

Fishing In Curry County Best In Pacific Coast Area

Chetco and Winchuck Rivers Offer Angler Best Net Returns

Curry county is internationally known for its natural recreational features.

Wherever sportsmen gather they'll eventually filter out all other areas in favor of this cradle of outdoor interests, for in this county they are absolutely sure of their best chances in pitting their angling skill with several species of salmon and the mightiest fish of all—ocean-wild steelhead! These run in all our streams and hardly a one of us who lives within easy walking distance of their haunts. And we know there's nothing better in the way of good food than thick, juicy slab of Chinook, fresh from the sea, be it fresh from the swift streams or canned or smoked by some thrifty housewife. It is artificially colored.

For the angler who is willing to leave his car and hike a piece there are literally hundreds of streams where trout may be had and we write feelingly when we think of a full pan of sizzling fish apply a comma to a hard day of this entrancing sport.

In the immediate vicinity of Brookings or Harbor are the Chetco, and the smaller, Winchuck rivers. These both have their run of salmon in season, and though the runs are somewhat smaller in number and of shorter duration than larger rivers, they still number into the thousands of quite "tolerable" fish. Should there be reasons why the local resident finds the fishing urge upon him and doubts his percentage on these two rivers, he has easy access to larger streams—the Smith River, in California, being 10 miles to the north and Pistol River, 24 miles

and the turbulent Rogue, 38 miles to the north, in Oregon. With the exception of the deep winter season, when most streams are roiled too much for the fish to see the lures, salmon may be taken in either one or all of the four torrents. They are mostly of two types, the Chinook or Kings, or the Silversides, both of which, in season, journey upcoast until they sense the freshening of the ocean water off-shore from the mouths of their home streams, turning right in their courses and, after they have adjusted their systems to the different water, enter the lower reaches for a day or two of further acclimation until they are fit to plunge on toward the headwaters for their spawning. These schools are usually accompanied by smaller jack-salmon, the males, which range around 10 pounds, and are also mighty fine fish. Chinooks, upwards of 50 pounds, are not at all uncommon though the average is probably close to 25 pounds, and even that size fish comprises a lot of that fundamental known in the vernacular as "grub." Salmon are taken mostly from slowly trolling the lower streams from a boat but many are taken in casting lures from the bank at the extreme mouth or "jaws" of the streams. Salmon do not entirely confine their spawning to the larger streams. This writer has seen quite respectable fish taken from yard-wide creeks whose mouths gave proper egress in from the sea.

In most of the coastal streams, steelhead run. This is the same fish, which, when confined in inland lakes is known as the landlocked salmon but when so confined he becomes a short, chunky, individual which would certainly be spurned by his sleek, dynamic brothers who fight their way upstream through the whitest of water. There is no use at all in trying to set down in black and white the jerk, both mental and physical, a true angler experiences when he ties into steelhead, regardless of size, fresh in from the sea and chuck full of notions to

go places and do things in his own "steelhead" way.

There's a sincere word of caution: there's only one way to land a steelhead and that is to tire him out to the point where he'll have rolled, belly-up, two or three times before the angler starts thinking about his creel. This involves lots of line, lots of patience, and mental saturation with the fact that a steelhead has notions of his own and capable of putting them into effect right up to the moment he ceases to be a partially alive steelhead!

Steelhead, like salmon, may be taken in the upper reaches of any of the streams, in the headwaters of which they spawn. And in their passage upstream they attract myriads of all sizes of trout, eager to feast on the surplus eggs which drift away from the nests the larger fish thrash out of the stream beds in which to deposit their eggs. These trout, in turn, can venture still further upstream for the deposit of their own eggs, frequently passing up for miles above where the larger fish are excluded because of their size.

This reproduction factor makes angling, far back into the country, an attractive pursuit and, back there, fish of acceptable proportions may be had from almost every little trickle.

There are three common varieties of trout in the area: the so-called "native," entirely silvery, and often denominated as a mongrel closely crossed with steelhead; the cut-throat, likewise a silvery one, but with the typical red slash under his chin; and the imported, spotted, Eastern Brook trout. But the average angler is not especially particular and is just as pleased with successfully taking one species as another. Rainbows are sometimes taken and will, on the average, be quite a bit larger than the other varieties.

For the true angler there are no streams in the area which will not yield good catches. A well-laid fly under the overhanging brush along any of our streams, early in the morning, or when the sun is slanting low, will eventually be rewarded with those big wise ones the less-experienced fisherman will not dream to be lurking in such spots.

But all the fish taken hereabouts don't necessarily come in the streams. Rock fishing, in the seas, pays good dividends in a variety of fine sea food. Sea trout, kelp fish, lyng and rock cod, perch, and potpourri, or other finny salt-water fish may be had from almost any point along the rocky coast. For those who might venture out in a boat, on a calm day, off-shore, there are larger fish to be had—red snapper, cod, halibut, and sea-caught salmon, among others.

At low tide dividends are paid in the form of clams, both of the butter variety, and larger ones which are locally known as "quo-haugs" or horse clams, and here clams are taken by those who and there are beaches where razor know their haunts and habits. Any one of these shellfish make a delightful variant in the diet. Now and then a crab or two may be found isolated in a rock crevice when the tide has fooled him.

There's hardly a man alive, and lots of women, too, who yearn for the combination of circumstances that will allow them enjoyment in fishing. Mostly, they're too far from where fish may be had. Here are fish all about and here no sooner is the urge felt than the angler can be fishing, either in stream or sea, with more than ordinary chances that surprisingly soon after the urge they'll be tied into something that will both satisfy the desire and digestion.

weeks? The reporter has been absent because of an injured ankle.

Last Monday the assistant state club leader, Miss Helen Cowgill, visited the 4-H clubs here. She was assisted by Mrs. R. M. Knox, of Gold Beach. They inspected

the work we have done so far, and offered helpful suggestions.

We plan to have our 4-H sewing work practically finished by the end of school. We are going to exhibit our work at the P.-T. A. meeting, May 3.

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