

Pacific Salmon ID – Spawning Phase

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Chinook (king)

- Olive-brown colored body
- Large spots on back and both lobes of tail
- Mouth is black with black/grey gum line



Female



Male



Coho (silver)

- Greenish-black head with red to maroon colored body
- Spots on back and only upper lobe of tail
- Mouth is black with white gum line



Female



Male



Pink (humpy)

- Vast majority return during odd-numbered years
- Large oblong spots on back and both lobes of tail
- Males develop pronounced hump

Female



Male



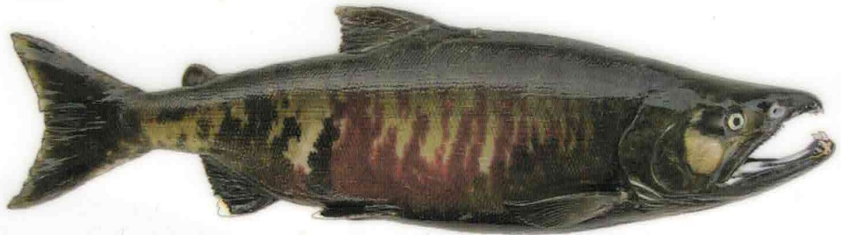
Chum (dog)

- No spots on back or tail
- Greenish to dusky mottling on sides
- Males have reddish-purple vertical markings

Female



Male



Sockeye (red)

- No distinct spots on back or tail
- Greenish head
- Brick red to scarlet red colored body, female coloration is more dull

Female



Male

