CHINOOK SALMON
LIFE CYCLE

Egg
Fertilized in fall

Sac Fry (Alevin)
Hatches in winter, incubates until early spring

Parr
Feeds in rivers during spring

Smolt
Moves downstream to lake in early summer

Lake Phase
Silver coloration, feeds and grows for 1 1/2 to 3 1/2 years in open waters of Great Lakes

Spawning Phase
Returns to river in summer or fall, color darkens

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