



Here's why Chinook Salmon are...



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Socially

- Chinook are one of the most prized recreational fish to catch and draw in visiting anglers
- Salmon play a vital role in the culture of Pacific Northwest tribes. They are used for ceremonial and subsistence purposes and hold sacred status in many tribes.
- The annual salmon run is celebrated by tribes and said to assure the renewal and continuation of human and animal life

Economically

- According to the EPA, commercial salmon fisheries in the Salish Sea earned over **\$59 million** in 2010!
- Salmon provide thousands of jobs per year through industries like commercial fishing and fish processing.
- Visiting anglers who come for the Chinook stimulate local economies by shopping, eating, and visiting local attractions!



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& Environmentally

- They are a keystone species of the Pacific Northwest, which means they play a very important role in the ecosystem.
- They are an important part of the diets of many species, including bears, seals, large birds, and of course, orcas!
- Salmon runs transfer nutrients from the ocean to freshwater streams, where they are then dispersed by other species throughout the surrounding ecosystems.



Valuable!

