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The return on the blueback salmon to the Columbia River

Additional factors increasingly recognized as contributing to declining salmon populations include climate change, ocean conditions, and marine mammal interactions. During their ocean existence, salmon primarily eat fish, invertebrates, and crustaceans.

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After the salmon die, and as they decay valuable nutrients are released. Some populations in the Pacific Northwest are much healthier than others. After the eggs are laid, the female uses the same tail movements to completely cover the eggs with gravel.

Life Cycle of Salmon

These potadromous fish which travel from freshwater lakes to rivers during the spawn evolved where sockeye populations were cut off from the sea by geography, and the name comes from the Okanagan language of the indigenous people of the Columbia Basin.

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The reasons for this former decline remain speculative.

Sockeye salmon

The annual catch can reach 30 million fish in , , which is the site of the world's largest sockeye harvest. Larger females tend to spawn in shallower water, which is preferred over deeper water. When they return to spawning grounds, their bodies become red and their heads turn green.

Everything You Want to Know About Sockeye Salmon (*Oncorhynchus nerka*)

Only 22 of at least 37 historic Chinook populations remain in this ecosystem.

Chinook Salmon

Sockeye can be anywhere from 60 to 84 cm 2 ft 0 in—2 ft 9 in in length and weigh from 2.

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