

Toxics killing young salmon, study says

Young salmon swimming in the Willamette River are taking in toxins and dying before they can make it back out into the ocean, according to a recent study by NOAA Fisheries.

All the juvenile salmon tested were found within the Portland Harbor Superfund site just north of downtown Portland. The study found toxins like PCBs and DDT are making their way into

juvenile Chinook salmon through the food they eat in that area. As a result, those salmon, all less than a year old, are likely not surviving long enough to make it back to the ocean.

But the study also pointed out that there is one thing we can do to help the fish survive. The researchers said if the contaminants are cleaned up, the salmon population in

the Willamette River would increase significantly.

“Our modeling suggests that we may be seeing, in the future, as much as a 20 percent increase in the number of adults that come back to spawn as a function of removing a lot of these toxics in the lower part of the river,” said eco-toxicologist Nat Scholz who was also lead author on the study.

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