



The Central Valley serves to foster the salmon that help California prosper!

This NOAA Fisheries poster brings to life the diverse "California Salmonscape" characterized by native salmon and their habitats, which extend from the ridgetops, through the valleys, to the coastal wetlands and ocean.

Salmon can be found throughout California's Central Valley in both the Sacramento and San Joaquin River Valleys. Depending on where you are, you can encounter Sacramento River winter-run Chinook salmon, Central Valley spring-run Chinook salmon, Central Valley fall-run Chinook salmon, or Central Valley late fall-run Chinook salmon. Migrating from their home streams to the ocean and back again, they mature from egg to adult, sharing the landscape with human activities across the most populous state in the nation. People fish for Central Valley salmon along the Oregon and California Coasts, and these fish play a vital role the state's economy, providing thousands of jobs and hundreds of millions of dollars annually. Researchers at NOAA Fisheries' Southwest Fisheries Science Center help us understand the vital ecosystems defined and enriched by these fish.

These efforts strengthen and inform the management and conservation of salmon in our communities across the California Salmonscape.

Website: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/topic/endangered-species-conservation/species-spotlight>

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