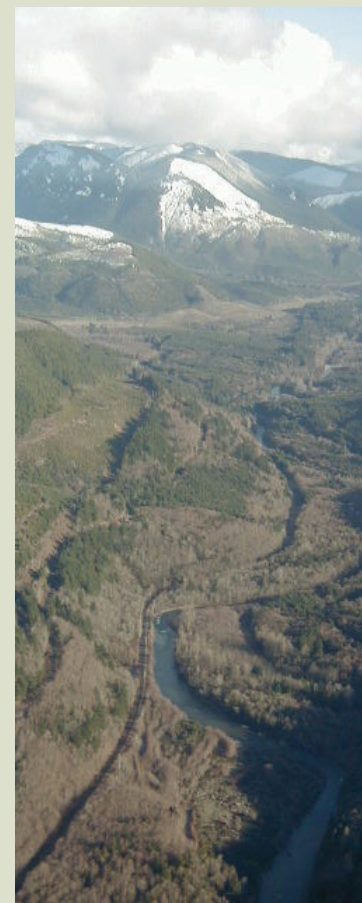




*The salmon came riding home  
Home from long journeys through the great seas  
How magnificent they flash  
Look, home is just up there  
Push on a little more  
Weaving the waves together, the salmon  
Dance in small, joyful jumps  
Scales shine a bright silver  
Riding the rhythm of the breaking waves  
They twist their bodies and leap*

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