

Ripples on the Water

River Otter



Photo Credit: Matthew Coleman

Look for ripples and listen for splashes in the river. These sights and sounds could mean that a group of river otters (*Lontra canadensis*) is hunting for food or diving and rolling in play.

Harbor Seal

Ripples could mean a harbor seal (*Phoca vitulina*), trailing a V-shaped wake. These seals glide through shallow water looking for fish. You might see their shiny, dark heads as they pop up for air. An otter's head is much smaller than a harbor seal's, and you can usually see more of its body above water as it breathes.



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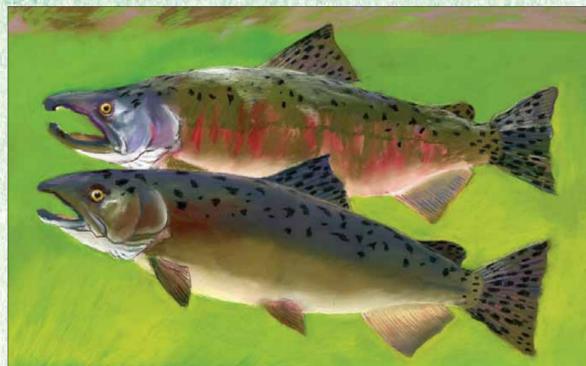
Salmon and Steelhead

Watch for coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*), chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*), and steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*). They'll leap or swim just beneath the water's surface, make splashing sounds and sometimes trail their fins above water.

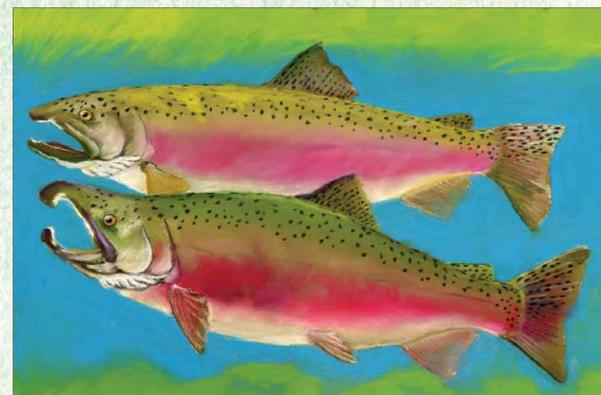


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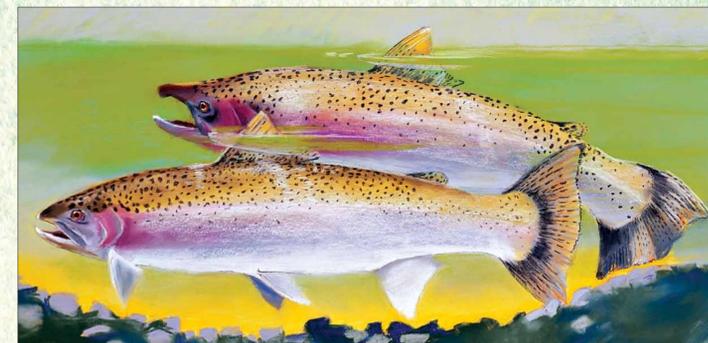
Harbor seals perched on a log, sunning themselves.



Chinook Salmon



Coho Salmon



Steelhead