



**Bloga ben**

The halibut that this bone came out of was cut up before I saw it. It was very large. This end adjoins the rig.

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The halibut that this bone came out of was 6ft, 4in long.

- R. — rig
- M. — mouth
- E. — eye
- G. — gill
- G.z. — gut riv = anus
- B. — bar = side fin
- B.b. — bloga ben
- S. — spurd = tail
- N.b. — nose bon

The bloga ben is a bone peculiar to a halibut, no other fish has a similar bone.

The bloga ben was sacred. It was carried in the boat, at sea, to ensure good luck.

It lies in the middle of the belly — equidistant from the back and the belly.

The diagram shows the position. The halibut has its gut riv high up, near the gill.

I have, in the glossary, called it the lug ben. In Nesting we called the lug ben the bloga ben: we did not know about the proper bloga ben, so I am right in a sense.

Similarly we called the Norwa haddock the Berggilt, and Jakobson in his great dictionary has made the same mistake. The Norwa haddock is the Sea bream and the Berggilt is the Ballan wrasse.

The nose ben was the unlucky ben. It was always thrown away and not allowed to come in contact with any of the fishing gear. When the men sat in the lodge eating their fish it was thrown out through the lum.

I have interviewed several old men, and I have learned these particulars since I wrote the definition.

In the glossary, page 47, for Forsegan read Forlegan

Page 103 for Prettidangers read Prettidancers. These must be typographic errors.