

Chum *Oncorhynchus keta*

Mature fish have reddish purple streaks and large pale blotches on a pale background. White on tips of pelvic and anal fins. Greenish tinge on back. No dark spots on caudal fin. Males have large, hooked jaws with large "canine" teeth.

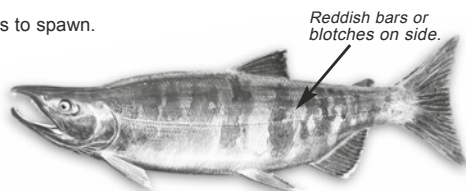
Average size 4.5kg – 6.5kg

Life cycle 3 to 5 years. Spend 2 to 3 summers at sea before returning to their streams of origin to spawn.

Fascinating Fact:

Latest salmon species to spawn.

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Coho *Oncorhynchus kisutch*

Bright silver with metallic-blue back. White gums, black tongue, a few spots on the upper portion of their silver-coloured tails. Wide tail base. Mature coho are reddish on the sides, green on the back and head, often dark on belly.

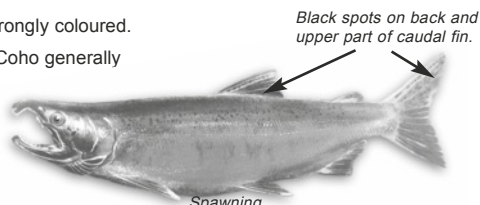
Average size 1.3kg – 14kg

Life cycle 3 years. Prefer small streams for spawning.

Females are less strongly coloured.

Fascinating Fact: Coho generally spawn in streams.

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Pink *Oncorhynchus gorbuscha*

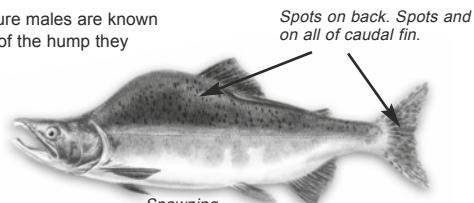
Mature males are yellowish gray on sides, blotched with brown and dark along back. Females are olive green on sides of body with dusky stripes. Both are dirty white below the later line. Tails have large oval spots.

Average size 2.2kg – 5.5kg

Life cycle 2 years. Spawn mainly in coastal rivers and streams.

Fascinating Fact: Mature males are known as "humpies" because of the hump they develop on their backs.

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Chinook *Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*

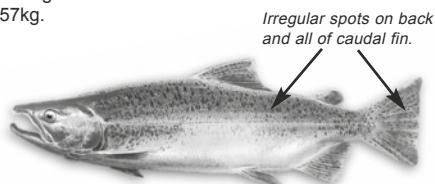
Lightly spotted blue-green back, black gums and a silver, spotted tail. Mature chinook become very dark in colour, some dark reddish, others almost black.

Average size 1.5kg – 30kg

Life cycle 3 to 7 years. Most return to spawn in their fourth

Fascinating Fact: The largest salmon – record size in BC: 57kg.

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