

Salmon Facts (Ocean Adult)

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 long do salmon spend at sea?



Salmon Facts

What is the geographical range of salmon?



Salmon Facts

Why do salmon get so big?



Salmon Facts

How far do adult salmon travel for food?




Salmon Facts

What color are adult salmon when they are in the ocean?




Salmon Facts

What do salmon eat in the ocean?




Salmon Facts

What are the common names for the five Pacific Salmon species?



Salmon Facts

What are two physical differences between Salmon and Steelhead?



Adult (Ocean)

Chinook Salmon are distributed from S. California up to Alaska; Sockeye from Alaska to Oregon or California; Coho and Chum from Alaska to California but most abundance between Alaska and central Oregon; Pink from Alaska to Washington

Adult (Ocean)

Salmon spend 1-8 years at sea growing and maturing, depending on the species.

Pink ~2 years
Coho ~4 years
Chum ~3-5 years
Sockeye ~4-5 years
Chinook ~3-8 years

Adult (Ocean)

Adults travel ~18 miles a day for food in the ocean and are able to maintain an average of 34 miles per day over long distances.

Adult (Ocean)

The abundance of food allow adult salmon to grow faster in the ocean than in freshwater

Adult (Ocean)

Adult salmon primarily feed on squid, shrimp, and small fish such as herring and anchovies.

Adult (Ocean)

Most ocean phase salmon are silver

Adult (Ocean)

Steelhead Trout are slimmer than salmon and their tail fins have a square profile.

Adult (Ocean)

Chum Salmon - Dog Salmon

Pink Salmon - Humpback Salmon

Sockeye Salmon - Red Salmon

Chinook Salmon - King Salmon

Coho Salmon - Silver Salmon