

# Explore the Salmon Life Cycle!

The five species of salmon in Alaska have fascinating life cycles. They hatch in freshwater rivers or streams, migrate to the ocean as young adults, and spend several years in the ocean. As adults, they migrate back to the place where they were hatched to lay and fertilize their eggs.

Image from Alaska Department of Fish & Game.

Explore the salmon life cycle with the links below!

¾ Watch a video explaining the salmon life cycle:

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=wtrC7rvetH0](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wtrC7rvetH0)

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[www.nps.gov/olym/learn/nature/the-salmon-life-cycle.htm](http://www.nps.gov/olym/learn/nature/the-salmon-life-cycle.htm)

¾ Read about the five species of Alaska salmon and how to tell them apart:

[www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=wildlifeneews.view\\_article&articles\\_id=714](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=wildlifeneews.view_article&articles_id=714)

¾ Play a salmon life cycle matching game (print out the cards or draw your own)

[www.scienceworld.ca/resource/salmon-life-cycle-mix-match/](http://www.scienceworld.ca/resource/salmon-life-cycle-mix-match/)

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