

FENG THE CHEF REALIZES CHINA'S NOT BUYING SALMON FROM NORWAY

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Now I understand it!

Read the newspapers lately?
An empty pan with olive oil
& fresh cut garlic is sizzling
in my Beijing restaurant.
There's no salmon,
the patrons are hungry
for spicy salmon steak.

Norway would love to sell salmon
to us in China,
Norwegian fish farmers
are jumping up & down.
China refuses them politely,
politely in that Communist way
of saying without saying.
While my profits decline,
the salmon rots at customs.

I blame Liu Xiaobo,
he sits in Jinzhou Prison
making controversy,
his Nobel prize a monster
under the bed,

keeping China from sleep.

Yes, I blame Liu Xiaobo,
sitting in Jinzhou Prison,
writing poems on toilet paper
with some charcoal he's procured.
He writes, "I Have No Enemies",
but clearly he doesn't like salmon.
If he did he'd return the Nobel Peace prize,
& let us get back to our cooking & selling.

