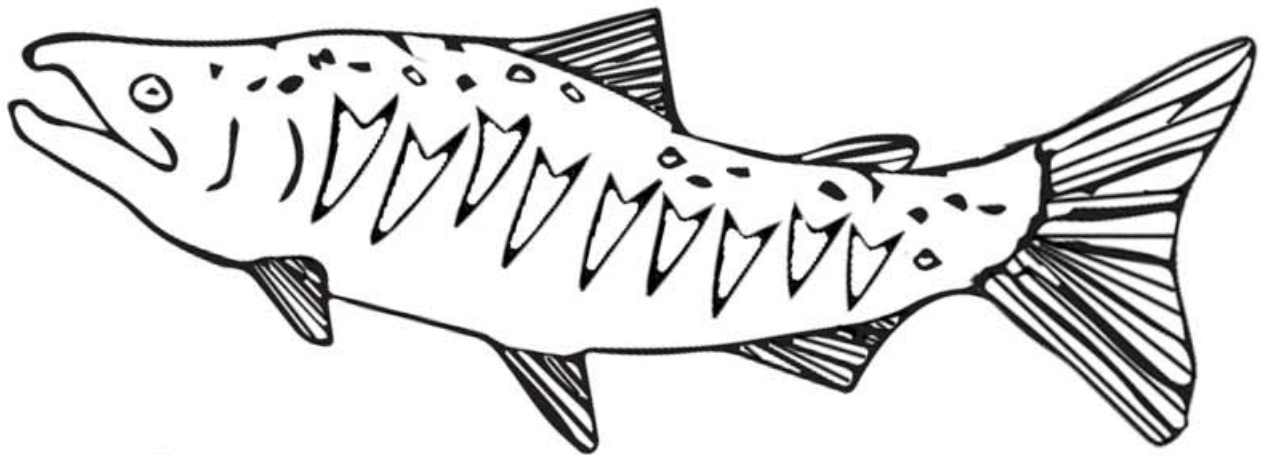# Children's Activity Book

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Chinook

Chinook are also known as king salmon and are the largest salmon species, averaging 18-24 pounds. Chinook spawn in the fall throughout the Nisqually River's accessible length and in portions of the Mashel River and Ohop Creek. Chinook usually spend several months in freshwater and several weeks rearing in the estuary before migrating out to the ocean, returning as adults in 2 - 5 years.
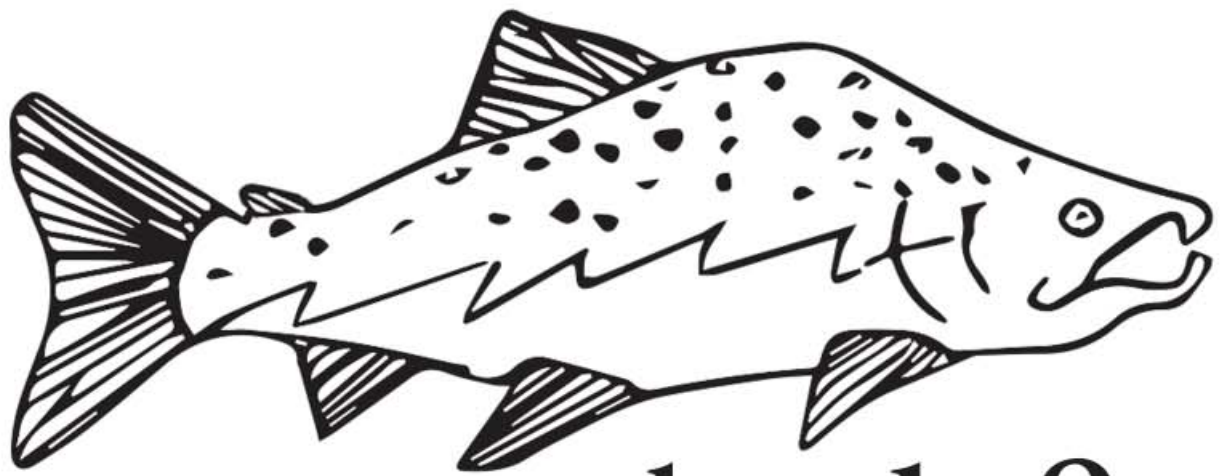
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Chum

Also known as dog salmon, chum spawn primarily in the mainstem Nisqually and in Muck Creek and other lower mainstem tributaries. Juveniles head to saltwater soon after hatching. Chum are the second largest salmon, spending an average of 4 years in the ocean and weighing between 8-15 pounds when they return to their home streams to spawn in the winter.
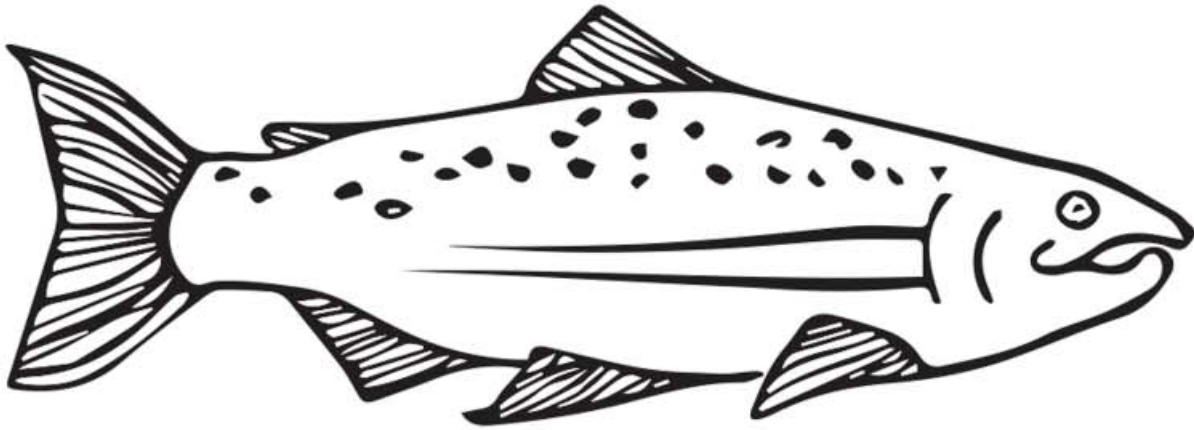
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Coho

Also known as silver salmon, Coho weigh an average of 8 - 10 pounds. Coho spawn in the Nisqually River and its accessible tributaries during the fall months, preferring mid-velocity water with small to medium-sized gravels to deposit their eggs. Juveniles resides in freshwater for 1 to 2 years, migrate out of sea, and return to their home streams at 3 years of age.

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Pink

Pink salmon, also known as humpback salmon, spawn

primarily in the mainstem Nisqually and larger tributaries

and have an average weight of 2-5 pounds. The juveniles

leave freshwater almost immediately after emerging from

the gravel, heading out to the open ocean and returning in

the fall to spawn at 2 years of age.

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Steelhead

Steelhead trout are the anadromous form of rainbow trout.

Steelhead trout spawn in the Nisqually mainstem and throughout

its tributaries. The juveniles reside in freshwater for 1 - 3 years before heading

out to the ocean for 2 - 3 years. Adult steelhead trout return

to Nisqually in the spring and average 8 - 12 pounds.

Freshwater resident rainbow trout can produce oceangoing Steelhead

trout offspring and vice versa.

Match the Picture to the Word
Draw a line from each picture to its correct name.

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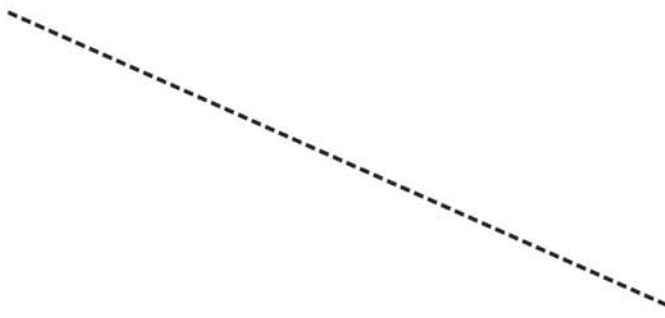raven

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