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# Atlas of Pacific salmon: the first map-based status assessment of salmon in the North Pacific.

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## About the Book

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Pacific salmon inhabit a vast ecosystem that encompasses the rivers within and the ocean between coastal countries. From steep, cold snowmelt streams to major tributaries, from estuaries to the deep ocean, the range of Pacific salmon includes the Tachia River in Taiwan, the permafrost zone of Chukotka that flows to the Chukchi Sea, the vast expanse of the Pacific Ocean between Japan and California, the streams and rivers of the Yukon Territory and British Columbia, and the myriad waterways in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and California, as far south as Rio Santo Domingo in Baja California.

The North Pacific Rim nations—the United States, Canada, Russia, Japan, China, and the Koreas—enjoy vastly different economic, ecological, and cultural relationships with salmon and, until now, the types of data available to assess the abundance and biodiversity of these fish were almost as varied as the scientists who collect them. *Atlas of Pacific Salmon* is the first book to apply a common, newly calibrated yardstick to measure, across this broad ecosystem, the state of Pacific salmon, which have suffered precipitous declines in

abundance and diversity in recent decades.

The only map-based assessment of distribution and risk of extinction for seven species of Pacific salmon at one consistent scale, under one authorship, the *Atlas* is the result of five years' work by Xanthippe Augerot and other foremost experts in the field. Using state-of-the-art GIS mapping tools, this book offers a multidimensional view of Pacific salmon populations from a watershed perspective, through the natural boundaries in which the fish migrate, spawn, and mature. More than three dozen stunning full-page maps overlay the human, climatic, geological, and environmental impacts on salmon populations.

## About the Author

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**Xanthippe Augerot** is Co-director of the State of the Salmon Consortium and Director of Science at the Wild Salmon Center in Portland, Oregon.

## Reviews

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“I don’t usually use my column space for book reviews, but recently a book came across my desk that was so beautiful and so thought-provoking that I just had to tell you about it. . . . Each section of the Atlas is organized around a series of maps that concisely convey an enormous amount of information. . . . The Atlas of Pacific Salmon takes a big step in the direction of showing what ecosystem management would look like if we did it. . . . Did I mention the book is beautiful? Between stunning pictures, fascinating and beautifully executed display graphics, and some of the best overall book design I’ve ever seen, the Atlas would grace anyone’s coffee table. Although one could read it from start to finish, it is just as much fun to open the book at random and move back and forth from topic to topic. Read in that manner it is rather like a web site, although better and easier to use than any I have encountered. I have been professionally involved in salmon recovery for almost a decade, and I learned something new on every page. Highly recommended!” —*Sam Schuchat*  
*California Coast & Ocean*

“Included in this volume are discussions and detailed maps that span a breathtaking range of salmon-related subjects. . . . It is much more than an atlas . . . and as such it should be owned and carefully read by everyone with an interest in the web of North Pacific life.” —  
*John E. McCosker* *California Wild*

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