

WANTED



PINK SALMON

ONCORHYNCHUS GORBUSCHA

PINK SALMON

Colouring: Pink salmon are silver in colour, with a blue or blue-green back. During reproduction, the colour changes to pale grey with red sides embellished with large brown-green spots.

Maximum size: Specimens measure between 50 and 63 cm (20-25 in.) and weigh between 1.6 and 2.3 kg (3.5-5 lb.).

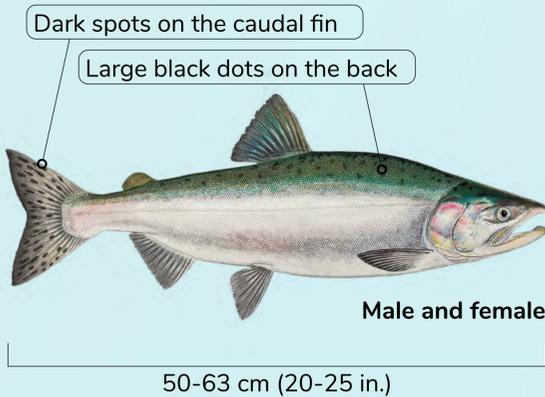
SALTWATER STAGE (persists for several days after entering the river)

FRESHWATER STAGE (most likely to be caught by anglers)

PINK SALMON

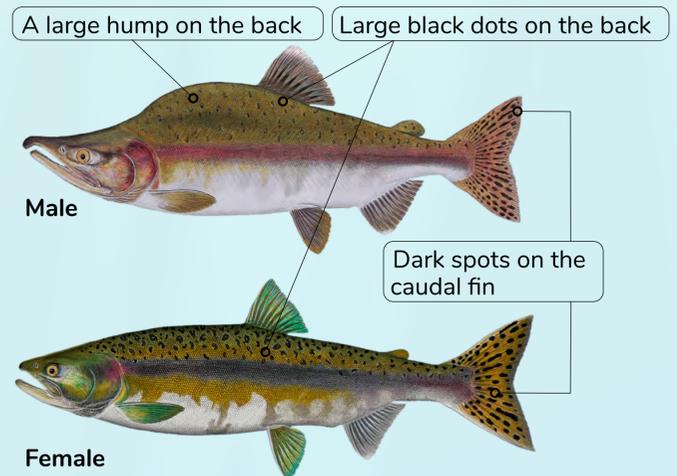
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Male and female

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Male

Female

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Pink salmon is an exotic salmon species in eastern North America that risks becoming invasive in Québec. Introduced into northwestern Russia in the late 1950s, it subsequently dispersed throughout northern Europe and has recently migrated westward. Its natural distribution area is in the North Pacific.

The Ministère de l'Environnement, de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques, de la Faune et des Parcs (MELCCFP) is seeking your help to detect this aquatic invasive species. Should you catch or sight one or more pink salmon:

1. Make note of the number of specimens, their size, the date, and the sector where they were caught (include GPS coordinates, if available).
2. Take a picture, when possible.
3. If you can preserve your catch:
 - a. preserve the entire head in the freezer, if possible, for analysis by the MELCCFP;
 - b. preserve the flesh for consumption.
4. Contact MELCCFP customer service to submit your information:

Email: renseignements.faune@environnement.gouv.qc.ca

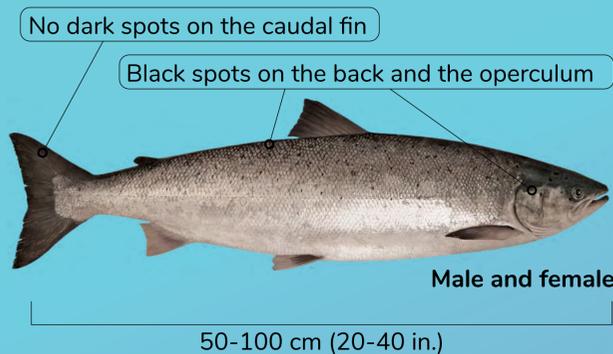
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FRESHWATER STAGE

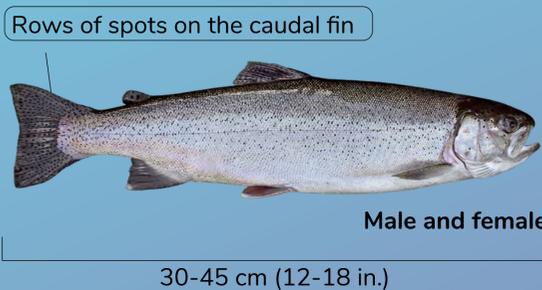
ATLANTIC SALMON

Similar species

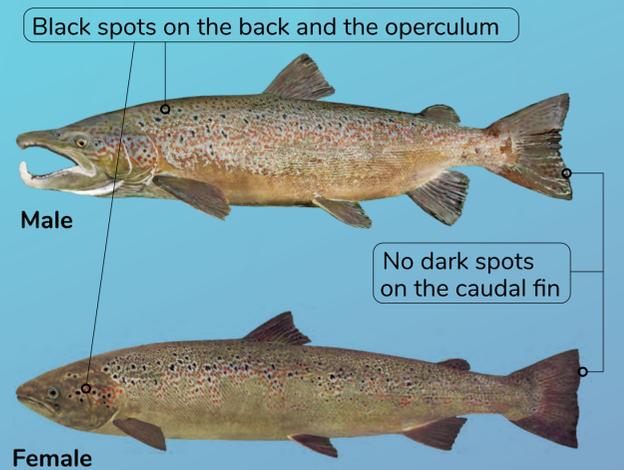


Male and female

RAINBOW TROUT

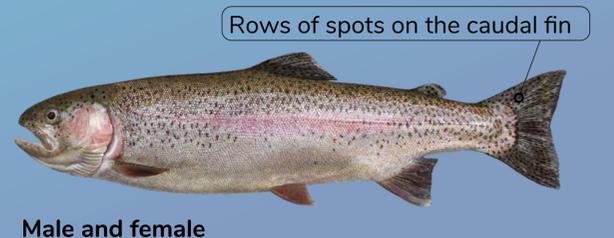


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