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ALASKA - - PART 2

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Early Autumn in the Chugach Mountains, Kenai Peninsula, Alaska
(approx. 15 miles north of Seward)

Dusk at Kachemak Bay, Homer, Alaska

Dusk at Resurection Bay, Seward, Alaska

As stated last month, I finally returned to my beloved Alaska this past September, and in last month's Newsletter, Alaska - - Part 1, I concentrated on Alaska's Interior. Specifically, I focused on Denali National Park and Preserve. If you'd like to see Part 1, please click on the following link:

Alaska - - Part 1

This month, in Part 2, I focus on Alaska's vast coastline. I use the word "vast". I could have used words like enormous, limitless or almost immeasurable. How does one describe just how vast Alaska's coastline is? It truly boggles the mind.

Alaska's coastline is made up from three (3) different seas: Arctic Ocean, Pacific Ocean and the Bering Sea. Its shoreline's is 33,900 miles in length, greater than all the other 49 States combined. The estimated tidal shoreline, including all of Alaska's 2,600 islands, inlets, sounds and bays, adds up to a staggering 47,300 miles.

Obviously with 3 major seas, and thousands of miles of coastline, the commercial fishing industry is huge and significant to Alaska's economy. Alaska produces about 60% of the total U.S. seafood harvests and directly employs nearly 60,000 workers. The fisheries of Alaska are recognized as some of the best managed in the world, largely because their long-term success is due to Alaska's constitutionally mandated commitment to sustainable management practices, which ensures that all commercially harvested seafood species are sustainable for both current and future generations.

In addition to recreational fishing, Alaska's abundant coastline provide endless recreational opportunities, such as boating, hiking and sightseeing. For example, there are 11 coastal national parks, preserves, monuments and national historical parks.

Specifically, this September, I revisited the port cities of Seward and Homer. Seward is located on the southeast side of the infamous Kenai Peninsula, located south of Anchorage, and Homer on the southwest side of the Peninsula. Seward is located in Resurrection Bay and Homer is located in Kachemak Bay and both are surrounded by oceans and magnificent scenery, including mountains that meet the ocean's shoreline, glaciers, rivers, waterfalls, rich forests, and abundant sea and wildlife. Both cities truly offer endless recreational and photographic opportunities.

I now put a wrap on my newsletters relating to my September trip to Alaska. Although I never know when I'll return again, I always have the same thoughts upon leaving, "I sure hope it's soon", and once again, "there just wasn't enough time".

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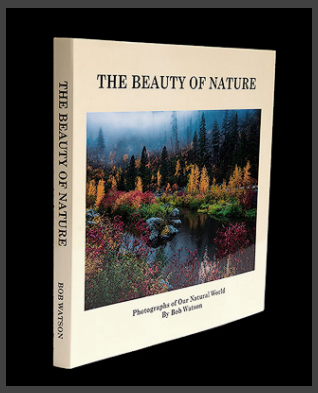

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