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Along the Skagit River in these parts, there is a comic opera feud raging between the 'revenooers' and the 'natives' over salmon fishing. Local fishermen contend that they are being discriminated against by being denied the right to catch a salmon at their door step on hook and line, while at the entrance of the river commercial fishermen catch more in a single night than all the fishermen up here would catch in a whole season. On the other hand the fisheries men feel that a salmon feel that a salmon who has escaped the nets and the lures of down-river should be home free when they reach here. There is also a difference of opinion on whether or not it is legal to play a salmon on sports tackle if it is turned loose without being harmed. Big fines are sought for law-breakers over the loud protest of those who are hauled into court. The result is a break-down in respect for law on one side and sportsmen on the other. It seems to us that the situation calls for a sensible get together at a public meeting where all angles can be discussed and a compromise reached that will give local anglers some fishing and still keep the fisheries men happy. To continue the feud merely widens the gap of discontent over a bad law. And bad laws are those that can not be enforced with fairness.