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Several restaurants on Monterey's Old Fisherman's Wharf are celebrating salmon season by featuring special entrees in May. Recreational salmon fishing kicked off April 5 and commercial salmon fishing starts May 1.

The annual program, called "Salmon Stravaganza," honors the history and importance of salmon fishing in the Monterey Bay. Many restaurant owners and wharf merchants have a multigenerational family history in the local commercial fishing industry.

Liberty Fish is serving fresh salmon tacos, plus Coho smoked salmon, plain and peppered, and grilled fresh river run salmon in wine butter and garlic (the latter is served with a cup of clam chowder and sourdough bread).

Paluca Trattoria is offering salmon puttanesca with a sauce of vine-ripened tomatoes, Sicilian olive oil, olives, capers and garlic.

Old Fisherman's Grotto is serving pesto Parmesan salmon: wild salmon baked with a basil pesto Parmesan cheese crust, accompanied by sautéed organic vegetables and caramelized onion risotto.

Café Fina offers mesquite grilled wild salmon with a basil cream sauce, served with a side of candied carrots and cabbage with orzo pasta.

For information call 238-0777 or visit montereywharf.com.