

# Pacific Salmon ID – Spawning Phase

## Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Available online at <http://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/salmon/identification.html>



### 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**

