



Watmough Bay

SUNDAY – June 28th We left Spencer Spit with two potential destinations in mind – James Island or Watmough Bay on the south end of Lopez Island. James Island is a little tiny island on the west side of Rosario Strait. We have cruised past it many times but never stopped. This time the small dock was wide open so we decided to pull in.

After getting tied up we all took off for a hike around the island. The trail system was not clearly marked and paths seemed to go everywhere so we made our way around the island hoping we were going the right direction. Beautiful views along the way looking out toward the mainland and the Strait of Juan de Fuca.

Back at the boat a little fishing boat came and said they had caught some salmon just a few hundred yards from the dock. Although salmon season is closed (you have to throw them back) there was no stopping Skylar now. Catching a huge salmon was all he could think about. I had no choice but to prepare the fishing gear and dinghy to try our luck. Just as we were ready to go it started raining. It was actually kind of nice and refreshing but it didn't last long. We fished for just an hour or so with no luck.

After seeing the island and hanging out for a while we decided

to take off and cruise to Watmough Bay, another spot we have never been to but heard it was awesome. A short cruise we arrived to snag a buoy in the bay. What a beautiful setting! Huge rock cliffs on one side that came all the way down to the water and forest on the other. We explored with a long dinghy ride and hung out on the beach for a while. Tomorrow we will take the steep hike up the mountain.





