FISH IN SCHOOLS

COMMUNITY SALMON EDUCATION

FinS is **a comprehensive fish education program** for youth, with a focus on sc'win (sockeye salmon), their lifecycle and the importance of their ecosystems. Creating greater awareness of fish species with youth and students of different ages, will allow for people to become future advocates for both salmon and their habitat.

The program begins each school year in November where the class receives 100 sockeye salmon eggs. Through caretaking and feeding the fry, FinS allows students to directly participate in rearing sockeye salmon from the eyed egg stage to alevin to fry from within the classroom. Through this, participants can see the salmon life cycle firsthand. Our FinS team offers educational talks and hatchery tours as well as presentations

Students also have an opportunity to learn about syilx culture through discussions and ceremony. In May, students participate in a ceremonial release of the fry into rivers throughout the Okanagan and the Columbia basins. This way, they can have a direct contribution and connection to the salmon reintroduction efforts. This program will create new stewards with an appreciation for the restoration and preservation of nature and salmon.

DID YOU KNOW

ADULT SALMON CAN TRAVEL UP TO 50 KM A DAY

SYILX CONNECTION TO NTYTYIX

ntytyix (Chief Salmon) has always been — and continues to be — a primary food source for Syilx Okanagan peoples. They are crucial to our culture and trade traditions throughout all parts of our territory.

As one of our Four Food Chiefs — and central to many of our captikʷɬ (oral histories) salmon are not only a form of sustenance, they are our relative, and an essential part of the continued resilience of the tmixʷ (all living things). As such, salmon are central to a range of connections across generations and highlight the reciprocal nature of the relationship between humans and nature – **we take care of them, and they take care of us.**

kɬ cp̓əlk̓ stiḿ
cause to come back

The work towards kɬ cp̓əlk̓ stiḿ has been taking place since time immemorial for Syilx people through ceremonies, songs, prayers, and more.

The kɬ cp̓əlk̓ stiḿ Hatchery is a testament to the perseverance of Syilx people to realize their dream of restoring ntytyix (Salmon)

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