

Alaska State Library
Historical Collections

Guide to Collection

Snug Harbor Cannery, Chisik Island Photograph Collection, ca. 1933-1965

PCA 212

20 photographs
1 map
22 photographs with negatives

- ACQUISITION:** The collection has no known provenance. Accession 2006-38 has been added to this collection. It was donated by Thomas O. Duncan in 2006.
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- PROCESSING:** The collection has been left intact; images were received glued to black construction paper with citations written in yellow pencil. The images have been numbered.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Chisik Island is located on the west side of Cook Inlet and salmon canneries operated on the island from 1919 to 1948. Chisik Island and nearby Duck Island are part of the Tuxedni National Wildlife Refuge; both islands are seabird sanctuaries.

This small collection, which has no provenance on record in the Historical Collections, contains views of the island and surrounding areas as well as scenes of cannery activities and boats which used the docking facilities.; citations written in yellow pencil.

Accession 2006-38 has 22 photographs and corresponding negatives. They were taken by the donor while working for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in the Pacific Salmon Investigations Laboratory in Seattle. He was attached to various projects in Alaska in research of sockeye salmon.

INVENTORY

- 1 Location on Chisik Island, Cook Inlet, Alaska. [map of Alaska with location of Snug Harbor cannery indicated].
- 2 General view, fishing boats [boats at dock; ship channel, hill beyond].
- 3 California Standard pumping product [oil tanker at dock].
- 4 Winter ice, 1933. Reason for pulling dock each season [ice surrounding dock piling].
- 5 Typical summer dock arrangement at Snug Harbor [aerial view, dock and cannery building].
- 6-8 Fishing boats unload at Snug Harbor [similar views of unloading operations].
- 9-10 [Tuxedni] View of Channel, dock, fish boats etc., Snug Harbor Cannery.
- 11 View of cannery and some of bird rookery [view from the water, rookeries at right].
- 12 [View across channel, note cliffs where birds nest.
- 13 Launching gillnetters [small fishing boat suspended above dock area].
- 14 View up Channel; gillnet boats delivering to tenders.
- 15 View up bay - Fossil Point on left.
- 16 Mt. Illiamna, 1 mile up beach [view of snow covered mountain from water].

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- 17 Illiamna from inlet [two men in boat, Mt. Illiamna in distance].
- 18 Sunset, Tuxedni Channel.
- 19 Cannery Beach.
- 20 Sunset - Chignit Mountains.
- 21 Gillnetters at dock.

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Photos 1-22 show interior cannery process views. The process starts with the unloading of salmon from the fishing vessels through to the stacking of cases of canned salmon at the end.