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Anna Clausen [00:00:10] I started fishing with my family. My mom and my father and we would go out weekends and go fishing during the summertime and every weekend, all summer.

James Thull [00:00:27] OK, well, that's great. And did you start fishing for trout, salmon here in Iceland?

Anna Clausen [00:00:34] For trout. Yeah.

James Thull [00:00:35] OK. Did you start, were you a fly fisherman from the get go?

Anna Clausen [00:00:40] No, spinning.

James Thull [00:00:42] OK.

Anna Clausen [00:00:50] When I was 30, my father gave me his fly rods and after that I went fly fishing.

Anna Clausen [00:01:04] Yeah, fishing is very good. The more people are starting fly fishing, then they used to. Many people started spin fishing. But most of our young people now are starting fishing with fly.

Anna Clausen [00:01:26] I think pollution is very bad. I think people should think more about the nature. I think that weather has changed a lot so it's more dry or more rainy.

James Thull [00:01:50] So the season's a little bit different than they...

Anna Clausen [00:01:52] Yeah, yeah. We used to have more steady weather we are running this only shop here in Iceland during summertime we are working we are working on to wintertime, we go fishing around the world. So maybe three places during the wintertime, went to Seychelles and Christmas Island last year. and we always plan something new to do during winter time

Anna Clausen [00:02:39] It was very much fun. Yeah. Yeah. That's quite a remote. And I think that's very nice staying there and just being out there in nature around the corals are amazing. Very nice to get the GT

James Thull [00:02:59] Yeah. Is that what you like to target GTs?

Anna Clausen [00:03:01] GT's and Triggerfish oK. Got some very bog triggerfish Nice. An all fly fishing. Fly fishing yes.

James Thull [00:03:11] Wonderful.

Anna Clausen [00:03:17] We are going, planning on going San Pedro next year. And plan next year after the maybe to Africa. So we go maybe to Christmas Island or Seychelles every or every other year so we plan on some new adventure every year

James Thull [00:03:42] So are you hoping to catch tiger tiger fish in Africa?

Anna Clausen [00:03:47] That's the plan.

Anna Clausen [00:03:53] 21 year and we started with one small shop downtown. Well, we have two shops and we are very busy in this shop and we have all the best brands, so many people fishing in Iceland. The only problem is how short the season is. It's only three months of the season.

James Thull [00:04:25] And you guys get anglers in from around the world here.

Anna Clausen [00:04:29] From all over.

Anna Clausen [00:04:36] I think it's just being outside in there, like when you're trout fishing, you can be maybe just like alone in world in there some rivers. There are only a few rods which are sold in each river, so it's not crowded with anglers so you get your privacy. Yeah, more more than 30 of us like when your buying buying a license for some of the summer season. There you go to Angler Club month to buy license. OK. But in the trout fishing, the farmers, they own that on the lakes. And there is there is this fishing card which allows you to fish in 35 lakes. That has been very popular. So people just come by their fishing card and go trout fishing just around the country. I love being in the nature. I love fly fishing. That's so nice. Just to be in nature.

James Thull [00:05:54] So a lot of it is about connecting with wild life and things like that.

Anna Clausen [00:06:03] Oh, there are so many I can't tell anything special. But I like a two years ago, I got a big trigger fish in Christmas Island.

James Thull [00:06:18] Oh, nice.

Anna Clausen [00:06:20] And it was the biggest for 30 years. So I was pretty proud and my guide was very pleased. It was so nice that all the colors on their face and all its fighting. Amazing.

Anna Clausen [00:06:43] When I was a kid, the I got an eel. It was very slippery and difficult to take it the hook. It's getting more popular. I think it's thanks to newcomers like the young anglers and there is more of more of more of us who are taking part of that releasing the salmon. But, usually you can keep one or two salmons. It's. I think it's very good because I love salmon.

Anna Clausen [00:07:33] And people do this. Yes. And people are starting for taking their kids just more to fishing. I think the fishing card is a very good influence on that. So you buy this card and you your kids can fish free with you.

Anna Clausen [00:07:57] The gear is much better. So you use to have like neoprene waders difficult walking around. But now everything is breathable material, so it's much easier to I think that's much, much better quality on the results are getting much better. So you get a lot of joy out of fishing.