

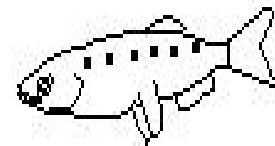
Female lays thousands of eggs in nest she digs in stream bed gravel. Eggs are fertilized by male. Adult male and female die.



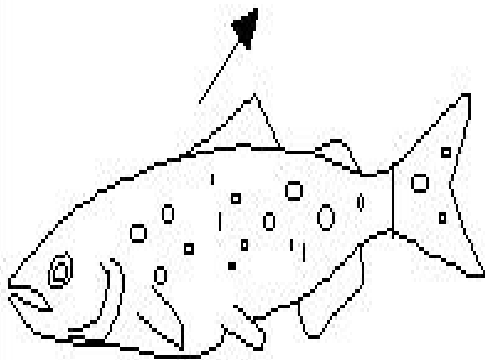
Newly-hatched salmon (called alevins) have food sac attached to them. They stay in nest.



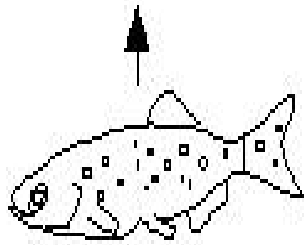
Camouflaged fry (called parr) leave nest to find food.



Silver-colored smolt swim downstream, heading to the sea. They undergo body changes while in estuary (smoltification) that let them survive in the sea.



When mature, the adult returns to birth place to spawn.



Salmon grow and mature in the ocean. Some migrate great distances.

Salmon Life Cycle