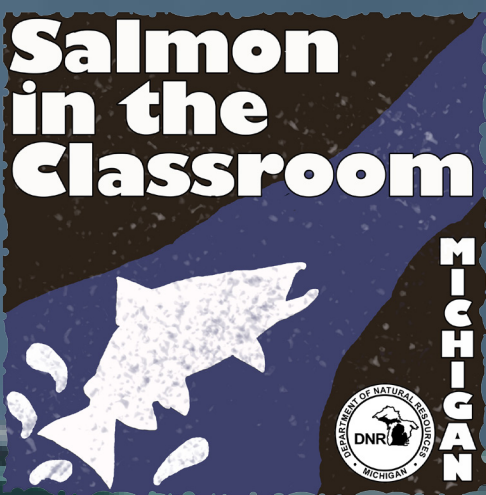


Salmon in the Classroom

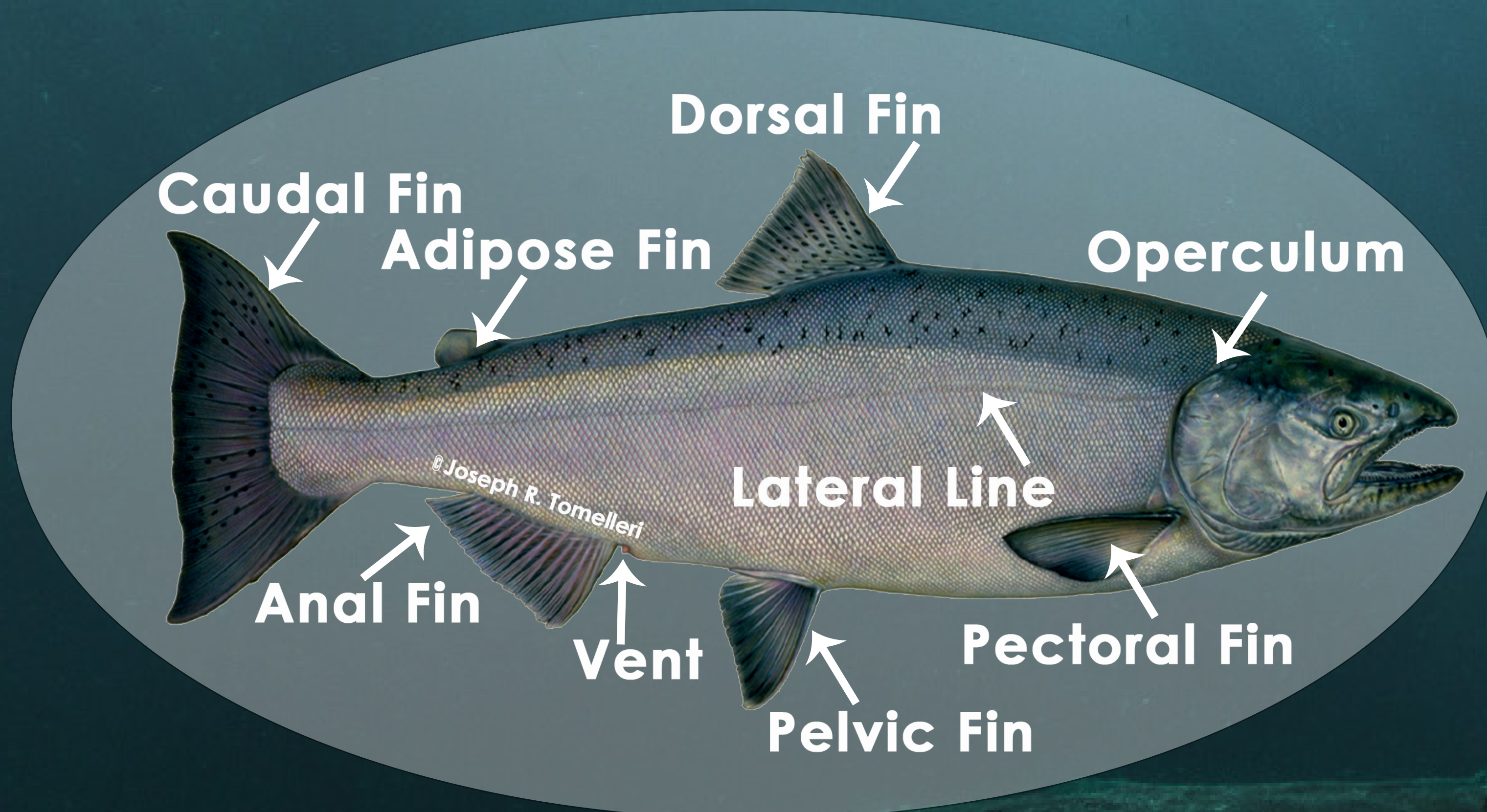
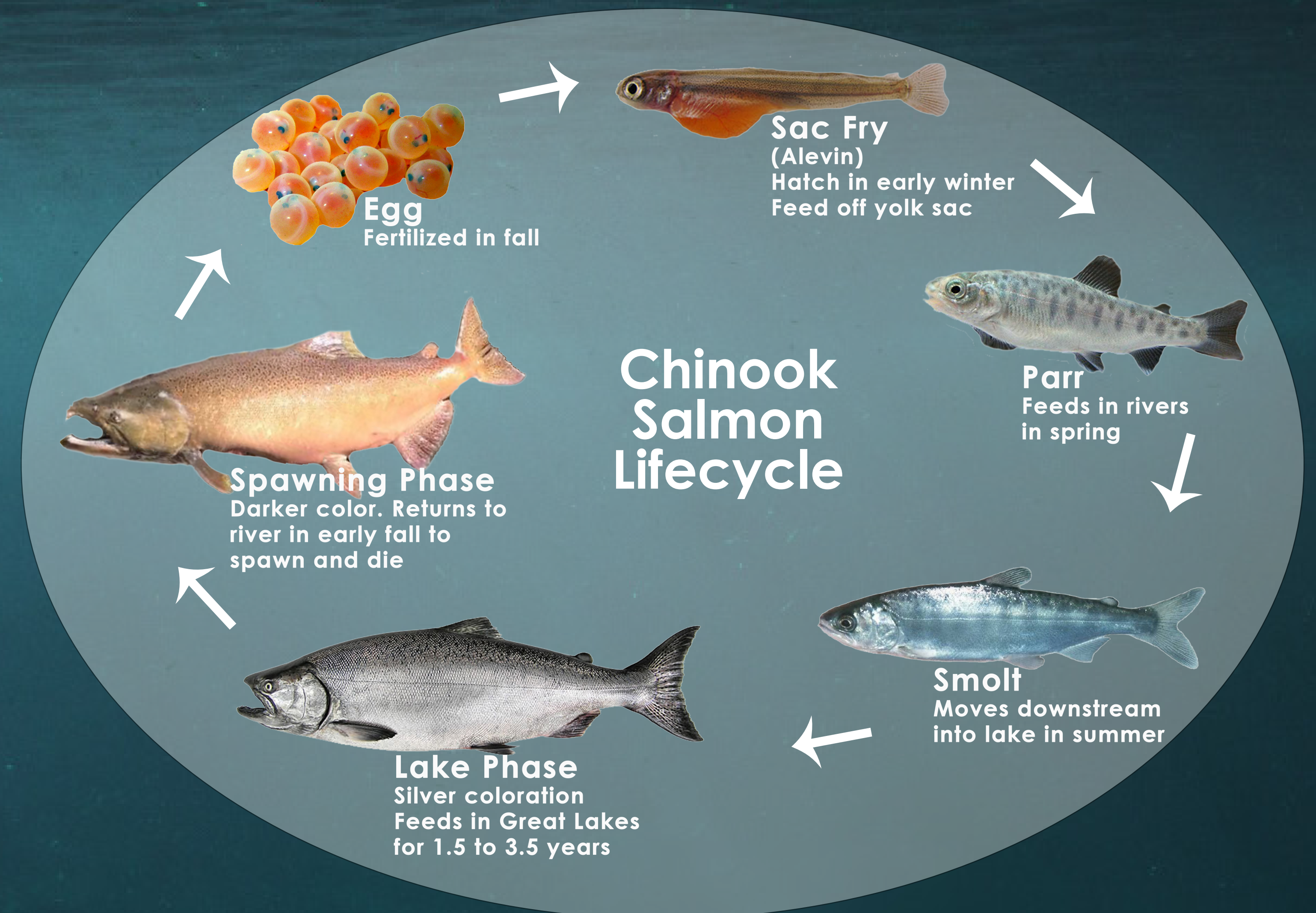


Hundreds of classrooms around the state raise Chinook salmon - from eggs to smolt - then release them in the spring. The Salmon in the Classroom program is run by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

Raising the young salmon encourages students to think about conservation, and creates a connection between caring for their fish in the classroom, and caring for their local environment.

Chinook salmon

Salmon were introduced to the Great Lakes in the 1960s from fish native to the Pacific Northwest. Not only did they suddenly provide an excellent sportfishery, but they also helped to control invasive alewife populations. Currently there are Atlantic salmon, and 3 Pacific salmon species in the Great Lakes - Chinook, coho and pink.



Chinook salmon are a charismatic educational tool. They grow fast, get large, and do well in captivity. Their lifecycle also perfectly lines up with the school year. Parents, local businesses, sports groups and non-profits sponsor tanks in classrooms around the state.

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