

NTYTYIX SPAWNING

Information and Updates



After years of effort by the Syilx Okanagan Nation to reintroduce salmon back to the region, sc'win (sockeye) and ntytyix (chinook) salmon are now returning and spawning in many of the rivers and creeks throughout the Okanagan.

To spawn salmon lay their eggs in gravel nests in the riverbeds of various waterways called "redds".

We are asking people and dogs to stay out of the water in these areas during the fall to protect the salmon's eggs and thus their ability to reproduce.

- Stepping on a redd can immediately damage up to 47% of eggs
- Dead eggs will infect the others and often kill the whole nest

If you or your dogs want to go in the water, please consider going to locally designated human or dog beaches, as these most often do not contain salmon spawning grounds.

Together we can make sure that salmon a safe home for their eggs and continue to return for generations to come!

How To Identify a Salmon Nest

1. Clean oval patches of small to medium-sized gravel typically 2 to 3 feet wide.
2. Gravel is lighter-colored than surrounding gravel.
3. Small depressions and mounds in the gravel indicate nest sites and eggs.

