## **BEST PRACTICES**



## Salmon Viewing Etiquette for People & Dogs

For the salmon, spawning is their once in a lifetime opportunity to produce offspring. We are very lucky to be able to watch this important and amazing life cycle. Take care to watch quietly and not bother them while they are spawning.

## 1. Keep dogs on leash

Dogs can scare the salmon. Beware: dogs should not eat raw salmon as they can get Salmon Poisoning Disease (SPD)\*.

## 2. Keep a respectable distance away from the salmon

A shadow movement over the water or a slight noise can scare the salmon off and disrupt their spawning ritual.

\* SPD is often fatal to dogs and occurs when a dog eats raw salmon that is infected with the Neorickettsia helminthoeca parasite.

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