

Good Saltwater Fishing

The salmon runs for this year are history but we are not without good saltwater fishing in Southeast Alaska. The fact is there are some feeder king salmon to be had if one tries.

However, the usual reason for fishing at this season is for the pot and there are no better fish for table fare than red snappers, ling cod, halibut or codfish to name a few.

The inclement weather of fall can be endured for a supply of these toothsome but less than glamorous herring snatchers.

Most every regular saltwater angler has several rocky-bottomed places in mind where these reef dwellers have intercepted baits intended for salmon.

The rough nature of the place affords escape cover for these fish from predators. The uneven bottom, will also snag the line but a little patience will sometimes allow a fish to take the bait and free the hangup.

Once the scaly critter is in the boat, there remains the

preparation for the skillet. This seems to mystify most people. A sharp knife is a necessity.

Once seen, the process is simple and easy. The angler will be joyfully received at home by the better half if he brings home choice fillets instead of a mess.

The several types of fish differ some in preparation. A halibut is best handled by removing head, tail, viscera and fins. The slicing is simpler at home.

Rockfish are used whole for baking or filleted and skinned. The tips are also excellent. Ling Cod is the basic ingredient of "Fish and Chips."

They may be filleted or sliced but are so good in fishcakes that one wonders if maybe this is what they were intended for. And codfish, despite their repellent appearance, are delicious steamed or poached.

The angler may well cherish these lesser fish as a blessing on the table. And they are best when you catch them yourself.