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Dear Sir:

While going through my Father's papers, I ran across this diary of fishing in the Blackfoot in the year 1911.

Have no idea if this is of any interest to you but since it was so detailed and 74 years old it might be of interest for comparative statistics. Hope you find it interesting.

Sincerely yours,

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# FISHING NOTES For The YEAR 1911

During the summer of 1911 I spent eight weeks fishing on the Blackfoot River. I was with the folks at our place just below the junction of Landers Fork and the Blackfoot. Being so located makes for almost ideal fishing as we always had three options of water to fish in; up the Blackfoot, up Landers Fork or down the Blackfoot, all being equally good in those days. We were also only about 4 miles from the Flesher or Holter lakes where my cousin and I used to go nearly every Saturday for a day's fish.

Date	Number	Weight Pounds	Length Inches	Kind of Water	River	Kind of Fish	Upon what Caught
July 3	16	1	-	Hole	D	Native	Coachman
4	12	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	SW	B	Native	Bull-head
5	7	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	-	SH	D	Native	Rube Wood
6	11	2	17 $\frac{1}{2}$	SH	B	Bull-trout	Bull-head
7	17	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	14 $\frac{3}{4}$	SH	L	Native	Bull-head
8	2	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	-	SH	L	Native	Coachman
9	61	3	20 $\frac{3}{4}$	SH	B	Bull-trout	Bull-head
10	11	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	-	SW	B	Native	Coachman
11	25	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	17 $\frac{3}{4}$	SH	B	Bull-trout	Bull-head
12	1	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	SH	L	Native	Coachman
13	1	-	-	SH	D	White-fish	Snagged
14	11	1	-	SH	L	Native	Coachman
15	12	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	SH	L	Native	Coachman
16	26	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	-	SH	L	Native	Coachman
17	1	1	14 $\frac{1}{2}$	Hole	JB	Native	Bull-head
18	13	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	-	Ripl	B	Native	Coachman
19	28	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	17	SW	B	Bull-trout	Bull-head
20	3	1	14 $\frac{1}{2}$	SW	B	Native	Bull-head
21	14	-	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	Hole	JB	Native	Coachman
22	69	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	-	SW	La	Native	Queen of Water
23	4	-	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	SH	L	Native	Back of Fish
24	2	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	14 $\frac{3}{4}$	Ripl	D	Native	Bull-head
25	-	-	-	-	-	-	(Shot a cub bear)*
26	2	-	-	Ripl	D	Native	Grey Hackle Red
27	6	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	19 $\frac{1}{2}$	SH	B	Bull-trout	Bull-head
28	2	-	-	Hole	D	Native	-
29	22	-	-	SW	La	Native	Coachman
30	41	1	-	SH	L	Native	Royal Coachman
31	4	1	-	SH	D	White-fish	Grasshopper
Aug. 1	4	1	14 $\frac{1}{2}$	SH	D	Native	Small fish
2	-	-	-	-	-	-	(Didn't fish)
3	16	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	13 $\frac{1}{2}$	SH	L	Native	Grizzly King
4	2	-	-	Hole	D	Native	Royal Coachman J.
5	43	-	-	SW	B	Native	Royal Coachman J.
6	8	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	14 $\frac{3}{4}$	Hole	D	Bull-trout	Back of Fish
7	4	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	SH	JB	Native	Bull-head
8	-	-	-	-	-	-	(Didn't Fish)
9	40	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	13 $\frac{1}{2}$	SH	B	Native	Grizzly King
10	24	2	16 $\frac{1}{2}$	SH	B	Native	Bull-head
11	6	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	18	Hole	D	Bull-trout	Bull-head
12	36	1	-	SH	D	Native	Coachman
13	37	1	-	SH	JC	Native	Grizzly King

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Aug. 14	9	$\frac{1}{2}$	-	Ripl	B	Native	Bull-head
15	7	$\frac{1}{2}$	-	Hole	L	Native	Grey Miller
16	7	$\frac{1}{2}$	-	Ripl	B	Native	Bull-Head
17	8	$1\frac{1}{4}$	-	SH	C	Native	Bull-head
18	6	$\frac{1}{2}$	-	SH	C	Native	Bull-head
19	4	$\frac{1}{2}$	-	SH	L	Native	Bull-head
20	4	$\frac{1}{2}$	-	SH	L	Bull-trout	Bull-head
21	1	-	-				
22	-	-	-				(Didn't fish)
23	5	$\frac{1}{4}$	-	Hole	JB	Native	Bull-head
24	7	1	-	SH	L	Native	Bull-head
25	-	-	-				(Didn't fish)
26	1	$\frac{1}{4}$	-	SH	B	Bull-trout	Bull-head
27	-	-	-				(Left for Home)
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Hole--Open hole

SW----Still water

SH----Shady hole

Ripl--Ripples and Rapids

B---Blackfoot

D---Down below camp

L---Landers Fork

La--Holter Lakes

JB--Junction of the Blackfoot

C---Copper Creek

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\*The bear was a spring cub and measured three feet ten and one-half inches.

The above data was set down by myself faithfully every evening in a little note book and altho the notes were not transcribed until this year--1924--I know that they are accurate in all particulars with the possible exception of weight. It is to be regretted that we didn't have a pair of scales with us and the weights are all merely estimates. By the length of some of the fish they must have been exceedingly thin to weigh as little as we estimated.

This was the best years fishing I had ever had and it was not until 1924 that it was surpassed in number or average size.