



Discovering Salmon:

A Nature Activity Book



IN A NUTSHELL

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SUBJECTS

Fine Arts
Language Arts
Mathematics
Science

This book contains a number of activities designed to teach younger children about the life cycles and natural history of salmon. Some pages are largely narrative and introduce students to fish migration or ocean ranching; through a combination of text, charts, maps, and black and white drawings. The majority of the book is made up of games, stories, word problems, crossword puzzles, word searches, mazes, coloring exercises, and other activities to encourage or reinforce learning. Among the topics addressed are migration, acid precipitation, changes in salmon population, the effects of introduced species on an ecosystem, food chains, and fish adaptations. A Native American story of the Salmon People from the Pacific Coast is included.

Grade Level
4 (adaptable)

Length
32 pages

Date Published
1996

THE BOTTOM
L I N E

"A nice resource for individual work."

"Could easily be used with little prior background."

What the REVIEWERS Said !	Key Characteristics	Strengths Noted	Other Considerations
	Fairness and Accuracy	Information was reviewed by specialists in the field. Information appears accurate and fair.	Does not cite specific references.
	Depth	Relates salmon to the food chain.	Attempts to cover too much information too briefly. Lacks a conceptual framework.
	Emphasis on Skills Building	Some of the games and activities encourage creativity.	Does not involve learner in discovering outcomes.
	Action Orientation	Not Applicable.	
	Instructional Soundness	Includes a diversity of activities from different subjects.	Does not define objectives or goals. Information is not made directly relevant to learners.
	Usability	Material is easy to use and long-lived.	Some graphics and maps may be difficult to use with children. Intended age level not stated.

"Doesn't sufficiently address threats to salmon populations."

"Useful as an extension of an aquatics unit."