



# Meet the Salmon in Your Neighborhood



Every fall, our streams, rivers and lakes are busy with salmon returning to spawn. Spawning is the process of laying and fertilizing eggs.

Salmon live in freshwater streams, rivers and lakes anywhere from a few days to four years before migrating to saltwater. Most salmon spend one to five years in saltwater before returning to the streams where they hatched to spawn and die.

Unlike salmon, steelhead, cutthroat and bull trout may spawn more than once in their lifetime. Rivers, streams and lakes in Pierce County support many species of native salmon and trout.

**Chum "Dog"**  
(*Oncorhynchus keta*)



Length up to 42 inches.  
Spawns late October to December.

**Steelhead**  
(*Oncorhynchus mykiss*)



Length up to 45 inches. Spawns late March to early June.

**Chinook "King" or "Blackmouth"**  
(*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*)



Largest salmon, ranges from 24-60 inches.  
Spawns late August to early October.

**Pink "Humpy" or "Humpback"**  
(*Oncorhynchus gorbuscha*)



Size ranges 12-24 inches. Spawns September to October in odd numbered years.

**Coho "Silver"**  
(*Oncorhynchus kisutch*)



Size ranges 17-38 inches.  
Spawns late October to December.

**Cutthroat Trout**  
(*Oncorhynchus clarki*)



Length up to 24 inches. Spawns December to May.

**Sockeye "Red"**  
(*Oncorhynchus nerka*)



Size ranges 20-28 inches.  
Spawns early August to late December.

**Bull Trout**  
(*Salvelinus confluentus*)



Size ranges 14 - 36 inches. Spawns September to October.

# Where to See Salmon



## Pierce County, Washington

- 1. City Park at Crescent Creek**  
3303 Vernhardson Street, Gig Harbor  
Chinook, Coho, Chum
- 2. Minter Creek Fish Hatchery**  
12710 125th Ave. CT KPN, Key Peninsula  
Chinook, Coho, Chum
- 3. Rocky Creek Conservation Area**  
SR 302 at 150th, Key Peninsula  
Chum and Coho
- 4. Chambers Creek Fish Trap / Hatchery**  
8315 Phillips Road SW, University Place  
Coho, Chum, Chinook
- 5. Spanaway Creek at Bresemann Forest / Sprinker**  
14824 "C" St, Spanaway (trail west of parking)  
Chum and Coho
- 6. Clarks Creek Park**  
1700 12th Ave SW, Puyallup  
Chum and Coho
- 7. Foothills Trail bridge**  
SR 162 and 140th, just north of Orting  
Coho, Chinook, Chum, Pink
- 8. South Prairie Creek behind Fire Station**  
350 Highway 162 E, South Prairie  
Pink, Chinook, Coho
- 9. Swan Creek Park**  
Pioneer Way & Waller Rd, Puyallup  
Chum and Coho
- 10. Roy City Park (Muck Creek)**  
Water St (Just off SR 507), Roy  
Coho, Pink, Chum