

Fairhaven, Washington - July 25, 1895.

Roland G. Gamwell, an express agent, represents at this point the Pacific Coast Trading Company, which does something in the line of shipping fresh fish. They ship whatever kinds they can get, having a small inland trade, and sending to many inland towns, even as far as Duluth and St. Paul sometimes.

The Sockeye salmon go up the Skagit River to a very slight extent. He knows that to be a fact. Has not heard of any being caught in that river this year, but in 1894, knew of something less than a dozen being caught there.

A few stray sockeyes also enter the Nooksack River. They pass up Rosario Strait to the southern end of Lummi Island, where the schools split, some going up into Bellingham Bay, and some up along the west side of Lummi Island. The number which enter Bellingham Bay, however, is very small, They begin to come in here about July 10.

The finest steelhead on Puget Sound are caught in the Nooksack River.

They also get there the humpback, silver salmon, and tye, or spring salmon.

Halibut are taken on Alden Bank, off the north end of Lummi Island, and about the small rocky islands north of Orcas Island. They are also taken over in the direction of Port Townsend. The season is the winter and up to about June 20. Only small quantities of halibut are received and shipped from here, all fresh.

He has shipped crabs, both alive and scalded. Has shipped live ones to Spokane all right. In shipping scalded ones to Duluth it has been claimed that 1/2 were spoilt when received there, but he is inclined to doubt the correctness of that. Before scalding crabs they place them alive in lukewarm water containing caraway seeds, which causes them to purge themselves, and thereby cleans out their stomachs.

They are trying a new method of preserving salmon, which are packed in small pieces in sardine boxes. They will send us some to Port Townsend to try.

Salmon trap, Utsalady, Washington.

Passing Utsalady in a steamer, August 14, 1895, saw a large salmon pound net or trap a little north of the town. Was told that it was there in 1894 also, and possibly before. It was more lightly built than the traps at Point Roberts. Was in a sheltered place. More like the pounds on the Great Lakes. No strip of wood along the top was set.

Cod Station at Anacortes, Washington.

When passing Anacortes on the way by steamer from Fairhaven to Seattle, August 14, 1895, saw the fishing schooner Colby, just arrived from the north with 112,000 salt cod. The schooner belongs to Capt. Matheson, formerly of the east coast. My informant could not tell me whether the fish were caught in Bering Sea, south of the Peninsula, or in the Okotschk. Capt. Matheson is making Anacortes the station for his catch.

Pend d'Oreille and Kootenai Rivers as seen from railroad train, Great Northern R. R., August, 1895, by Richard Rathbun.

Albani Falls, on the former river, are scarcely more than a short steep rapid on each side of the island, and cannot be a hindrance to the ascent of salmon. The Pend d'Oreille is quite clear and swift just above and below the falls, but farther up widens out and becomes very quiet.

Kootenai River is less clear than the Pend d'Oreille; light green in color, but somewhat clouded so that you cannot see very deep. Current swift. Kootenai falls are much broken up. Total descent small, only a few feet to each leap. Do not think they form obstruction to salmon.

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