!

There are prizes for 5 places on the Adult King Salmon Ladder, 3 places on the Adult Halibut and Snapper, and 3 places on the Childrens King, and 2 places on Halibut and Snapper. For Anglers that are not lucky enough to register a winning fish, there will be an opportunity to win lots of prizes at the Awards Potluck Dinner on July 23rd. The Bay Company of Craig and the Derby Committee have teamed up to give away a Yamaha T9.9 outboard to a lucky derby ticket holder that attends the Awards Dinner.

Derby tickets are available in 5 locations; The Port, The Port's Tackle Shack, Riptide Liquor, Thorne Bay A&P Market and McFarland's FLOATEL. You will be a winner by just buying your ticket as it comes with a great monogrammed floating key fob with the 1st 140 tickets sold. Again this year, a percentage of the proceeds will be donated to the Thorne Bay Emergency Medical Squad; the Thorne Bay Volunteer Fire Department; and the Thorne Bay Advisory School Council (extracurricular school activities/travel). The amount of the donation depends on donations and ticket sales.

Get out and buy that ticket and join in the fun for some good causes. Each person in the boat must have a Thorne Bay King Salmon Derby ticket or be covered by a family ticket. Derby tickets must be purchased by **residents** twelve hours prior to weigh in of a fish. **Visiting non-residents do not need to purchase a Salmon Derby Ticket 12 hours in advance.**

Watch the Island News or go to the calendar on www.thornebayalaska.net for the Monday updates each week.

First Season of the 2010 Craig/Klawock King Salmon Derby is underway. \$17,000 in cash prizes is in play!

Sponsored by the Prince of Wales Hatchery Association, the derby has two seasons. The first one began on May 1st and ends on June 30th. The second season goes from July 1st to August 15th. Each season will feature three place prizes: \$2000 for 1st place, \$1000 for 2nd place, and \$500 for 3rd place. It's all about weight! Salmon Derby tickets are available from lodges, from the Chamber office, Black Bear Store and other locations to be announced. They are \$35 for individuals, \$100 for immediate family and if someone wants to support the Hatchery and get in on the **\$10,000 grand prize** drawing at the end of the summer, but not wet a line, you can purchase that ticket for just \$20. Fishermen must have the ticket in their possession when the fish is caught.....no pre-existing conditions are recognized in this event!

The leader board at Black Bear Store is kept current. As of the morning of June 4th, Jack Kato was on the top with a King weighing 36.3 lbs, followed by Julie Horpestad at 35.3, Jimmy Anderson at 31.8 and Laura Wilson at 28.9.

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