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BAHAMAS SANDY POINT

GREAT ABACO ISLAND

"The wind's force had not yet collected itself - it was a perfectly calm morning. A single cloud boiled out of the horizon like a giant fortress. The thunderhead's reflection was carried all the way back to me by the glassy sheen of the ocean's surface. Our concentration was held by a school of bonefish nervously headed our way. Occasionally, they would stop briefly to forage. Their tails would pop to the surface and dart back and forth looking like a fleet of miniature sailboats tacking feverishly into the wind. As the bonefish got closer, one tail seemed to loom above the others. So much for quiet contemplation. I false casted once, then twice, then released my fly on a trajectory that pierced the oily surface only inches away from the spot where I had last seen the biggest tail. Before I could even start my retrieve, my line shot out and I was on the reel. Line started to melt off my reel and I prepared myself for a major battle, but just as suddenly the fish stopped and I began to retrieve line. After another

very short run, I landed a 2 pound bonefish. "Nice job" Patrick said, a big smile spreading across his Bahamian face. "You managed to catch the smallest fish in the school."

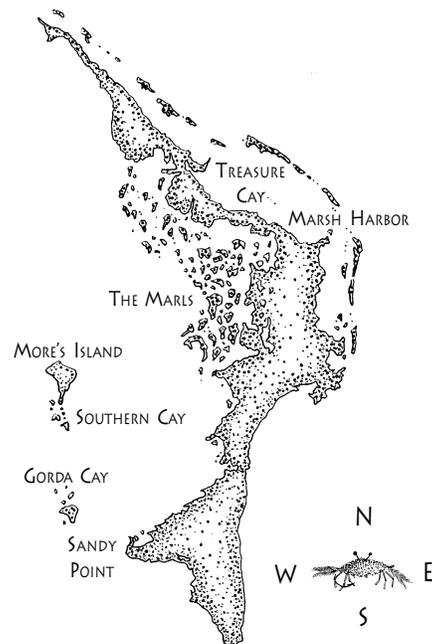
Some days humility and honesty are simply forced upon you".

Sandy Point has fished extremely well this winter and spring despite some high winds at certain times. Those fisherman that have avoided the winds often boast twenty plus fish days and almost every group catches a 6-10 pound monster during their stay. The guides Patrick, Derek, Anthony, and Kendall are all receiving rave reviews. Sandy Point continues to be one of the best bargains in the bonefishing world. **Dick Brown in *Saltwater Fly Fishing Feb/March 1997, named Sandy Point as one of the world's seven best bonefishing destinations.*** Judging by the number of repeat clients we have for Sandy Point, many of you must agree.

We are very pleased with the improvement of the food service at Sandy Point. Over the winter, with

the help of many of our clients, we have made menu suggestions. These suggestions have been taken to heart - our goal is to have everyone be pleased both with the quality and quantity of food service in the dining room. We encourage your suggestions and will do everything we can to make your stay an enjoyable experience.

As many of you know, Patrick Roberts, our head guide at Sandy Point, broke his leg this winter while playing basketball. After a long, difficult winter, Patrick seems to be finally on the mend, and he plans to be guiding full-time again this fall. We wish Patrick a speedy recovery. If you so wish, drop Patrick a line at: GPO Sandy Point, Abaco Bahamas.



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MONTANA

BLUE RIBBON TROUT WATERS

“What I thought I saw must have been due to dehydration. An apparition brought on by too much exposure to this hot Montana sun. I would swear I saw a fish rise and inspect something that had drifted by its lie at river’s edge. I was on a very small, little spring creek, a creek so small I could almost jump across it at many places. The water was crystal clear and flowing silently over a bed of sandy silt and ancient rock. To find a fish in this small a stream was, of course, not unusual, but it was the apparent size of the fish that taxed my imagination. What I saw was as long as my forearm - granted I’m not a big man, but my forearm is 18” and this fish was bigger than that.

I stared at the spot a long time, hoping for a repeat performance that would either confirm my sighting, or dispel my perceptual ravings. Nothing, no rise, no shadows, nothing to help explain what I thought I had seen. If there was a fish, it was tight to the bank, under the overhanging vegetation, just waiting, as was I, for the next bug to float by.

As my patience quickly drained away, I tied on a small hopper, climbed quietly down the bank, and stripped line off my reel. I trailed line downstream measuring the distance, then turned and, with heart pounding, made two false casts, trying to quickly measure both distance and trajectory. The fly landed upstream of my spot, but noisily and too far to the right. I didn’t dare cast again, so I waited for the hopper to drift past the “fish.”

What happened next was what can only be described as one of those moments that you know you will remember forever. The kind of angling moment that fly fishermen in their eighties recount and we all take for mere exaggerations brought on by time and the kindness of memory.

From under the moss came a brown trout of such dimensions that my heart literally raced to keep up with my eyes. Huge, thick, relaxed and confident, the big brown inhaled a half-cup of water, leaving a blank sheen on the surface where my fly had been. I reflexively raised my rod tip - I was much too addled at this point for conscious thought - and the handle came firm at about mid arc.

The huge fish raced upstream, making a long slashing run, then stopped and rooted his nose on the bottom; he then turned to the stream’s bank, seeking a hiding spot in the thick moss. I pulled hard on the rod, and slowly coaxed him from the weeds, wishing I had used a 4x instead of 5x

Bob’s Bonefish Buster



Hook: Mustad 34007 Size 6

Thread: Yellow

Legs: Light grey rubber legs (6)

Tail: Gold Crystal Flash

Body: Gold Diamond Braid.

Crystal Flash may also be substituted.

Eyes: Chrome bead chain

Head: Medium yellow chenille

Tying procedures

Tie from tail to head in the usual manner with oversize lengths of tail and legs. When tying is complete, trim tail and legs to proper length about 1.5 to 2 times the overall length of the hook. Finally, color the terminal quarter inch of each leg bright red with a permanent marker felt pen.

Fishing hint

Cast. Step back. Protect yourself at all times! Good fishing!

Submitted by:

Robert F. Muller, Sun City, AZ

Ginger Epoxy Gotcha



Hook: TMC 8115 or equivalent

Thread: Mono Thread

Eyes: Small silver bead chain

Carapace Form: Small mylar tubing

Tail: Same mylar as Carapace

Body: 5 minute epoxy

Wing: Tan calf tail or tan craft fur with ginger hackle tips

Nose: Pink floss coated lightly with 5 minute epoxy

Tying procedures

1. Tie on eyes with mono thread
2. Tie mylar around eyes and attach at back for tail. (See diag.)
3. Epoxy body.
4. Attach wing and hackle tips.
5. Epoxy head.

This is an extremely durable gotcha pattern that bonefish seem to love. We can personally attest to over 10 fish caught on one fly with no apparent damage done to the fly. The epoxy seems to give the fly a weight and transparency that bonefish seem unable to resist.

Submitted by:

Steve Macciocchi, Earlyville, VA

tippet. He turned and headed downstream directly at me. I backed out of the stream and, using his momentum, landed him half submerged onto a little, shallow, sandy bar. The big fish didn’t move - he was gigantic, 23” and broad. His gill plates continued to suck in water, but his tail was too shallow to get any purchase for escape. I quickly measured him and turned him around to point his head upstream. I didn’t want to let him go - I knew this was a moment you would be hard-pressed to ever repeat. But the big brown flapped his tail twice and settled the issue. I stood there in that spot beside a clear, little spring creek on a hot September day, under a blue Montana sky, and shook my head at the wonder of it all”

I’m often asked where I would go if I had a few days or even a week to trout fish. Where would be the best water, the most water, the biggest fish, the fewest people. Well, this year I found the answer.

In the southwestern corner of Montana, lies a valley surrounded by the high peaks of the Beaverhead National Forest and the Ruby Mountains. Within minutes driving time of this valley, lies many of the top blue ribbon trout streams in

America. The Ruby, the Upper and Lower Beaverhead, the Big Hole, the Jefferson, as well as numerous spring creeks and private ponds.

The magnificent Five Rivers Lodge is nestled among the rolling hills of this gorgeous valley and is situated for best access to these superb trout streams. The Five Rivers Lodge has all the amenities you would expect from a first class operation. Your meals will be taken, at your convenience, in a spacious dining room that boasts a magnificent view of the "Big Sky" country. The meals are superb (best described as healthy gourmet); they rival anything I have had at any other lodge ever. All the guides are very experienced, friendly, and quite skilled at finding fish and helping their clients catch them. Along with wonderful accommodations, the Five Rivers Lodge has everything in place to comfortably and successfully fish a wide variety of Montana's least crowded waters.

A bit more about the fishing: The lodge has access to four miles of a spring creek, four and one-half miles of the Lower Beaverhead, and several private ponds. All these private waters are within ten minutes of the lodge. It is not uncommon to hook 8-10 fish over 20" per day on the spring creek. Many of the fish spotted are 24"-26". To insure continued quality fishing, the spring creek and Lower Beaverhead are each divided into seven sections. Two anglers may fish each section only once every seven days.

Five Rivers Lodge's private ponds are home to very large, feisty rainbows, ranging from 3-6 pounds. Fifteen to twenty fish days per angler are common with many days in the thirty plus category recorded.

Five Rivers Lodge also has private access to four and one-half miles of the Ruby River. This may be one of the best small river fisheries for wading in Montana. Rod fees on the

spring creek, the Lower Beaverhead, the private ponds, and the Ruby River are \$50 per day per person. (Fees are passed directly to the ranch owners.)

The lodge also has exclusive access to six and one-half miles of the Big Hole, and five miles of the middle section of the Upper Beaverhead. In addition to these private waters, the Big Hole, the Upper Beaverhead, and the Jefferson rivers are all within fifteen to thirty minutes of the lodge.

You could basically fish your brains out every day, all summer and still not cover the available water. Many returning fisherman who have fished all over the world, including Alaska and New Zealand, rate the Five Rivers Lodge as the finest of them all. The lodging, food, atmosphere, and hospitality are second to none. The fishing is the best you will find in Montana and some of the best available in the world today.

STINGER RABBIT

THIS BARRACUDA FLY PATTERN WAS SENT TO US BY OUR GOOD FRIEND, CHUCK ASH, OF ANCHORAGE AK. CHUCK IS ONE OF THE MOST ACCOMPLISHED OF THE ALASKAN GUIDES, AND WITH HIS COMPANY, BRIGHTWATER ALASKA, RUNS FLOAT TRIPS ON MANY OF ALASKA'S BEST RIVERS.

"HERE'S A PROTO BARRACUDA BUNNY FLY THAT I TESTED IN SANDY POINT WITH GOOD RESULTS. THE FIRST 'CUDA TOOK IT AND SPIT IT OUT ON THE FIRST JUMP. THE 'CUDA CRUISED EASILY PAST ME AFTER HE THREW THE FLY. A SECOND CAST SAW HIM TURN ON THE FLY AND ENGULF IT PLUS THE 4" WIRE LEADER, WHICH IMMEDIATELY CUT ME OFF. THE NEXT TIME I THREW TO ONE WAS AT MORE'S. THIS GUY WAS LARGE AND HAD AN ATTITUDE. HE RIPPED THE FLY, RIPPED LINE FROM MY REEL AND IMMEDIATELY THREW A BACKLASH INTO A SPOOL THAT I WAS SURE HAD TOO MUCH DRAG TO START WITH AND WAS PUSHING THE LEADER TO THE MAX. THE INITIAL SLAM DIDN'T SEPARATE THE LEADER, BUT WHEN THE FISH HIT THE END OF THE BACKLASH, THINGS WENT ASUNDER IN AN INSTANT. GIVE ME A REPORT ON HOW THEY WORK FOR YOU. I'M GONNA TIE SOME SMALLER ONES FOR FLORIDA SNOOK".



Hook: 34007 # 2,4, OR 1/0 (CAN PUT A SMALLER ONE UP FRONT & LARGER IN BACK)

Thread: 3/0 LIME MONOCORD

Wire Connector: MASON NYLOSTRAND 45 POUND NYLON COATED BRAIDED WIRE (STAINLESS)

Body: CHARTREUSE EVERGLOW TUBING (OR SUBSTITUTE)

Wing: CHARTREUSE ZONKER STRIP

Eyes: DOLL EYES, PAINTED EYES OR STICK-ON EYES.

TYING INSTRUCTIONS

1. CUT EYE OFF HOOK, LAY THREAD BASE ALONG LENGTH OF HOOK SHANK.
2. TIE STRAND OF WIRE CONNECTOR TO TOP OF HOOK WITH TYING THREAD, LEAVING ONE-HALF INCH SECTION OF WIRE EXTENDING BEYOND BACK OF HOOK. WHEN WIRE IS ATTACHED WITH THREAD, BEND

THE TAG END FORWARD AND LASH IT TO HOOK SHANK BESIDE THE FIRST WRAP OF WIRE. LEAVE THREAD AT BACK, COAT WIRE AND WRAPS WITH HEAD CEMENT.

3. SLIDE TUBING OVER WIRE AND REAR HOOK. TIE BACK END OF TUBING TO REAR END OF HOOK, ADD DAB OF CEMENT THEN TIE IN BACK OF ZONKER STRIP, FINISH, CUT.
4. DETERMINE PLACEMENT OF FRONT HOOK, THEN POKE IT THROUGH TUBING WITH FRONT HOOK. YOU'LL PROBABLY HAVE TO TRIM SOME OF THE FRONT OF THE TUBING AWAY TO EXPOSE WIRE FOR THE NEXT STEP.
5. LAY THREAD BASE ON FRONT HOOK, WRAP THREAD OVER WIRE LAID ON TOP OF HOOK (TO JUST BEHIND EYE) & CEMENT. WRAP THREAD BACK TO CAPTURE AND SECURE FRONT OF TUBING OVER POINT OF HOOK, THEN PULL ZONKER STRIP FORWARD AND TIE IN AT THE SAME PLACE.
6. WRAP THREAD BACK AND FORTH OVER HOOK SHANK AND END OF TUBING TO CREATE HEAD TAPER, FINISH HEAD AND APPLY LIGHT COAT OF 5 MINUTE EPOXY.
7. PAINT ON, GLUE, OR OTHERWISE APPLY EYES.
8. APPLY SECOND COAT OF EPOXY OVER HEAD.
9. GLUE ZONKER STRIP TO TOP OF TUBING WITH SUPER GLUE.

BELIZE RIVER LODGE

BELIZE, CENTRAL AMERICA

If you've ever thought about pursuing tarpon or are one of the lucky few that has successfully trailed this mighty fish, you probably know that a thousand things can go wrong, and often do. Poor technique, lackadaisically tied knots, or mediocre equipment are often recipes for failure. To successfully boat a tarpon, nearly everything has to go right, and the first "right" thing you must do, before all the others, is select an area that has lots of tarpon, tracked by great guides using proper boats and equipment.

Let us introduce you to Belize River Lodge. Belize River Lodge is located on the Belize River only 15 minutes from the Belize International Airport. The lodge, its location carved from the lush tropical foliage of the jungle, is well situated to access some of the best saltwater fly and light tackle opportunities in the world. From the lodge you have a great variety of both settings and species. You can pursue tarpon and snook in the jungle rivers and creeks and also along the Belize coastline. If permit and bonefish are your quarry, you'll spend your time among the mangrove channels and coastal flats. Barracuda and snapper are found on the reefs and in the cuts between channels.

There are two ways to fish those areas from Belize River Lodge. The

first is to stay in the beautiful lodge and enjoy the superb dining and service that our clients, to a person, have raved about. If you choose this option you'll leave daily with experienced, professional, English-speaking guides who are known for fishing hard and late if you so desire. Their boats are well maintained and perfect for these waters.

For a more personalized and adventuresome (although a bit more expensive) fishing experience, the second option is to stay aboard one of the lodge's 3 cabin cruisers that accommodate groups from 2-6 people and range in size from 42-58 feet. Your guide travels with you and tows his skiff behind the cruiser. If permit are you quarry, you'll cruise south in search of this elusive and legendary fish. If you wish to fish for tarpon or bonefish or snorkel the reef, simply tell your crew and your needs will be accommodated. Travel comfortably to remote locations that can only be accessed by these motor yachts. Each cruiser is air conditioned and carries safe drinking water. Customize your trip as you wish, and take your meals (whether at the lodge or on board) around fishing times. You can fish to your hearts content each and every day.

Whether you chose to stay at the tropical lodge or retire to the luxurious setting of your "floating resort", we know you will be delighted with

Belize River Lodge. Belize River Lodge is also an excellent place to bring companions who are a little less avid about fishing. Eco-tours, Mayan ruins, and excellent wildlife viewing are all within easy reach. We heartily recommend Belize River Lodge and encourage you to call us for more details and a free brochure.

CROOKED ACKLINS ISLAND UPDATE

BAHAMAS

In late April and Early May, Angling Destinations visited these Islands to check out some new fishing opportunities and reacquaint ourselves with some existing operations. Here is our report.

GREY'S POINT INN

Power lines snaking north were the first visible reminder of a new government administration's effects on these outermost of Bahamian out-islands. It was great to be back on Acklins Islands and the 30 minute drive on very bumpy roads didn't bother me a bit. We were a group of 4. Including me, there was John Pinto, one of the owners of Grey's Point Inn, and his two friends, Mike and Gail Conrad from Michigan. I was finally going to make it to the north end of Acklins and I was very excited about the possibilities.

The comfortable Grey's Point van pulled into the driveway of the inn

Days of the Full Moon, 1997/1998

September 16

December 14

March 12

June 9

October 16

January 12

April 11

July 9

November 14

February 11

May 11

August 7

and we were greeted with a commanding view of an extensive flats system bordered on the east by the "big blue" of the open ocean. We rigged rods, slathered on sunscreen and piled into canoes. We paddled 200 yards across a small cut to a beautiful flat that I had noticed from the lodge. I almost immediately saw a bonefish sitting beneath a lip while the tidal rush ripped overhead. "Just like a trout on a river" I mused, "waiting for its meal to float by." I casted to this fellow and he eagerly charged my fly. I strip struck and he was on only briefly as the fly made an early exit from his mouth. My next fish turned out to be a 7 lb. brute that I spooked while wading on this overcast afternoon. I casted over his fleeing form, he immediately stopped, turned and ate my fly. If this fellow was any indicator, we weren't chasing the most highly sophisticated or experienced bonefish in the Bahamas. I love big, dumb fish! Under poor light conditions, we quit early and soon enjoyed a wonderful meal of grey snapper and Bahamian rice before retiring.

The second and third day, I fished the flats surrounding Lovely Bay, a twenty minute car ride from the lodge. We spent almost a full day exploring the flats of The Going Through and the east end of Crooked Island. Big fish, lots of hookups and huge muds of smaller fish bode well for future explorations. I even had a permit charge my gotcha rigged to the end of my 8 weight rig. This 30 lb. monster would have made quick work of my back-ing. I had mixed emotions when I saw him dart away after coming up empty on my strip strike after he tailed on the gotcha. My favorite evening was fishing a flat directly across from the village at Lovely Bay. The sun was setting and very large 7-11 lb bonefish were tailing at low tide on this softly undulating flat. We caught a few and spooked too many in the failing light. I will never forget those huge glassy tails waving in the saturated light of the setting sun.

My last day was spent exploring north from Grey's Point towards Atwood Harbor. Every flat held fish and I managed to catch over 20 on one flat in a 22 hour period. John Pinto and I even managed to catch fish while we walked the boat across a shallow stretch at low tide. While guides Newton and Garin Williamson watched, we took shots at medium-sized bones cruising off the flats in the shallowing waters. The fishing at Grey's Point is extensive, relatively untouched, and my

Things to Consider

Attention doctors, lawyers, and dentists. Due to the overwhelming success of last May's BigHorn River seminar, we are repeating the seminar in May of 1998. This seminar will be held on the BigHorn River May 16 - 21, 1998. Many participants in this year's event rated the fishing as superb, and plan on attending next year. This seminar, held in conjunction with Classic Sports International, is once again timed to coincide with the Baetis mayfly hatch. This should prove to be an excellent angling experience. If you like large rainbows and browns (over 7,000 fish per mile) on dry flies, then give us a call. (Fifteen to forty fish days were common with the record brown measuring 22", and the record rainbow measuring 23" at this year's seminar.) Information on CME or CLE accreditation and tax deductibility available on request.



Thank you

Angling Destinations would like to thank the Pasadena Casting Club, the Santa Barbara Flyfishers, The Downey Flyfishers, and Conejo Valley Flyfishers for the gracious hospitality and warm welcome we received while speaking to your respective clubs last winter. We had a great time, made some great friends, and still remember our warm California welcome.



Thanks!

favorite kind, that is: hard-bottomed, white sand flats, bordered by deeper turquoise cuts and channels.

Grey's Point Inn is a wonderful place for the hard-core, adventuresome bonefishermen. It is not for everyone. With three bedrooms and a capacity for 6, the one-and-only bathroom is, at times, in constant use. The shower has no hot water. There is plenty of water to bathe, but this is a very arid island and the owners have decided not to provide hot water in an effort to conserve water. Each bedroom has a ceiling fan, but on still evenings this wasn't quite enough and a few no-see-ums found their way onto my exposed flesh. When power makes its way to this end of the island, Grey's Point will air-condition the entire lodge and this problem will be solved. Until then (probably this fall), be prepared for potentially muggy nights and a few bug bites. Otherwise, the rooms are neat, clean, and quite comfortable. Meals are terrific; simple Bahamian food, conch, snapper are served in addition to chicken, pork chops and steaks. There was always plenty of food at each meal. Bottled water is available for drinking and there was usually enough ice, although this was obviously

a difficult task to keep up on.

The guides ran from excellent to good. Fidel and Joe, out of Lovely Bay, had great fish sense, great eyes, and would pole all day if you wish. All the guides used Carolina skiffs and knew when to leave the boats to pursue fish on foot. Garin Williamson is learning to guide, but is great at finding fish. He just needs to learn some of the finer points.

If you are a dedicated flats fisherman willing to put up with some discomfort and/or inconveniences as a trade off for virgin flats and untouched bonefishing, then Grey's Point Inn is for you. Angling Destinations will be hosting a group to Grey's Point Inn in the spring of 1998. Please call for more details.

COMMANDER CHARTERS

In May, I was joined by Peter Herrick from Portland, Larry Pierce from Augusta, and Chuck Watson from Bozeman, MT. This was a repeat performance of last spring's trip to Acklins Island. (See newsletter 1996)

For the first 3 days we were buffeted by high winds, but everyone still managed to catch 10-25 fish per day. We fished from Snug Corner to The Going Through. The fishing was best on either sides of the low tide and virtually nonexistent at high tide. Then if you listened closely (and the wind wasn't blowing too hard) you could hear fish rooting and splashing deep in the flooded mangroves.

On the fourth day, we motored south to fish Roker Bay and Jamaica Cay. Pete Herrick caught 20 fish in three hours at Jamaica Cay - Larry

Pierce enticed a 13 lb bonefish (30 inches at the fork) to take his little maribou worm near Roker Bay. The fishing was good in the mornings then tapered off as the creeks warmed in the hot subtropical sun.

In spite of tougher weather conditions, this year the fishing was still remarkably good. On Acklins your perspective becomes skewered. A 10 fish day becomes mediocre when a 40 fish day is a distinct possibility. Bad days aren't really as bad as they seem when you add up the number of fish caught, it's just that 12 fish one day pales in comparison to a 25-30 fish day the day before.

Unfortunately, Dave Sloan and Commander Charters has called it quits for next year. Dave Sloan may be doing a land-based operation next year on Acklins - we will keep you informed about this development and others. If you would like a complete synopsis of all bonefishing activity on Crooked/Acklins Islands please give us a call and we'll fill you in.

NORTH RIDING POINT CLUB AND PELICAN BAY BONEFISHING

GRAND BAHAMA ISLAND

Both resorts, with easy access from Freeport, offer the opportunity for the busy executive to get away for a few days of excellent bonefishing without wasting valuable time traveling.

NORTH RIDING POINT CLUB

North Riding Point Club, although only 1 year old, most probably needs no introduction to our readers. The fishing on the north side of Grand Bahama Island has been great with the size of the fish continuing to sur-

prise visiting anglers. Everything else at North Riding Point Club is first class. The accommodations are comfortable and well appointed, the dining is five star with gourmet meals rivaling any stateside restaurant. The general atmosphere is reminiscent of the great fish camps of old. We heartily recommend North Riding Point Club. We encourage you to book early. North Riding Point Club was entirely sold out for much of the spring season and promises to do so again by late fall 1997.

PELICAN BAY

Pelican Bay offers equally easy access from Freeport and excellent fishing on the west end of Grand Bahama Island. This is a wonderful destination to bring non-angling companions with beaches, shopping and an abundance of good local restaurants available, as well as, excellent choices for evening entertainment.

The guides and boats at Pelican Bay are first class. This is a well run operation that does not offer out-island remoteness, but does offer great fishing within easy reach of the states. Our anglers are rating Pelican Bay Bonefishing a sure winner.

If we can offer one bit of advise for both North Riding Point Club and Pelican Bay Bonefishing, it is: **plan ahead and call us well in advance.** This is the best way to secure the dates that you want. March through May are already filling up and we expect these prime months to be completely booked by mid-fall. Look at your schedule and plan to escape to the Bahamas this winter/spring for some fantastic bonefishing at either of these

superb destinations.

LITTLE CREEK SOUTH ANDROS

After our first full spring on South Andros working with Andy and Stanley Bair, of Bair Bahamas Guest House, the verdict is an enthusiastic thumbs-up. Many of our fishermen have re-booked for 1998 and some of our well-traveled anglers think Little Creek is the best fishing opportunity available in the Bahamas today. If you are looking for a bonefish lodge that combines all the amenities with excellent guides and boats, then look no further. While less expensive than some of the other prestige camps, you will still receive the same personal service and attention to details. We heartily recommend Little Creek and encourage you to give it a try - if for no other reason than to sample their key lime pie!

EXPLORATORY TRIPS

We had a great time on our Long Island and Acklins Island bonefish trips this spring. Since these trips are filling up so early, we are going to try to present schedules for future trips well in advance of scheduled dates. The schedule for Angling Destinations' hosted exploratory trips for fall 1997 and spring/summer 1998 follows. Please call for complete details.



TREASURE CAY, ABACO ISLAND

BIG FISH SAFARI - NOV. 1-6, 1997

We will be staying at a private condominium by night and exploring the extensive flats that surround

Treasure Cay by day. We will explore north in the area where Little Abaco Island meets Great Abaco Island and south of Treasure Cay in the fabled marls. This promises to be a wonderful, exciting opportunity for bonefishermen that are willing to pass over school fish to seek out the monsters.

Limit 6 anglers. Cost \$1,500 for 5 nights/4 days fishing.



BULKLEY RIVER **BRITISH COLUMBIA**

OCTOBER 18-25, 1997

Fish the fabulous Bulkley River at a time when the surface "dry fly" action is at its hottest. The water in October is usually crystal clear and low. Delicate casting is not required, however, good presentation is. This is some of the best steelhead fishing in the world and you will come to understand why the Bulkley River has an international reputation.

Limit: 8. Cost \$3200.00



ACKLINS ISLAND

MAY 2-9, 1998

For many years now we've heard stories about the incredible fishing in the Hell's Gate and Lovely Bay areas of Acklins Island. It has always been very difficult to reach this area and equally difficult to find good guides. With both dilemmas solved by using Grey's Point Inn as a springboard, we intend to finally explore this area. Given the huge success of our Acklins Island live aboard, this trip promises

to be an exceptional experience.

Limit 5. Anglers cost \$1,995.00 for 7 nights/6 days fishing.



BIG HORN MOUNTAIN **HORSEPACK TRIP**

JULY 2-6, 1998

We will be horsepacking into Wyoming's Big Horn Mountains. We will be staying in rustic cow-camp cabins by night and exploring the fishing opportunities by day. The first and last night will be spent at the HF Bar Dude Ranch. We will have opportunities to catch rainbows, browns, brook trout, and cutthroats. There is much water to explore and we are looking forward to getting to some of the areas that we weren't able to reach in the summer of 1997.

Limit 8 anglers. Cost \$1,395 for 5 nights/4 days fishing.

ATTENTION **BIRDHUNTERS!**

We still have a few dates open in October, November, and December to hunt the incredible wild areas of south eastern Montana. What was once the land of the Plains Indians is now acre upon acre of wheat fields and grasslands cut by brush coulees: a perfect haven for pheasant, chukar, Hungarian partridge, and grouse. You can come for four days and never hunt the same ranch twice. We have leases on ranches near Red Lodge, Edgar, Pryor, and Lodge Grass, all prime bird habitat. Come hunt with us in the land of "The Big Sky."

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IN A WAY TO SATISFY SUCH CRITIQUES.

WHETHER YOU ARE SEARCHING FOR BONEFISH AND PERMIT IN SALT, PIKE AND WALLEYE IN CANADA, SALMON IN ALASKA OR TROUT IN THE ROCKIES, WE CAN DRAW ON OUR COMBINED YEARS OF

FISHING THE WORLD TO MEET YOUR NEEDS. OUR DESTINATIONS ARE UNIQUE. MANY ARE EXCLUSIVE TO US ... AND WE DON'T MIND SHARING.

WE HOPE YOU ENJOY THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS. THEY REPRESENT SOME OF THE ADVENTURES WE HAVE TO OFFER.