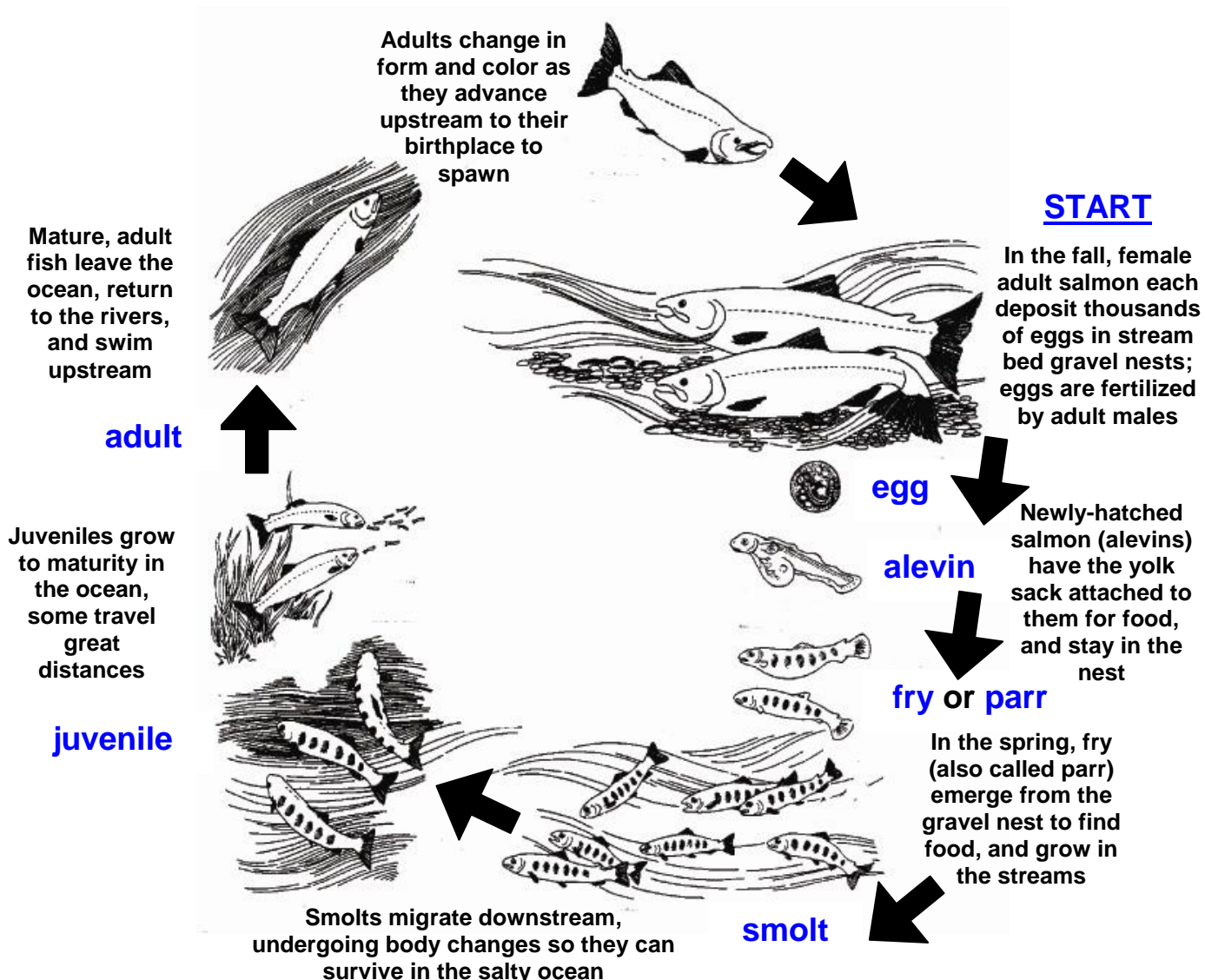


# Salmon Life Cycle



**Question:** A dam would most likely affect mature adult salmon when they are swimming upstream to their birthplace to spawn (reproduce). If a dam prevents them from reaching the area where they spawn, what happens to the salmon population? Will it increase, decrease or stay the same?

**Source of graphic:** Life cycle of the Pacific salmon, 2-7 years, Alaska Department of Fish and Wildlife, [http://www.sf.adfg.state.ak.us/region2/ie/sicc/salmon\\_p.cfm](http://www.sf.adfg.state.ak.us/region2/ie/sicc/salmon_p.cfm) and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife "Stream Scene," <http://www.oregon.gov/OPSW/archives/streamscene/streamscene.shtml>

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