

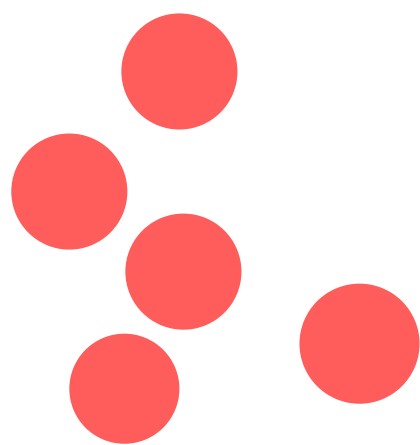
The ideal range in gravel size for spawning coho salmon is units of...



in circumference.

sediment composition for spawning habitat

THIS IS BECAUSE...



The gravel in salmon-bearing creeks needs to be **SMALL**

enough that the female salmon can use her caudal fin to easily dig a redd, in which she lays her eggs, and can maneuver the rocks to cover it.



The gravel should also be **BIG**

enough that the roe, which are buried beneath a layer of gravel, get enough water flow to supply sufficient oxygen and to expel waste.