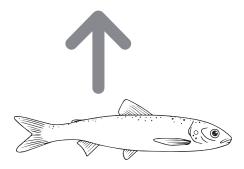


Adult: Marine salmon feed on a variety of organisms including krill, fish larvae, and smaller fishes. After one to three years, salmon return to the river in which they were born to spawn. In late autumn, adult female salmon dig a shallow nest in the gravel of the river to lay their eggs.

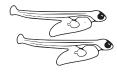


**Smolt:** Smolts migrate downstream and enter the sea in late spring or early summer.

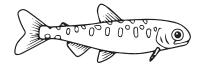
## **Atlantic Salmon: Life cycle timeline**















**Egg:** Atlantic salmon lay 1,500-1,800 eggs per kilogram of body weight.

**Alevin:** Salmon hatch in early spring as alevins.

**Fry:** Many salmon fry are eaten by predators, including birds and larger fish.

Parr: Young Atlantic salmon in rivers feed mainly on aquatic insect larvae such as mayflies, blackflies and stoneflies.