

# Anadromous Fish – the Travelers

Salmon and steelhead like to lay their eggs in small rivers and streams. They often travel hundreds of miles up into the mountains to find cool, clear water in forested areas. They seek just the right river to build their nest of rocks on the bottom of the stream. A salmon nest is called a redd.

The gray lines on the map below are all rivers that are part of the Columbia River Basin. The Columbia River Basin is a large watershed – all of the rain that falls within the black border line drawn on the map enters the Pacific Ocean through the Columbia River.

Identify a point at the headwaters of a stream – that will be where one of the gray river lines ends. Use a colored pencil to trace the path where the water flows downstream toward the ocean. This is the path that the juvenile fish take when they are traveling to the ocean.



What question would you ask a fish if they could answer you?

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