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### Prosperity to the Tide Pool in 2008!

by Mary Glover



During the early morning hours in Seldovia, it is absolutely quiet and idyllic, like a picture on a Christmas card. Driving downtown this morning, once again I was greeted outside by the three black retriever dogs--no people, just black dogs. (Seldovia seems to have its share of black retriever dogs.) Being January, the streets and buildings are covered with lots of snow and the only activity seems to be coming from the local restaurant, The Tide Pool. The cars and trucks are lined up outside the entrance and this is the busiest place in town.

If you venture inside for a latte or some other delectable hot drink, you will find a friendly crowd gathering and having breakfast, enjoying the coffee, sometimes having an early meeting or just taking the wife out for breakfast. There are the "regulars" who attend almost everyday and there always is a smile on the faces of the servers (Diane or Ruby) and the owner, Sara Nichols. Sara and Stacy are the cooks most of the time. A few people come in to read their daily card or horoscope and others come in to just tune in to the current buzz around town. Something is always going on!

As you can see from the "Alaskan siding" aka "Tyvek" that an addition is happening. Recently the doors and the windows

and this will open the two buildings into one. In the new addition, there will be three large windows looking at the harbor, similar to the three windows that currently exist in the restaurant, thus resulting in a six window span looking at the harbor. Sara anticipates five new round tables which will increase the seating for 25 more people. The Tide Pool currently seats 32 people indoors.

Sara says that there are only (on the average summer) 16 really good weather days during the summer when it is comfortable to seat people outdoors on the deck, but when they can do this, there are an additional 20 seats. Sara has plans to change the seating on the deck after the new addition is open. Of course, there are always a few hearty Alaskans that will weather the deck in just about any Seldovia summer weather! Doing the math, on a really nice sunny day in Seldovia the Tide Pool will be able to comfortably seat 77 people. Sara is also looking forward to an additional 16 feet in kitchen space.

If all goes according to plan, the new expansion should happen sometime in May. Congratulations Sara! We are all

were put in and Sara stated that "We are doing the finishing work ourselves." She expects the inside wall to come down in April,

anticipating a prosperous 2008 for you and looking forward to the look of the new Tide Pool!



Inside look at the Tide Pool Restaurant. Local artists sell various art objects and paintings (hanging on the walls).



Visitors to Seldovia like to have their photos taken here. Note the Mermaid Chainsaw Carving by Scott Hanson-2006 in the background with the fishing polls sticking out from behind the carving.

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