Pacific Herring Life Cycle



EGG

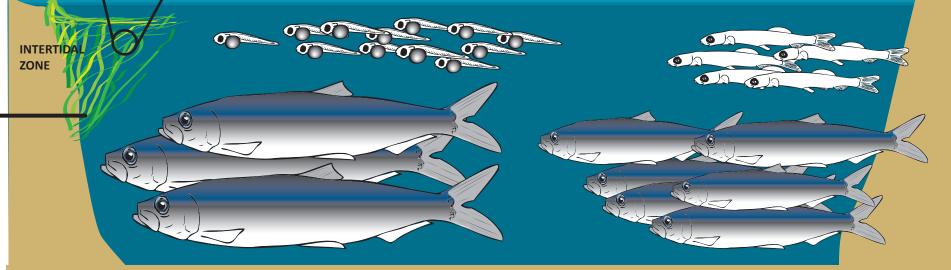
Adult herring spawn in the intertidal and eggs stick to kelp and seagrass for 21 days.

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Eggs hatch into larvae and drift with the ocean currents for 90 days. They need to find food soon after they've absorbed their yolk sacs.

AGE O JUVENILE

Spend about 227 days schooling in bays and fjords spend the summer feeding to build up energy stores for the winter.



AGE 3+ ADULT

During the spring adults move close to shore to spawn; other times of the year they are far offshore

AGE 1-2 YEAR JUVENILE

They survived their first winter but are not yet mature enough to spawn spend the springs and summers feeding.