

Salmon Facts (Eggs)

Printing Instructions

1. Print pages 2-3
2. With picture side up, reorganize stack in numerical order so the page 3 is on top and page 2 is on bottom
3. Flip stack along long edge and place back into printer paper tray
4. Print pages 4-5



Salmon Facts

How large are salmon eggs?



Salmon Facts

How many eggs can a salmon lay?



Salmon Facts

What percentage of eggs survive long enough to spawn?



Salmon Facts

What is a salmon nest called?



Salmon Facts

How long does it take for salmon eggs to hatch?



Salmon Facts

What are "eyed" eggs?



Salmon Facts

Why are salmon eggs red?



Salmon Facts

How do salmon eggs impact their ecosystem's food web?



Eggs

Female salmon can lay between 1,000 to 10,000 eggs but only around 15% will hatch.

Eggs

Also known as roe, salmon eggs can range in size from 1/4 inch (Sockeye Salmon) to 1/2 inch (Chum Salmon)

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Only roughly 1% of eggs live long enough to spawn

Eggs

“Eyed” eggs are fertilized eggs that are developed enough to easily see the eyes and early nervous system of the fish through the translucent eggshell.

Eggs

Eggs hatch after 6-20 weeks. The timeline depends on species, and water temperature and quality.

Chinook ~12 weeks
Sockeye ~8-20 weeks
Chum ~8-16 weeks
Pink ~8-16 weeks
Coho ~6-7 weeks

Eggs

Salmon eggs are an important food source for other fish, birds and insects.

Eggs

The red color in eggs comes from carotenoids, a pigment, that salmon get from their diet