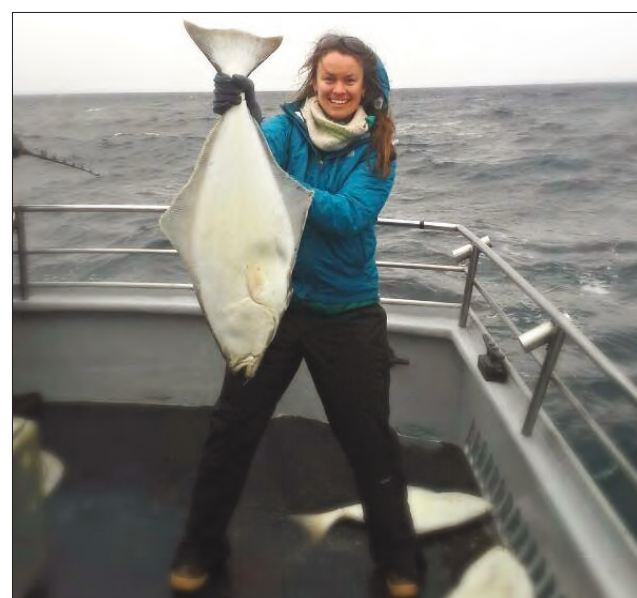


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HALIBUT FISHING off the shores of Homer. I've rarely exposed myself to the slimy creatures of the world — definitely more of a furry puppy kind of person. At left, the Alcan Highway.

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to see what sticks. Next stop: Svalbard, an island north of Norway with over 3,000 polar bears. This is my job now — exposing tourists to polar bears and penguins in polar regions. After my short contract, I'll spend some time backpacking around Norway and Iceland.

This year is becoming either the first year of the rest of my life, or a really pleasant and eye-opening third-life crisis. I'm enjoying the ride and am curiously excited to see where it might lead.

In the meantime, if you happen to get the Polar Bug as well, you can park your car-home next to mine and we can give each other therapy.

Additional Alaska notes:

The Alcan Highway (top left). Officially 1,387 miles from Dawson Creek, B.C., to Delta Junction, Alaska. From Hood River it was about 2,400 miles. Mountains, bears, bison and more helped the miles pass. On the side of the road in Yukon: when I pulled over to take a picture, Mollie-dog saw a Dahl sheep clinging to the cliff side some 10 feet in front of us. They had a stare off, I snapped this pic, then we were back to the road.

Halibut fishing off the shores of Homer. (top right) I've rarely exposed myself to the slimy creatures of the world — definitely more of a furry puppy kind of person. I did this as a sort of test of my fortitude — will I hold a big slimy fish as it flops around? Will I care about witnessing its death for my dining pleasure? Still up for debate, but it felt good to put on my big girl panties and try something new.



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RADIO VOICE Jeff Skye accepts his certificate from Belinda Ballah.

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