

When the Salmon Runs Dry: Video questions and analysis

Do not write on this sheet. Write your answers on a separate piece of paper and return when finished!

1. Describe the historic migratory patterns of the salmon discussed in the video.
2. The Grand Coulee Dam was constructed with what major purposes in mind.
3. Why is the Columbia River considered a “river” of reservoirs?
4. What are some of the problems of hatchery reared salmon versus wild raised salmon according to the video?
5. Besides the action of dams on the declining salmon populations, what are some of the other factors described in the video that may be contributing to declining salmon populations?
6. List three ways in which dam construction influenced Native American fisheries practices and culture.
7. How have trends in wild salmon populations affected both commercial and sports fishing?
8. What is the relationship between stream or river velocity and the salmon lifecycle?
9. How are the aluminum industry, agricultural industry, and barge shipping companies related to the plight of native salmon populations?
10. About how many governmental agencies regulate the Columbia River? Which agency seems to have the ultimate authority?
11. How might the Endangered Species Act affect future salmon populations?
12. How might the Endangered Species Act influence the economy of the Pacific Northwest region?
13. In your opinion, do you think endangered species protection and economic growth are mutually exclusive? Why or why not?
14. What was the ironic fact about the salmon served at the lunch meeting between the heads of the different groups that were debating the salmon population issue in the video?