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King Salmon and Friends 615

The Six-Minute Solution, Sopris West

If you are a fish eater, chances are that you have eaten salmon. Salmon are a popular and plentiful **(fish)**. In Alaska alone, more than 173 million **(salmon)** were commercially harvested last year.

King **(salmon)** are the largest and best-known type **(of)** salmon. King Salmon average between twenty **(and)** forty pounds but can grow to **(be)** much larger. In 1949, a king salmon **(weighing)** 126 pounds was caught in a fish **(trap)** near Petersburg, Alaska. Ranging from California's Monterey Bay to the Chukchi Sea **(near)** Russia, king salmon spend one to **(seven)** years in the ocean. Then they, **(like)** all salmon, head for their freshwater **(homes)** to reproduce or spawn. Once that **(job)** is completed, the salmon die. Thus, **(the)** natural life cycle of the salmon **(comes)** to an end.

In addition to **(the)** king salmon, there are four other **(types)** of salmon. The coho or silver **(salmon)** weighs eight to twelve pounds on **(average)**. The coho is an active salmon—**(leaping)** and jumping out of the water **(when)** hooked by a fisherman. The sockeye **(salmon)** is small, weighing only four to **(eight)** pounds. The sockeye is sleek and **(silver-looking)** when in the ocean. Once it **(returns)** home to spawn, the sockeye salmon **(turns)** red. Humpback salmon are the smallest **(of)** the Pacific salmon, weighing on average **(three)** to four pounds. The males develop **(their)** humpbacks when spawning. They also change **(color)**—turning brown to black. The females **(turn)** an olive green color. The fifth **(type)** of salmon is the chum. These **(salmon)** range from the Sacramento River in **(California)** to the Mackenzie River in Canada. **(Chums)** are the preferred choice of the **(Alaskan)** sled dog. Many stores in Alaska **(sell)** smoked chum salmon in dog treat **(packages)**!



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