



Pacific lamprey

Pacific lampreys are about the size of a flute and look like big worms, but they are really fish! They do not have jaws or paired fins, but they have holes that lead to gill slits through which they breathe like other fish. Did you know jawless fishes have been around since before the dinosaurs?! Lampreys spawn in gravel-bottomed freshwater streams and filter feed until they go to sea and attach to other fish for meals. Lampreys help keep rivers healthy and provide food to Indigenous People. You can help lampreys and other fish by keeping streams and waterways healthy.

