



Salmon

Salmon are important in Alaska. They are a valuable food source for Alaska's wildlife, bring lots of money into the state, and create jobs for people. There are five kinds of Pacific salmon in Alaska: chum, sockeye, king, coho, and pink salmon. Salmon live in freshwater rivers and then move to the ocean before returning to freshwater to breed. They lay their eggs in gravel to keep them from being washed away or eaten by other fish. Did you know that Chinook and chum salmon travel far distances upstream, for example swimming from the ocean up the Yukon River into Canada? They are a source of food for people in Alaska and beyond. Salmon need free access between freshwater and saltwater.

