

# Father's fishing skill tips earns Sitka girl education

The fishing skills taught to an 18-year-old Sitka woman by her father years ago have helped her earn some of the money needed to pay for a college education.

Lisa Williams says her father, Frank O. Williams taught her to fish. "Whatever I do right, I owe to my father. He taught me how to fish."

Last week, those instructions paid off when Lisa brought in a 59.6 pound king salmon to claim the Sitka Sportsman's Association Salmon Derby. She won top prize money \$3,000 for her catch.

She says she plans to use the money to help pay for a college education at Central Washington University where she plans to major in business administration. She works at the MacDonald's

Work and Rugged Gear Store.

She said she caught her prize winner after a 10-minute fight. She said the fish catch came in an odd way.

Right after hauling in a dolly varden, she rebaited and dropped the hook in the water. The line sunk six feet and stopped moving. "I told my father there must be something wrong but then it started running."

Lisa was fishing with her father, mother, and brother near Long Island. She also caught a 10.4 pound salmon and a 9-pound salmon during the derby.

Her win for catching the biggest salmon is not the first time Lisa has placed among the winners at the Sitka Derby. When she was 15, Lisa won prize mon-

ey for catching the largest total pounds of fish. The Derby is a two-weekend event held in late May.

Lisa caught the fish in the first weekend of the derby.

Other winners in the competition were Robert Ozawa, with a 51-pounder; Norman V. Wilson, 49.8 pounds; Paul Fredrick, 49.6 pounds; Albert Frank Jr., 48 pounds; George Howard, 43.8 pounds; Jeanne Stolberg, 41.4 pounds; Scott Stahla, 41.4 pounds; Gary Bauer, 40 pounds, 10 ounces; and Robert Carlson, 39.8 pounds.

Some 3,000 pounds of salmon were turned in during the two-weekend derby. Derby chairman Larry Ross called the turnout "fantastic."



Lisa Williams and her prize catch.