

## Perfect Storm Conditions for Wild Pacific Salmon ?

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Amid the hullabaloo about the century-high returns of sockeye salmon to the Fraser River this year, Randall Peterman and colleagues at Simon Fraser University and the University of Washington in a new paper postulate that the conditions that have led to a [population explosion](#) of salmon in the North Pacific could also be setting the scene for a perfect storm to decimate wild salmon species. The research team found that 750 million pink, chum and sockeye returned to their freshwater homes to spawn in 2005, the highest number recorded since scientists started counting in the 1950s. However, they also found that at least 20 per cent of those adult salmon were from hatcheries. Peterman says that stronger hatchery salmon populations now means they might be able to out-compete their wild cousins for food and resources in the future. More [here](#) and [here](#)

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