

The 1 \_\_\_\_\_ of the Pacific Salmon is one of the wonders of nature. Salmon lay their eggs in 2 \_\_\_\_\_ hundreds of miles from the ocean. The eggs hatch. The tiny fish grow in the 3 \_\_\_\_\_.

When the salmon are big and strong enough, they make the long 4 \_\_\_\_\_ to the Pacific Ocean. There they feed and grow for several years. They naturally 5 \_\_\_\_\_ to the salt water.

When they are ready to 6 \_\_\_\_\_, adult 7 \_\_\_\_\_ swim back to the very same stream where they were born. Some travel more than 1,000 miles! They struggle for weeks to swim 8 \_\_\_\_\_. They leap over fallen logs and rocks, and even up waterfalls. By the time they reach the spot where they hatched, they are worn out. The females lay eggs. The males 9 \_\_\_\_\_ them. When their journey is over, they die. The eggs hatch, and the cycle begins all over again!