



WWM Stool Pigeon

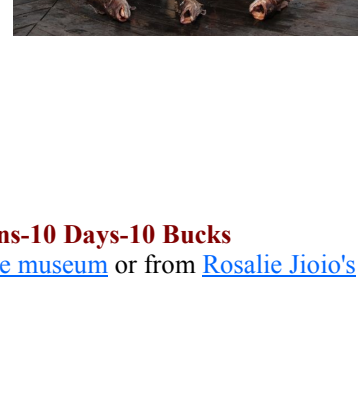
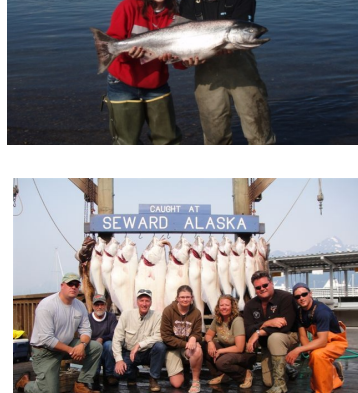
Museum Supporters Experience the Nushagak River & the Bay of Alaska

It was yet another great year of annual King salmon sport fishing with Hodge's Outfitter's. There was great fun, fishing & company in one of the most amazing natural settings. Katie Phelps managed to bring in a 34 pounder, best in her group...and possibly of the season in camp. Young and old enjoyed the unseasonably warm temps as we drifted the Nushagak River for Chinook in our shorts and tees. The fish were more difficult to catch with the warmer temps, but they still became catch after a bit more time and effort.

The fishing continued as we traveled onto Seward, Alaska and into the Bay of Alaska. An all day fishing charter just off the tip of Montague Island we managed to bring back the best catch of halibut and ling cod in days.

HURRY! WWM SEPTEMBER '09 GUN TICKET- 10 Guns-10 Days-10 Bucks
Our September Gun Tickets are still available by [contacting the museum](#) or from [Rosalie Jioio's Little Italy](#). Not Much time left.

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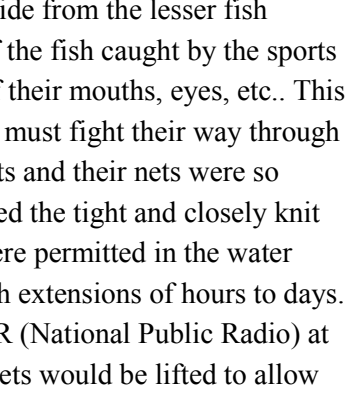
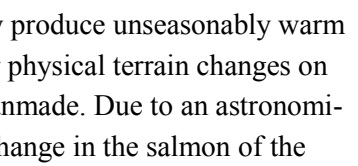
Family Pistol Certification Class

The Shasko family attended the WWM Pistol certification course. Mr. Shasko was accompanied by his 3 teenage daughters, his wife and his mother-in-law. They all choose to take the course to ensure knowledge and safety for all of them. The top two reasons for concern being that: (1) *Guns are kept within their home* (2) *teenage daughters with the eldest soon leaving home for college and entering new settings and situations without parental guidance at times*. As the course progressed the realization that the revolvers were a better fit for the women became evident. The semi-automatics tend to need a stronger hand and the actions can be more complicated without regular practice. All appreciated the experience and knowledge gained with their certifications.



WWM Fish Management Program

Bring on the fish! The fish management program has moved through many phases these past 2 months: permit receipt, reclamation, clearing, excavating, building and finally a perfect home awaiting the fish. Soon we will be stocking the pond. This will offer the ideal setting for a tool to explore, monitor and experience our native Pennsylvanian fish. We plan to incorporate this tool into the museum's education programs, as well as, the WWM Scout Merit Badge Program.



The effects...

There is a noticeable change in the environment and politics that surround the area of the Bristol Bay in Alaska. Although the environment may produce unseasonably warm weather, a lesser amount of salmon and even a few minor physical terrain changes on the Nushagak...the most noticeable changes are solely manmade. Due to an astronomical amount of commercial fishing there was an obvious change in the salmon of the river this season. The most disturbing evidence of this, aside from the lesser fish count, was the scarring and altered appearance of most of the fish caught by the sports fishermen. Some fish we caught were missing portions of their mouths, eyes, etc.. This was a result of the numerous tangle of nets that these fish must fight their way through to continue there instinctive run up river. The fishing boats and their nets were so plentiful in the Bristol Bay that from the air they resembled the tight and closely knit boxes of a crossword puzzle. The times that these nets were permitted in the water were often changed to benefit the commercial fishing with extensions of hours to days. It was frustrating each morning as we would listen to NPR (National Public Radio) at the start of each day hoping that it would be the day the nets would be lifted to allow the salmon to return to their runs up river.

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