

Salmon marked 'wild' may be farm-raised

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Salmon labeled "wild" may actually be "farm-raised" and can be costly besides being wrongly packaged, New-York based Consumer Reports says.

The publication, in its current issue, says it bought 23 supposedly "wild" salmon filets last November, December and March -- during the off-season for wild-caught salmon.

But, all was not wild. CR found that only 10 of the 23 were definitely caught in the wild. The rest of the fish was farm-raised salmon. Such false packaging appeared to be widespread and typically, wild salmon costs more than farmed.

Over the past 16 years, the average American's salmon consumption has quintupled.

Under federal law, most supermarkets must label fresh and frozen seafood with its country of origin and whether it's wild or farm-raised.

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