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A Fly Fisherman's Guide to Atlantic Baitfish & Other Food Sources is meant to help fly anglers improve their catching ability by showing them the most important food items eaten by the fish they are angling for.

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Fly rod and reel with a brown trout from a chalk stream in England

In fly fishing, fish are caught by using artificial flies that are cast with a fly rod and a fly line. The fly line today, almost always coated with plastic is heavy enough to send the fly to the target. The main difference between fly fishing and spin or bait fishing is that in fly fishing the weight of the line carries the hook through the air, whereas in spin and bait fishing the weight of the lure or sinker at the end of the monofilament or braided line gives casting distance. Artificial flies are of several types; some imitating an insect either flying or swimming , others a bait fish or crustacean , others attractors are known to attract fish although they look like nothing in nature. Artificial flies are made by fastening hair, fur, feathers, or other materials, both natural and synthetic, onto a hook. The first flies were tied with natural materials, but synthetic materials are now popular and prevalent. Flies are tied in sizes, colors and patterns to match local terrestrial and aquatic insects, baitfish, or other prey attractive to the target fish species. Fish species Fly fishing is most renowned as a method for catching trout , grayling and salmon , but it is also used for a wide variety of species including pike , bass , panfish , and carp , as well as marine species, such as redfish , snook , tarpon , bonefish and striped bass. A growing population of anglers[who? With the advancement of technology and development of stronger rods and reels, larger predatory saltwater species such as wahoo , tuna , marlin and sharks have become target species on fly. Realistically any fish can be targeted and captured on fly as long as the main food source is effectively replicated by the fly itself and suitable gear is used. History Many credit the first recorded use of an artificial fly to the Roman Claudius Aelianus near the end of the 2nd century. He described the practice of Macedonian anglers on the Astraeus River: They fasten red wool. Their rod is six feet long, and their line is the same length. Then they throw their snare, and the fish, attracted and maddened by the color, comes straight at it, thinking from the pretty sight to gain a dainty mouthful; when, however, it opens its jaws, it is caught by the hook, and enjoys a bitter repast, a captive. In his book *Fishing from the Earliest Times*, however, William Radcliff gave the credit to Martial Marcus Valerius Martialis , born some two hundred years before Aelianus, who wrote: Who has not seen the scarus rise, decoyed and killed by fraudulent flies The last word, somewhat indistinct in the original, is either "mosco" moss or "musca" fly but catching fish with fraudulent moss seems unlikely. Primarily a small-stream fishing method that was preferred for being highly efficient, where the long rod allowed the fisherman to place the fly where the fish would be. Another style of fishing in Japan is Ayu fishing. As written by historian Andrew Herd , in the book "The Fly", "Fly fishing became popular with Japanese peasants from the twelfth century onward Ayu was practiced in the lowlands foothills , where the Bushi resided, tenkara practiced in the mountains. Fishing flies are thought to have originated in Japan for Ayu fishing over years ago. The rods along with fishing flies, are considered to be a traditional local craft of the Kaga region. The simple reason for that was because apart from the Lake District which was somewhat isolated before the construction of the railways England possessed few large stillwaters that contained trout. That all changed when the water supply reservoirs began to be built to meet the increasing demand for water from the big cities. The earliest of these reservoirs to be stocked with trout were Thrybergh Reservoir close to Doncaster completed around , Lake Vyrnwy, Powys in , Ravensthorpe Reservoir in Northamptonshire in and Blagdon Lake in Somerset which was first opened as a trout fishery in [6]. The book contains instructions on rod, line and hook making and dressings for different flies to use at different times of the year. By the 15th century, rods of approximately fourteen feet length with a twisted line attached at its tips were probably used in England. The earliest English poetical treatise on Angling by John Dennys , said to have been a fishing companion of Shakespeare , was published in , *The Secrets of Angling*.

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The renowned officer in the Parliamentary army, Robert Venables, published in *The Experienced Angler, or Angling improved*, being a general discourse of angling, imparting many of the aptest ways and choicest experiments for the taking of most sorts of fish in pond or river. Another Civil War veteran to enthusiastically take up fishing was Richard Franck. He was the first to describe salmon fishing in Scotland, and both in that and trout-fishing with artificial fly he was a practical angler. He was the first angler to name the burbot, and commended the salmon of the River Thames. The famous passage about the frog, often misquoted as being about the worm—"use him as though you loved him, that is, harm him as little as you may possibly, that he may live the longer"—appears in the original edition. Charles Kirby designed an improved fishing hook in that remains relatively unchanged to this day. He went on to invent the Kirby bend, a distinctive hook with an offset point, still commonly used today. The 18th century was mainly an era of consolidation of the techniques developed in the previous century. Running rings began to appear along the fishing rods, which gave anglers greater control over the cast line. The rods themselves were also becoming increasingly sophisticated and specialized for different roles. Jointed rods became common from the middle of the century and bamboo came to be used for the top section of the rod, giving it a much greater strength and flexibility. The industry also became commercialized - rods and tackle were sold at the haberdashers store. After the Great Fire of London in 1666, artisans moved to Redditch which became a centre of production of fishing related products from the 17th century. Onesimus Ustonsen established his trading shop in Redditch, and his establishment remained as a market leader for the next century. He received a Royal Warrant and became the official supplier of fishing tackle to three successive monarchs starting with King George IV over this period. Early multiplying reels were wide and had a small diameter, and their gears, made of brass, often wore down after extensive use. His earliest advertisement in the form of a trading card dated from 1700 and was entitled *To all lovers of angling*. The commercialization of the industry came at a time of expanded interest in fishing as a recreational hobby for members of the aristocracy. Instead of anglers twisting their own lines - a laborious and time-consuming process - the new textile spinning machines allowed for a variety of tapered lines to be easily manufactured and marketed. British fly-fishing continued to develop in the 19th Century, with the emergence of fly fishing clubs, along with the appearance of several books on the subject of fly tying and fly fishing techniques. Alfred Ronalds took up the sport of fly fishing, learning the craft on the rivers Trent, Blythe and Dove. On the River Blythe, near what is today Creswell Green, Ronalds constructed a bankside fishing hut designed primarily as an observatory of trout behaviour in the river. It was the first comprehensive work related to the entomology associated with fly fishing and most fly-fishing historians credit Ronalds with setting a literature standard in that is still followed today. The book was mostly about the aquatic insects—"mayflies, caddisflies and stoneflies"—that trout and grayling feed on and their counterpart artificial imitations. About half the book is devoted to observations of trout, their behaviour, and the methods and techniques used to catch them. Organized by their month of appearance, Ronalds was the first author to begin the standardization of angler names for artificial flies. Ronalds was completely original in its content and research, setting the yardstick for all subsequent discussion and illustration of aquatic fly hatches. The reel was a wide drum which spooled out freely, and was ideal for allowing the bait to drift a long way out with the current. Geared multiplying reels never successfully caught on in Britain, but had more success in the United States, where similar models were modified by George Snyder of Kentucky into his bait-casting reel, the first American-made design, in 1841. Bamboo rods became the generally favoured option from the mid-19th century, and several strips of the material were cut from the cane, milled into shape, and then glued together to form light, strong, hexagonal rods with a solid core that were superior to anything that preceded them. George Cotton and his predecessors fished their flies with long rods and light lines, allowing the wind to do most of the work of getting the fly to the fish. Print from Currier and Ives. Tackle design began to improve from the 18th century. The introduction of new woods to the manufacture of fly rods made it possible to cast flies into the wind on silk lines, instead of horse hair. These lines allowed for a much greater casting distance. However, these early fly lines proved troublesome as they had to be coated with various dressings to make them float and needed to be taken off the reel and dried every

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four hours or so to prevent them from becoming waterlogged. This problem spurred the invention of the regulator to evenly spool the line out and prevent tangling. Orvis, designed and distributed a novel reel and fly design in 1856, described by reel historian Jim Brown as the "benchmark of American reel design", and the first fully modern fly reel. Because the line did not have to pull against a rotating spool, much lighter lures could be cast than with conventional reels. The expansion of the railway network in Britain allowed the less affluent for the first time to take weekend trips to the seaside or to rivers for fishing. Richer hobbyists ventured further abroad. The weeds found in these rivers tend to grow very close to the surface, and it was necessary to develop new techniques that would keep the fly and the line on the surface of the stream. These methods became the foundation of all later dry-fly developments. Skues proved with his nymph and wet fly techniques. To the horror of dry-fly purists, Skues later wrote two books, *Minor Tactics of the Chalk Stream*, and *The Way of a Trout with a Fly*, which greatly influenced the development of wet fly fishing. In northern England and Scotland, many anglers also favored wet-fly fishing, where the technique was more popular and widely practiced than in southern England. Stewart, who published "The Practical Angler" in 1854, and *From The Speckled Brook Trout* by Louis Rhead in the United States, attitudes toward methods of fly fishing were not nearly as rigidly defined, and both dry- and wet-fly fishing were soon adapted to the conditions of the country. Fly anglers there are thought to be the first anglers to have used artificial lures for bass fishing. After pressing into service the fly patterns and tackle designed for trout and salmon to catch largemouth and smallmouth bass, they began to adapt these patterns into specific bass flies. Many of these early American fly anglers also developed new fly patterns and wrote extensively about their sport, increasing the popularity of fly fishing in the region and in the United States as a whole. Participation in fly fishing peaked in the early 1900s in the eastern states of Maine and Vermont and in the Midwest in the spring creeks of Wisconsin. Along with deep sea fishing, Ernest Hemingway did much to popularize fly fishing through his works of fiction, including *The Sun Also Rises*. Rainbow Trout were not introduced until 1859. It was the development of inexpensive fiberglass rods, synthetic fly lines, and monofilament leaders, however, in the early 1950s, that revived the popularity of fly fishing. In recent years, interest in fly fishing has surged as baby boomers have discovered the sport. Methods Fly casting, Maramec Spring Branch, Missouri Unlike other casting methods, fly fishing can be thought of as a method of casting line rather than lure. By design, a fly is too light to be cast, and thus simply follows the unfurling of a properly cast fly line, which is heavier and tapered and therefore more castable than lines used in other types of fishing. The physics of flycasting can be described by the transfer of impulse, the product of mass and speed through the rod from base to top and from the transfer of impulse through the fly line all the way to the tip of the leader. Because both the rod and the fly line are tapered the smaller amount of mass will reach high speeds as the waves in rod and line unfurl. Determining factors in reaching the highest speeds are the basal frequency of a rod and the transfer of the speed from the tip of the rod to the fly line. At the moment the rod tip reaches its highest velocity the direction of the cast is determined. Fly angler circa 1900s The type of cast used when fishing varies according to the conditions. The most common cast is the forward cast, where the angler whisks the fly into the air, back over the shoulder until the line is nearly straight, then forward, using primarily the forearm. The objective of this motion is to "load" bend the rod tip with stored energy, then transmit that energy to the line, resulting in the fly line and the attached fly being cast for an appreciable distance. However, just bending the rod and releasing it to jerk the fly line forward like a bowstring or a catapult will not propel the fly line and fly very far.

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Chapter 2 : Saltwater Fly Tying Books

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Hope to see more soft hackle patterns and streamers in the future. I check your site almost daily Pete Droste St. You guided Dault and I last summer on the White in high water, then later you guided my dad Ted Roberts. He still goes on and on about how many fish he caught with you and what a great guide you are. Cudos on the website. See you at the shop or on the river. Easy to navigate and not just a bunch of fish porn. Ryan Maas Flies and Guides Great website, very helpful. I have been fishing Taney for years and love it, but this is by far the best collection of tips, advice, etc I have seen. I am coming to fish this weekend with a long time friend and we will utilize this information. It catches the big fish and lots of them. Darin Schildknecht Flies and Guides I really enjoy the new web site it has a lot of useful subjects. I use the fly tying how to steps often, they have been very beneficial to me. I also enjoy the fishing reports. It just has good all around info if you are planning a trip to the white river Chain Mike McClammer Liberty, Mo Flies and Guides It is very hard to put into words how Debbie and I both feel about you! I think if we could have a son at our age, I would wish for you! Your dedication, patience and knowledge is truly world-class. I fished with guides in at least 20 states and several foreign countries and you are the man! You will probably never get rich from selling flies and guiding fisherman, but you are rich in so many other ways! Thank you for the opportunity to meet you and fish with you! He is a true gentleman and is very experienced. He definitely knows his way around our tailwaters. He is very generous with his knowledge and a real professional. He promised us lots of fish. He lied, we caught a TON of Fish. Beautiful healthy and strong rainbows. We could not have had a better time. I thought I was pretty good, but he showed me how much I can still learn. Look forward to our next trip. Chuck Myers Broken Arrow. Ok Flies and Guides Jeremy, very nice site. One of the best out there. I recognized you at Taney last weekend in may. I check your site almost daily and plan on getting an order of some of your flies soon. Keep up the good work on the site. Cathy got a 19inch Bow her best so far. My casting has improved also. Thanks to Jeremy he is a great teacher. So if you are in the area give Jeremy a call. Its a trip you wont forget. I have fished Taney and the White with lots of guides from Davy and Crazy to lots of others and never found any guide that has as much passion for fly fishing as you. The knowledge that you have and are willing to share through your web site and through guide trips is refreshing and needed. I learned new things about casting and fishing that I had never heard before. You are a wonderful teacher and ambassador for the sport of fly fishing. And forty 40 fish on what seemed like a slow day for the other fishermen was fantastic. You have a client for life. His fishing expertise, quick wit, and great sense of humor made all of our trips out with him a blast. The BEST fishing in my 64 years of life. I will come back. If you want to have fun and catch BIG fish these are the guys. For the true lover of the sport and all that surrounds it this is the place where "true knowledge is taught and big fish are caught". Their knowledge and experience was exceptional. We highly recommend them you will not be disappointed. We were catching fish when others on the river were not. We will definitely be back! I hope I can have a trip with you some time in Oct and fly class. I have started tying flies for me and my three boys which will start fly fishing this year. We hope to make a trip to Branson sometime this year. If so I would love to meet you and learn more about fly fishing and tying flies. Thank you for all the information on your site. When i am on the water with Jeremy if he told me fishing on my head would catch me more fish i would be found fishing on my head! Going out on a trip with Jeremy Hunt is the only way to guarantee a good trip with lots of fish!! Caught fish on the midge and Miracle Fly. Hope I can take a guide trip with you someday. I bet you can teach me a lot. By the way, what a great website! You are the best and you knowledge is amazing! I will be telling all my friends about you and our trip! And that I caught more fish than Jay Thanks SO much for helping me kick his butt in fishing! Hopefully we will be back soon Jay wants to the big trip to the White River. I wish we were there today So excited and so busy the entire

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trip I never took pictures I now call him the Fish Whisperer, since he had me catching fish when no one else was catching anything nearby. He got as excited, if not more so, than I did each time I caught a fish! He knows where the fish are and what they want to eat. Great trip, thanks again. We also specialize in commercial fly tying as well as custom fly tying orders. We also run guided tours for single person all the way up to large groups. Feel free to contact Jeremy Hunt or call for more information at [If you would like to learn how to catch these trophy browns, feel free to contact Jeremy to get more information.](#) January and February are the months to catch monster browns!

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Chapter 3 : Consent Form | Outdoor Life

Fly Fisherman's Guide to Atlantic Baitfish & Other Food Sources. Frank Amato Publications, About this title - This little book highlights 40 important inshore prey species found along the Atlantic seaboard.

Are there any flies available at the lodge? How long have you been in business? The Wilson family began outfitting on the Miramichi since My great-grandfather opened our camp in to continue the family tradition. After nearly years in the outfitting business we know what it takes to make your stay with us an enjoyable experience. I am now running the outfitting business as the ninth generation outdoorsman. Back to Top How many private pools do you have? This ensures that each angler has privacy and a plethora of pools to choose from. How many rods per day to you fish? Just ten rods per day! Back to Top Do you have cabins or a lodge? We have some of the most comfortable and accommodating cabins located in the area. Back to Top Do you have experienced guides? In combination we have over years experience. Our professional guides are experts in their specific field and are amazing interpreters and educators in fishing, hunting and dog handling. Our guides have lived in the area all of their lives, so they know the best places to fish and hunt for woodcock or grouse as well as big game hunting. Back to Top What is the best time for Atlantic Salmon? We have a spring fishing season beginning May 1st, an early run beginning in June and a late run in September and October. Any of these times can be considered the best, it all is according to the water. Back to Top What are your seasons? For spring Salmon fishing our season runs April 15 - May Summer Salmon Fishing mid June - end of July. For fall Salmon run Sept. For Brook Trout our season runs June 1 - end of July. What is the average number of fish hooked per day per rod? Back to Top Is your food "homecooked" or restaurant style? All of the food is homecooked right down to our secret recipe for our homemade bread. If you have any dietary restrictions please let us know ahead of time and we will do our best to accommodate you on your stay. Back to Top How long in advance do we need to book for prime time? We see it as first come first serve so book now, so you can get the best time to fit your scheduled needs. What range do you travel for upland hunting birds? The radius is approximately 1 hour from the homestead. Back to Top How many fishermen per guide? What would you see for bird amount? Up to 30 woodcock and grouse flushes per day and sometimes more! Back to Top Do I bring my own dog or do you supply them? All of our guides have their own bird dogs with excellent training, breeding and handling. Our dogs usually used are classy English setters, bred for serious foot handling hunter and the gentlemen shooter. We will also use in some of the tighter covers springer spaniels, who love to retrieve the birds to hand. If you prefer to bring your own we do have kennels available. Please let us know ahead of time if you are bringing your own dog to ensure that there is room available. Back to Top What gun should I bring? The gun of choice is a 20 or 28 gauge. In fairly open chokes. Back to Top Will I have any hassles bring my gun across the border? There is usually a small charge to bring guns across the border. Please check with Canadian Customs at this number to find out more information. Hunter orange is a requirement in Canada. Back to Top Are there any flies available at the lodge? Not to worry, your guide will help you decide which flies from our wide selection will help you catch the best fish.

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Chapter 4 : Fly Fishing - Entomology

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Introduction to The Salmon River Area The Salmon River area, located in the Tug Hill region of New York, is widely known for its fantastic chinook king salmon runs each fall, and is becoming better known for its excellent steelhead and brown trout fisheries. The Salmon River is the principal angling stream in the region. It holds this distinction for several reasons: It is relatively large, it has a relatively constant flow due to water releases from upstream dams, and it is heavily stocked with Chinook salmon which are raised in the hatchery on the river. River and stream fishing in this region is principally for chinook and coho salmon, steelhead and brown trout. Atlantic salmon and smallmouth and largemouth bass can also be found in these waters. Chinook salmon in the region generally average 15 to 25 pounds. Steelhead average from 5 to 15 pounds, and brown trout average from 10 to 15 pounds. The Salmon River received its name not for the chinook salmon that now make their fall runs there, but for its once-famous runs of Atlantic salmon. In the past Lake Ontario was known for the largest population of lake dwelling Atlantic salmon anywhere. By the 1800s, Atlantic salmon were gone from Lake Ontario and its tributaries, including the Salmon River. The last recorded Atlantic salmon at Pulaski was found in 1882. It is generally believed the extirpation of Atlantic salmon was the result of a number of factors, including over-fishing, pollution, introduction of exotic species into the lake especially the lamprey eel, and destruction or degradation of their spawning habitat. Millions of chinook were stocked into Lake Ontario in the late 1800s, but they did not survive. In the early 1900s rainbow trout were stocked into the Salmon River. Some of these fish survived and some ran to the lake each year. Others were stocked above the reservoirs and have also survived. However, the sport fishery on the Salmon River was insignificant from the late 1800s until the 1950s. In the 1950s New York State began a program to revitalize the sport fishing in the Lake Ontario watershed. Beginning in the 1950s the state began stocking coho salmon in the Salmon River and other Lake Ontario tributaries, and chinook were first stocked regularly in 1954. In New York State began stocking steelhead and brown trout into Lake Ontario and its tributaries. In lake trout, a species native to Lake Ontario, were also being stocked into the lake. Now the state stocks approximately 1. Salmon and trout fishing opportunities currently exist on approximately 12 miles of the Salmon River from its mouth to the dam at the Lighthouse Hill Reservoir. The reservoir behind this dam is known as lower reservoir. Construction of the dam stopped all salmonoid migrations at the dam, and there have never been attempts to permit any spawning fish to pass this obstruction. The regional power company, Orion Power formerly Niagara Mohawk, operates the hydroelectric power generation station at the dam. There are two dams and two reservoirs on the river. The spectacular Salmon River Falls is located between the two reservoirs. In the Salmon River Fish Hatchery began operation. It is located just above the lower fly fishing only section of the Salmon River on Beaverdam Brook. It raises approximately 1.5 million Chinook, Coho, 3. For years snagging was permitted on portions of the river. There were strong critics of this practice. Anyone who has seen how it is done - with very large weighted treble hooks flung across the river and violently jerked back - could understand why concerns about this practice would be voiced. Ultimately, in 1982 the DEC banned all snagging on the river. The flow of the Salmon River is controlled by the power company formerly Niagara Mohawk. The more water it decides to release, the greater the flow. Generally it will release more water after heavy rains or an ice melt-off, but this is not always so. You can call their hotline for information on the flow, which is given at the top of the Reports page of this site. A flow of "one gate", or cubic feet per second cfs, will produce a moderately fast flow. A half gate is often considered ideal. Two gates will be a hard flow and will be impossible to wade across in most areas. In the mid-1990s the power plants were due for relicensing by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. As part of this process, numerous interested groups participated and as a result, the power company now must maintain minimum flows for the river throughout the year except in emergencies. Beginning in 1995, there must be a minimum flow of

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cfs between May 1 and August 30, cfs between September 1 and December 31, and cfs between January 1 and April. There must also be five "whitewater" releases during the year of either or cfs, one in June, two in July, one in early August and one during the Labor Day weekend. The whitewater releases are to provide recreational activities on the river, such as kayaking. The last whitewater release may also produce a first run of chinook. It is hoped these minimum flow requirements will return the river to more natural and consistent water levels, which, in turn, will improve the natural reproduction of aquatic and insect life and natural fish reproduction. It is also hoped the minimum flows will produce a resident brown trout population. These minimum flows have already produced a significant increase in the insect activity on the Salmon River. Before the minimum flow requirements, the only significant hatch on the river was the caddisfly. Now the river is beginning to have all the traditional insect hatches, which is certainly a positive sign for the health of the river system. In the early s concerns began to surface about declining numbers of chinook salmon being harvested, especially in Lake Ontario. Stocks of alewives, which are the primary forage food for chinook and other salmonids in the lake, were dropping. Ultimately New York State and the Province of Ontario decided to reduce the numbers of salmonids stocked, especially chinook which are the largest and fastest growing of the stocked predator fish. Stockings of steelhead were increased slightly. After complaints of decreased populations of chinook, stockings were increased in the mids, but to a level below the high stocking rates prior to. The responsible agencies continue to struggle with the difficult task of trying to find a suitable balance to maintain a sustainable fishery in the ever-changing environment of Lake Ontario and its tributaries. These public rights make angler access to the river easy and convenient. Currently the New York State Department of Health has issued an advisory which recommends that persons eat no more than one meal per month of smallmouth bass taken from the Salmon River. Oddly, although the state recommends against eating any Chinook from Lake Ontario, it does not currently have an advisory in place against eating Chinook taken from the Salmon River or other streams in the region. Currently the Salmon River below the dams provides fishing for chinook salmon, coho salmon, brown trout, Atlantic landlocked salmon and two strains of steelhead from its mouth to the Salmon River Reservoir. Each of these game fish is described below. There is also fishing above the dams for native rainbow and brook trout. They spawn in the fall, generally between October and November. The female creates a "redd" in the gravel by pushing away the stream gravel with her tail. Once the nest is built, one or more male salmon fertilizes the eggs. The female then buries the eggs by pushing gravel loose just upstream of the redd. These salmon die after spawning. The eggs hatch in November and December and the fish are placed into the rivers as three inch fingerlings in May or June to be "imprinted" with the scent of the stream. This imprinting allows them to return to the stream in which they were released. Typically a fully-mature Chinook which has returned to spawn is either two or three years of age and will weigh between 15 and 25 pounds. Sometimes juvenile Salmon, known as "jacks", will make "false" spawning runs and be found in the river along with mature fish. Occasionally four year old chinook will be found in the rivers. The current Great Lakes record Chinook Salmon was taken from the Salmon River in and weighed in at 47 pounds and 13 ounces. Male salmon and steelhead can generally be identified by their hooked lower jaw. The closer they get to spawning, the more pronounced the hook in their jaw. Typically females have a blunt or rounded nose which does not deform during spawning. Chinook are bright silver while in Lake Ontario and as they enter the river, and become darker the longer they are in the river. A chinook can be differentiated from other salmon and steelhead by its black mouth and black gums. It also has spots all over its tail. Recent studies indicate there is considerable natural reproduction of chinook salmon occurring in the Lake Ontario tributaries in general. Many native chinook have recently been found in seines of the Salmon River. Research is continuing to attempt to assess the levels of natural reproduction in these waters. Coho Salmon Coho or Silver Salmon *Oncorhynchus kisutch* are smaller cousins of the chinook and adults average 7 to 10 pounds. They were first stocked regularly into Lake Ontario in the late s along with the King Salmon. Cohos are stocked in the Spring at about 18 months of age, after spending more than a year in the outdoor raceways of the hatchery. They are about 5 to 6 inches long when released. Most returning coho are two years of age. Coho spawn

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slightly later than the chinooks, and they too die after spawning. The coho salmon can be identified by its black mouth but white gums. It also has spots only on the upper half of its tail. The current Great Lakes record coho salmon was also taken from Lake Ontario off Oswego in and weighed in at 33 pounds and 7 ounces. Since there have been serious efforts to reintroduce this species into the Salmon River. However, they seem to be more susceptible to adverse conditions and their survival rate has been lower than the other salmonids stocked in these waters. Atlantic salmon run the rivers from June through November. They spawn in the fall, generally later than chinook salmon.

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Chapter 5 : Fly Fishermans Guide to Atlantic Baitfish Otherfood Sources, Alan Caolo. (Paperback)

The Fisherman's Guide To Atlantic Baitfish and Other Food sources. by Alan Caolo - A Fly Fisherman's Guide to Atlantic Baitfish & Other Food Sources is meant to help fly anglers improve their catching ability by showing them the most important food items eaten by the fish they are angling for.

A Cornish style pasty with a wide crust to hold is perfect for a fishing trip. Fishing is one of the most popular outdoor pastimes in the world. Whether it be freshwater fly fishing on the banks of an idyllic river or stream, or deep sea fishing from the deck of a purpose-built boat, millions of people regularly participate in the sport. As most fishermen will know, however, all that time spent outdoors makes for hungry work, and very often, fishermen will eat far more while actually fishing than they would otherwise have done at home. Campers, hikers, hunters, sailors, and more may find these ideas perfectly suited to aid them in their own circumstances and requirements. There are, unfortunately, a number of practical considerations that fishermen have to take into account when preparing their fishing trip menu. These considerations relate to both the food items, as well as how they are packaged and carried. It is to these considerations that this page is devoted, in the hope that it will help fishermen everywhere enjoy their fishing trip and food to the fullest. On sea fishing trips, the fresh, salty air is likely to considerably enhance your appetite! If you are going freshwater fly fishing, your hands are likely to be a lot cleaner than if you are bait fishing on the sea. It is important to bear this in mind for hygiene and practical reasons when deciding which food to take on your fishing trip. If you are fishing a remote river or stream where you have some hiking to do, you will want to keep the sum total of what you are carrying to a minimum. Storage space may be limited, so large cool boxes, purely for food, may be impractical. What will the weather be like during your trip? Fishing a river in summer is very different from deep sea fishing in winter. Consider whether cold food is ideal or whether an effort should be made to have hot food and drink in your supplies. How long is your trip? This is likely only to apply to trips of more than one day. Ensure that you take only food that will last the duration of your trip or at least that you eat perishables in the first instance. How hungry are you likely to be? Consider the location of your trip. You should know that your appetite is likely to be enhanced by the sea air. Keep this in mind when deciding how much food to take with you. What are you having to drink? Fresh water, coffee, and soup are all ideal in different conditions. Remember that alcohol is a big NO, especially where you are boat fishing. What is your food budget? Fishing trips can be an expensive activity when you take into account the cost of everything from fuel, to boat hire, to bait. This may mean that you are looking to keep your food expenses down by, for example, making your own sandwiches rather than buying them pre-packed. Food Suggestions Click thumbnail to view full-size Prepacked pork pies are extremely fisherman friendly, however unclean your hands 1. Pre-Packed Pies and Pasties Although it may play havoc with your budget and for this reason should be a last resort, pre-packed pies and pasties are available in a great variety. They often come in easy-to-open plastic wrapping like the pork pie pictured, which can be very effectively used as a napkin for holding the pie as you eat it. If you are buying pies or anything pre-packed for your fishing trip, you should try to buy it before leaving your home area. Food of this type in rural areas may be considerably more expensive than it is elsewhere. However, when we are making our own pies or pasties, we are faced with the problem of how to eat them with filthy hands. The story goes that in previous centuries, the women of Cornwall, England solved this problem in a simple yet ingenious way. When making lunches for the men going down the mines, they made a wide crust around the edge and carefully crimped it. The men held this part of the crust with their hands, ate the meat and pastry in the centre, and then discarded the soiled crust. This recipe is by no means traditional, but it is this idea of the crimped crust which I have borrowed. Put the beef in a bowl and season with salt and pepper. Chop the onion and mix it with the beef very thoroughly by hand. Take care to squeeze the mixture together. Roll out the pastry on a floured surface that is big enough to cut a circle with a 12" dinner plate. Preparing to fold over the pastry on the beef and onion. Beat an egg in a bowl and use a pastry brush to wet the border of the pastry. Fold

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over the other half of the circle and crimp well. Folded and crimped pasty ready to be glazed and baked. Make 2 or 3 slits on the top to let steam escape during cooking. Place on a baking tray and glaze well with more beaten egg. Roast Chicken If you are having roast chicken for dinner the night before your fishing trip or you can arrange to do so the leg and thigh portions make excellent fishing trip food. At the risk of alienating your family, claim both drumsticks for your lunch the next day. Allow them to cool and refrigerate them overnight to enjoy mess-free munching at its best. Alternatively, check whether your supermarket sells raw chicken legs and cook them especially for the occasion. Chicken legs and thighs in plastic dish ready to be taken fishing. Salads and Fruit Simple salad. Ideally suited to fly fishermen. The salad pictured above is unlikely to be suitable for a bait fisherman out on the sea. It is simply a whole tomato, 2" of cucumber sliced lengthwise with the seeds scraped out, and a hard boiled egg. A hard boiled egg without the blue grey tinge around the yolk Instructions for Hard Boiled Eggs Ensure the egg is at room temperature i. Place it in a pot of cold water and bring the water to a boil. Reduce the heat and simmer for seven minutes. Run the pot under cold water for twenty to thirty seconds until the egg is cool enough to handle. Crack the shell on a hard surface and peel the egg under running cold water. Submerge it in a basin of cold water to cool it quickly. Bananas could almost have been designed as a snack for fishermen. Bananas Most types of fruit are inappropriate for fishermen, whose hands are likely to be covered in any number of substances, which are not safe when munching apples or pears. Just as they are eaten at home, the banana is peeled and eaten without any need to touch the edible part of the fruit. Bananas, therefore, provide a nourishing and satisfying snack that can be eaten almost as quickly as bait is changed. Sandwiches The Big Breakfast Sandwich: Sausage, Bacon and Egg Sandwiches are the first option many people think of when considering what to take on a fishing trip. Aside from the cleanliness issue associated with eating, there is another principal reason why you should be careful what you put on your sandwiches. That reason is, quite simply, that it is not only your bait that can contaminate your food, but the opposite is equally true! Fish are attracted to the scent fresh of bait more than anything else. It will very likely be the case that sandwich additions, such as mayo, will coat your hands and then the bait. Think about this very carefully when deciding what to include on your sandwiches. The Big Breakfast Sandwich With Sausage, Bacon, and Egg One of the inconvenient factors of day fishing trips is the frequent necessity to make a very early start in the morning. This may be due to the tide times for sea fishing, or, simply, the distance you have to drive to reach the place where you intend to fish. It will not always be possible to manage any sort of breakfast before you leave home early in the morning. But, this big breakfast sandwich can be just the ticket. Imagine sitting on the deck of a boat. HP Sauce is optional, but a delicious addition. For an early morning start, these sandwiches should obviously be prepared the night before and refrigerated. To make two satisfying big breakfast sandwiches like the one in the pictures you will need the following:

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Chapter 6 : About The Fisherman - The Fisherman Magazine

"By paying proper attention to the size, color and habits of different bait organisms, the saltwater fly angler can 'match the hatch'" A good guide to Atlantic prey items with colour photographs and suggestions for fly patterns to imitate them.

Welcome to Fly Fishing The Salt! If you are just discovering the joys of fly fishing the salt or salt chuck as some call it here you will find information to steer you in the right direction. Tips on what equipment to use, why, where and how to fish. And we will try to include a little inspiration to get you going. For the experienced salt water angler, there will be personal stories about real fishermen and their experiences, tips on what flies for which fish and techniques that work. Your stories and articles are also most welcome. Share the knowledge and adventure. This is for you. Fly Selection By Capt. Douglas Sinclair After rummaging through countless fly pattern books, I realize how bewildering saltwater flies can be. The fly rodder sees bluefish flies that look like trout flies, and trout flies that catch redfish. In one book alone there are nearly saltwater flies, 70 on Tarpon alone. In the sea and inshore waters there are only about a dozen important families of baits. Within these families there are about three-dozen species that are significant, and some of these baits, or their young, look alike. Knowledgeable anglers enjoy experimenting with different types and styles of flies, and for those people that like designing new patterns, I can only say; go for it. For the rest of us fly fishers, we just need to know the important baits and what fly types imitate them. We need several good patterns that will catch fish in a particular area, without stocking a gunnysack of flies. Saltwater game fish, in contrast to their freshwater cousins, need to search for food constantly. The fly rodder who knows these locations, which foods will be found there, and how to imitate them, will catch more fish. We usually view flies from the side; they are displayed in books this way. Most fish approach bait from behind or diagonally from the back and side. Tailing fish usually hit bait from the top. With a shrimp or crab pattern when flats fishing, fish will usually pounce on the fly from above. When schools of fish feed on tightly packed schools of baits, they might attack from any angle. Still, flats fish do follow flies, and many times will take a fly from the rear. So most flies should look good from a tail view, as well as a side view. This is one reason why the breathing action of a fly provokes strikes, and why flies with a wiggling tail look natural. When viewing a baitfish from behind, you see a roundish shape with a moving tail. Luckily saltwater baits are less complex than freshwater aquatic insects. There are literally thousands of species and subspecies of foods, but in a certain location there are usually only a few important foods. And, there are many similar foods that do not require special treatment. Some foods in the sea fall into groups of like appearance, and it is often possible to match several different baits with a single fly pattern and color. Saltwater baits generally hatch, grow to adult size and live in a specific location throughout the season. Many develop in estuaries. Knowing the spawning times of big baits is important as well because the angler can then determine the arrival time of the young. The spawning times of small foods is insignificant unless spawning brings the adults into a certain area in good numbers to provide easy feeding for game fish. Along with the major bait types, juvenile game fish are fair game for the adults. Marine predators consume their own young, or the young of other game fish. The savage baby bluefish, while feeding on baits, may itself become dinner for a bigger fish. They learn quickly how to find food, where food will be and what it does to hide or escape. In some locations, such as bone fish flats, certain foods are always present, and usually predictable. Wind and weather influence moving baits. They move around because of changes to their environment. Wind blowing into or over a flat will push bait fish into a drop off area where predator fish are waiting. In estuaries, baits collect along the windward side; look for them in pockets along the shoreline. Baits also move with the tide, and current. As small estuaries drain, baits must leave or be trapped in small tidal pools. Estuaries are the single most important locations for saltwater bait. Saltwater marsh areas are also spawning grounds for a vast number of ocean species. Learn the habits and characteristics of baitfish, where they are and you will find the best places to fish and catch fish. He specializes in fly-fishing and light tackle charters. Catch him on the web at www.

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Chapter 7 : River City Malone » Fly-Fishing the Salmon

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Thus I frequent the used book sections in antique stores, always on the lookout for a new or unfamiliar author. It was written by Leonard M. Yet we have all had the experience of imparting, by accident or intention, a twitch to the fly, which often resulted in a vigorous take by a lurking trout. Wright has taken this observation, and tested the hypothesis that movement, imparted to a dry fly, is in many circumstances, superior to the classic, dead drift. The second tumbler drops and the trout starts his glide toward the surface. The object moves, indicating that it is alive. A few flies may struggle to the surface at choice times of day, but there will seldom be enough of them to make fish rise regularly or create a marked preference for any specific size or pattern. If you want to catch good trout in any numbers at this time of year, you must become a prospector rather than a hatch matcher. Under these conditions—and they usually dominate the greater part of the open season—trout must be goaded into rising to the surface. The fluttering dry fly becomes the most successful tactic. One of his observations was that both hatching and egg-laying caddis orient their movements up to the surface in an upstream direction. He then noted that the abnormal movement imparted by drag to artificial flies, which trout react negatively to, was downstream. Next, he experimented with his fluttering fly pattern, and confirmed that a downstream twitch usually led to refusals, while an upstream twitch usually led to strikes. He covers a great deal more in this modest-sized book, including flies of his own design, subsurface fishing, trout lies, feeding patterns, and much more. I found this to be a great read! He again takes a scientific approach, and conducts a series of streamside studies to test a variety of common and uncommon theories. I have read many books covering aquatic insects, and most, in my opinion, suffer from becoming too detailed, more suited to a taxonomist wishing to identify each specie of insect than to a fly fisher wishing to present a reasonable facsimile of an insect to feeding trout. He provides enough information about each order to allow the fly fisher to recognize it when streamside, and understand its lifecycle. They are easy to imitate with artificial flies. As the pupae rise en masse and collect in the surface film of a lake or stream, they attract trout of all sizes, which can scoop them up with minimum effort. The pupae emerging in a stream will be carried by the current downstream and are somewhat helpless. I fish the emergent-pupa imitation rising to the surface or still in the surface film of lakes. I fish the pupa in flowing water straight downstream, dead drift, with no lateral or across current movement. If across-current fly movement happens, the trout usually ignore or reject the fly. Other food sources, such as minnows, crayfish, etc. Whitlock is also an exceptional artist see book cover below , and his book is richly illustrated with pen and ink drawings. This is a book written by a fly fisherman, for fly fishers. I highly recommend it for anyone wishing to better understand how trout feed and how to imitate their foods. They come around at the same time every year. You can count on them, anticipate them, prepare for them. Fishing the same waters at the same time each year, you collect memories and accumulate wisdom. Mention the annual trip in casual conversation. This seems like enormous progress from less than a century ago, when creels were standard equipment and fishermen were routinely photographed standing beside a dead marlin or holding one end of a long string of 5-pound native trout. We worshipped any landscape that a river ran through. When I was a kid, I liked fish better than people. But Dad never fished any of the great tailwaters. If he had, I like to think that he was enough of a Yankee pragmatist to join me in my comfortable hypocrisy.

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Chapter 8 : Classes | Eddie Robinson's Fly Fishing

Atlantic Silverside, from A Fisherman's Guide To Atlantic Baitfish and Other Food Sources, published by Frank Amato Publications. Luckily saltwater baits are less complex than freshwater aquatic insects.

To him, all good thingsâ€”trout as well as eternal salvationâ€”come by grace and grace comes by art and art does not come easy. Trout-rises dimple the surface, the rings of a small wave fade into the current as hungry fish suck up mayfly duns drifting overhead. Then a smooth cast upstream, mend the line to keep the fly from dragging, and remember to hold the rod tip high. Perfect latitude for trout. Shortly after crossing the international border she ends her journey by disgorging into that queen of rivers, the St. The river gets its name from a bygone era when wild Atlantic salmon spawned upstream. What a sight it must have been! Industry, settlement, farmingâ€”the 19th century was not kind to the salmon who for eons had returned from a life at sea to this, their place of origin, to lay eggs. Dams rendered that great, majestic cycle of Nature all but impossible. The story is not all tragic, however. Though stripped of its signature Atlantic salmon, the Salmon continues to support a strong and healthy sport fishery The river is born and begins its tempestuous journey in the mixed hardwood high-country of the northern Adirondacks, a landscape of irregular mountain topography. The best access to the headwaters is by loading a canoe into a dammed portion called Mountain View Lake and paddling upstream. This stretch tends to be gentle, with many meanders and scenic waterfalls about half a mile downstream of the Barnesville Road crossing. Roughly five miles north of Mountain View she begins a precipitous descent from the mountains to the St. Lawrence lowlands, dropping at Chasm Falls a thrilling, churning feet in a mile of horizontal distance. Waterfalls and whitewater make for spectacular scenery and challenging angling. The stretch from Chasm Falls to Malone tends to be swift and loaded with boulder hazards. Here at the college the hydro dam creates a small lake Ballard Mill Pond for canoeing and fishing. At the northern edge of town, Lamica Lake forms the last major impoundment. A car-top boat launch on Lower Park Street gives access to this serene section of the river. Below Lamica Lake the river plunges into a spectacular gorge carved through sandstone bedrock, flattening out soon thereafter into a lazy pace of meandering, deeper waters. On through Westville, the powerful lateral erosion has created large cut-banks and deep pools for good swimming ask any kid and fine fishing. Beyond Westville the current slows further, drifting through miles of farm fields. Finally, at its mouth the bridge on State Route 37 north to Canada , the Salmon has matured into a slow, stately stream. Then launches into the air, just like in the postcards. The Salmon is without doubt one the finest fishing streams in the state. Deep pools, cool summer temperatures, and abundant insect populations yield superior summer and winter habitat. The best trout fishing is from Westville south to Chasm Falls. For rainbows, pay attention to the section downstream from North Country Community College. Browns are pretty well dispersed from Mountain View to Westville. The State Department of Environmental Conservation enhances fish populations with yearly stocking of browns and rainbows check here for stocking information. Any seasoned fisherman will tell you that a good measure of a healthy fishery is the diversity and abundance of food sources. Fish food, that is. All three require highly oxygenated water, found only in cool lakes, rivers, and streams with low pollution. The Salmon has excellent populations of all three. Fishermen hoping to hook into the big trout can try drifting a stimulator in early morning for surface action, or working the bottom with a black or brown stonefly nymph. Caddis fly hatches are also thick and frequent. Cream and gray being the most common colors. For the avid dry fly fisherman, an elk hair caddis or emerging caddis provide exciting surface action. Drifting a caddis nymph on its own or as a dropper behind a stimulator works great, too. The most predictable hatches on the river are the mayfly. The Hendrickson mayfly is the first major mayfly hatch of the season. A size 12 or 14 Hendrickson imitation with lemon wood-duck wing feathers does the trick. Since much of the river is swift, a variety of mayfly attractor patterns work well. A dorsal fin skims the surface with each rise. Fly fishing is a soft-spoken sport. He slips into the current, 40 feet downstream. Then drops a perfect cast 10 feet above his prey. The idea is to make it

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appear as natural as Mother Nature. He lifts the rod tip, sets the hook and the fight is on. Keep the line tight! Tournament registration will run from 8: Fishing will begin at All proceeds for the tournament will go to the Malone Revitalization Foundation for continued enhancement of the Salmon River. An awards ceremony and chicken and ribs barbeque will be held at 2: Plaques will be awarded to the top three winning fishermen, based on the total number of inches accumulated. A plaque will also be awarded to the angler with the largest trout landed and released. Every participant will be entered in a drawing for the chance to win miscellaneous door prizes. Interested anglers may contact John Miletich at to register or for additional information.

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Chapter 9 : Fly Fishing Opportunities - Flies and Guides

irregular to be salmon eggs or any other small food sources. Blair doesn't fish a mouse pattern with a steady rod like a steelheader. He uses the rod tip to twitch and chug the pattern across the river as if he's fishing a bass popper, and he does it with deadly effect.

Saltwater Fly Tying Books A large selection of books about tying saltwater flies for striped bass fishing is shown below. Links are provided to Amazon. Scroll down to see all the books. Techniques, Insights, Patterns by Bob Popovics, Jay Nichols - In the twelve years since his landmark book Pop Fleyes, Bob Popovics has continued to develop new fly patterns and improve old favorites. His new book includes 36 step-by-step tying and technique tutorials, over 12 new patterns, and numerous variations for every situation, plus contributions from a new generation of fly tiers who have been influenced by his signature style. Includes the Bucktail Deceiver, the Hollow Fleye, and other new patterns that have greatly influenced saltwater tying in the past ten years. Improves on old favorites, including a full update for the Surf Candy. Making Better Flies by Lou Tabory - Not only a fly-tying manual for imitating saltwater baits, but also a study in successful fly design from one of the most influential designers in the country. Covers all important design considerations, including shape, movement and action, color, and sink rate and balance. Advice for how to set up a fly box. Learn how to tie 21 of the most effective salt- and freshwater patterns. Adams - The complete reference for matching coastal prey fish and invertebrates with the fly patterns that imitate them. Photos of gamefish prey, information on the habitats, locations, and seasons in which the prey are most likely found, and photos and recipes of the flies to imitate them help you create, tie, and use flies. The focus is on fly fishing for coastal gamefish in warm-temperate, subtropical, and tropical regions. Essential Saltwater Flies by Ed Jaworowski - Essential Saltwater Flies gathers in one handy volume the best flies--including the Deceiver, Surf Candy, and Gotcha--for catching the most sought-after saltwater species. Ed Jaworowski distills the many saltwater flies available today to the essential, innovative flies that are the foundation of the sport and shares tying techniques and tips as well as knot-tying instructions and notes for fishing the flies. Careful observation of the behaviour, habitats, and physical features of the foods fish eat is essential to developing a fly that looks and acts like the real thing. But the pattern must also pass rigorous standards of durability, ease of casting, and most importantly, consistently catching fish before it can be called a winner. Including variations on his famous original Deep Minnow, Clouser presents recipes for seventeen of his most successful patterns for baitfish, subsurface freshwater foods, and surface flies with detailed explanations and superb full-colour photographs to accompany every step. Tying Contemporary Saltwater Flies: An Illustrated Step-by Step Guide by David Klausmeyer - Tying Contemporary Saltwater Flies provides complete illustrated step-by-step instructions and sequence photos for tying a wide variety of the newest and best saltwater patterns: Also included is knowledgeable advice on fly selection, plus tying and fishing tips. The family of flies Bob Popovics developed over the last three decades dubbed "Pop Fleyes," a spelling that incorporates part of his last name with the fact that eyes are a prominent feature in their design have proven devastatingly effective for stripers, bluefish, false albacore, and many more species. Kenny Abrams manages to smoothly meld fly-tying and flyfishing technique, with philosophy and art. The narrative is poetic yet descriptive. The art is alive. The flyfishing information is incredibly interspersed with thoughts on technique, and philosophy. A book you can read and re-read and continue to gain insight and information. Saltwater Fly Patterns by Lefty Kreh - Saltwater Fly Patterns is a compilation of superb color photographs and clear, effective recipes for hundreds of the most popular and proven flies used by the experts. This is the much-needed complete revision of the standard handbook on saltwater fly patterns. This new edition includes twenty new color plates and brings the total number of flies shown and described to more than Saltwater Flies of the Northeast by Angelo Peluso - Saltwater Flies of the Northeast is all about productive saltwater patterns of the Northeast--flies that are designed to consistently catch fish. Angelo Peluso profiles the exceptional flies of more than professional and

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amateur tiers, guides and captains. Their designs and patterns have been successfully fished regionally--from the southern tip of New Jersey up through the rugged coastline of Maine. Saltwater Fly Tying by Frank Wentink - Forty years ago, few people fished a fly in salt water, yet in the past few years, saltwater fly fishing has increased dramatically in popularity. This frontier-breaking, clear, and helpful book covers all the basic categories of flies that tyers will need for saltwater fly fishing anywhere in the world. Chapters include full step-by-step instructions for tying: Blondes, Deceivers, Sea-Ducers, the Glass Minnow, Sandeels, tarpon flies, bonefish flies, permit patterns, poppers and sliders, and much more. By paying proper attention to the size, color and habits of different bait organisms, the saltwater fly angler can "match the hatch," so to speak, which his freshwater counterpart has learned to expertly do. The author relates important and very useful fly tying and fishing suggestions for each food source based on his almost three decades of saltwater angling and observation.