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Animal Fact Sheet

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Chinook Salmon

Oncorhynchus tshawytscha

The Chinook salmon, also known as king salmon, is the largest species in the Pacific salmon family. Recognized for its silvery body, black spots on the back and tail, and robust physique, it migrates…

Quick facts

Classification: Fish
Family: Salmonidae
Habitat: Freshwater rivers and streams (for spawning), coastal oceans
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 3-7 years
Weight: 4.5–61.8 kg (10–136 lbs)
Scientific name: Oncorhynchus tshawytscha

Did you know?

- After spawning, all Chinook salmon die, providing vital nutrients to the river ecosystem.
- Chinook salmon undertake some of the longest migrations of any salmon, sometimes traveling over 3,200 km (2,000 miles) upstream to spawn. Their flesh…

What I learned

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