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Salmon

Directions: Complete the comprehension questions below using the Salmon Life Cycle presentation, the Salmon Life Cycle diagram, and the matching cards.

#1. How many types of salmon live in the Pacific Northwest?

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#2. Identify a key feature of each salmon. How would you tell them apart?

Sockeye: Bright orange/red body, green head

Coho: Blue/Green backs with pink/red sides

Pink: Large bump on back

#3. What did indigenous peoples of the Pacific Northwest do with the bones of the salmon? What was the purpose of this ceremony?

People would collect the bones of the salmon caught and consumed and return them to the ocean, thereby honoring the Salmon People and inviting them to return the next year.

#4. List the approximate amount of time for each phase of the salmon life cycle

- Eggs: 1 season, through winter until spring
- Fry: 1 year or more
- Ocean Life

Pink Salmon: 18 months

Chum Salmon: 3-4 years

Sockeye Salmon: 2-5 years

Chinook Salmon: 1-6 years

Coho Salmon: 18 months - 2 years