

Nature's Recycling Center

Annual migrations of spawning salmon play an important role in cycling nutrients between the ocean and Portage Valley.



Besides being a food source for other aquatic and terrestrial organisms, when salmon spawn and die, they become a direct source of food for young salmon – ensuring the success of future generations.



Additionally, salmon-rich animal scat and partially eaten salmon carcasses enrich these glaciated soils and contribute to riparian plant communities.



The flow of these energy-rich nutrients back upstream via spawning salmon and the ability of the watershed to retain them are crucial for sustaining food webs and overall forest health.



**Nothing is
Wasted**

