

Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association

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RE: Winning Raffle Ticket Alaska Day

Thank you so much for the box of fish! My husband and I spent the summer riding our bicycles from the Atlantic Ocean in Virginia to the Pacific in Oregon. On our way home we flew from OR to Sitka to visit our daughter and her family and to celebrate Alaska Day. We usually fish for reds but weren't home this summer so we were coming home to an empty freezer. What a treat the box of fish you sent was!

You will be happy to know that you have changed my thinking. I thought that if I had salmon in the freezer I shouldn't buy other fish. Consequently I almost always order fish when I eat out. Since we received the rock fish, cod, halibut and white king from you I have decided not to treat salmon as fish but as salmon. I've decided that if I'm ready for a change from salmon it does not make sense that it needs to be meat or poultry. If I'm not eating salmon for that meal anyway why not get rock fish if that's what I want? Besides, although we are limited in Alaska on the locavore theme, I'd rather buy Alaska wild fish than Kansas beef (most of the time).

Twice during our journey I couldn't help myself and, in the middle of the country, ordered what was purported to be Alaska Wild Salmon. Alaska Wild Salmon it may have been but they overcooked it both times. My husband, on the other hand, fared better with the halibut he ordered.

My husband pan-seared the white salmon you sent and it was just delicious. I deep-fried the halibut in a very light batter made with egg whites, no yolks. Last time I tried it, the fish was too dry and I realized it was a matter of the quality of the fish. This melted in your mouth.

While I enjoy branching out on the cooking of fishes at home, I will continue to order them when I eat at a restaurant where they know how to cook fish. (The Brewhouse in downtown Anchorage is a good place.) The wallet information card is very handy and is in my wallet.

We hope you made lots of money on the raffle!

Thank You!

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