

USA States Camped - 49



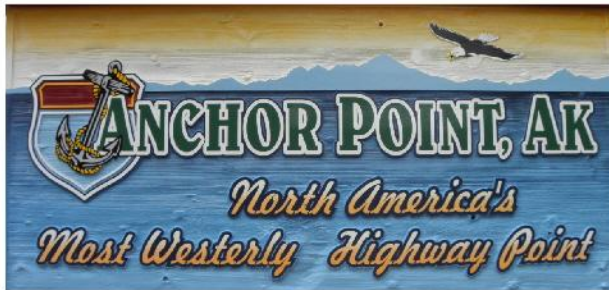
## 2011 Alaska and Western Canada RV Trip Enjoy life now-it has an expiration date!

Canada Provinces Camped - 3



Stop #37 - Kyllonen's RV Park,  
Anchor Point (Homer), Alaska

**Anchor Point, Alaska - "Most Westerly Highway Point in North America"**



Kyllonen's RV Park (pronounced Cologne - en) is a Finnish name, even though it might look Irish. The park sits about 500 feet from the most westerly highway point in North America. So... we have also been to the southernmost USA [Key West], Easternmost USA [Maine], and, no, we will not be going to the northernmost point - Grin!

**...Homer, Halibut and the "Spit"...**



The view [below panorama] from the top of the overlook near Homer is spectacular and breathtaking and is not to be missed, with the mountains in the background, and the Homer "Spit" extending out into the bay in the center. Homer is definitely the Halibut Fishing Capital of the World and the "Spit" is where all the action takes place [upper right] and the crowds this time of year make it a fun place to be. At the end of the Spit is a memorial [top center] to all the lost Seamen of Homer.

...Bald Eagles...



The American national bird, the Bald Eagle [above], is definitely a popular photo opportunity on the Kenai Peninsula. On one of my walks to the beach area, one of them called me over - Grin - and proceeded to give me sequential poses of his right side, directly facing me, left side, then, being bored with me, he turned around and flew away, making sure to stay in range of my camera. In downtown Homer, we captured Mom [left] in her nest.

...It's a Moose, it's a Moose...



On our way into the RV park we came on a female moose [bottom center] and her two young [bottom right], but they got skittish and all I got was their butts as they ran away.

However, patience is rewarded in photography, and the next day during a walk, a moose [top row and bottom left] came close to where I was walking and I snapped many pictures of this small female who is still losing her winter coat. For my British readers, I understand this largest member of the deer family is called an elk over there. Several stops from now, we will be in Denali and hope to see them with their new shiny spring wardrobe.

## A day in our life in Anchor Point



We were able to walk along the Old Sterling Highway [the main route has been moved away from this area] to the beach along the Cook Inlet. While taking a picture of the immature bald eagle at the bottom of the page, I noticed that they do EVERYTHING BIG [above sequence] in Alaska. This CAT road grader was being used to bring boats in and out over the soft tidal sand - \$60 for a round trip.



When I returned from my walk, some fellow long-term RVers in the park had caught several 25 to 30 pound halibut, and were filleting them [above left] at the campground cleaning station. They have been coming to Alaska every other year to get their fair share of fresh halibut and salmon. One obstacle getting to the park is a 13'2" bridge [above right] that's barely wide enough for two compact cars. We crossed - in the middle - carefully and slowly - since our roof A/C units top out just below 13'.



The funny funnel-looking thing [above left] is a rotating fish trap used to estimate the number of Coho (aka Silver) and Chinook (aka King) salmon smolts leaving the Anchor River. Smolts are typically 6 months to 3 years old when they leave for the ocean, depending on type. Coho salmon leaving in 2011 will return from the ocean in the fall of 2012 to spawn. Chinook salmon will typically stay 3 to 5 years in the ocean before returning to the exact location of their birth to spawn. An immature bald eagle [above right] - brown with specks of white - will turn to black and white at about 5 years old.

**Tom, Sally and Valentine - The TropiCal Trio  
Next Stop - Big Bear RV Park, Wasilla, Alaska**