



Campbell Creek Science Center

Watershed Wonders

Module 4 Glossary

[Optional Vocabulary Practice](#)

abiotic: nonliving things in an ecosystem

adaptation: a body part or behavior that helps a living thing survive

alevin: a newly hatched salmon that is still carrying its yolk sac

aquatic habitat: a water environment where plants and animals live

biotic: living things in an ecosystem

dissolved oxygen: the amount of oxygen that is present in water

downstream: the lower part of a waterway; with the flow of the water

erosion: the process of rocks and soil being worn away by wind, water, or ice

estuary: the place where a river meets the ocean

fry: a young fish that can swim freely in a lake or stream

life cycle: a series of stages that a living thing goes through as it develops

macroinvertebrate: animals without a backbone that are visible to the naked eye, such as insects, worms, and snails

migrate: to move from one place to another

redd: a nest made out of stones in the gravel of a lake or stream where salmon lay their eggs

riparian ecosystem: all the living and nonliving things found along a waterway

smolt: a young salmon getting ready to enter salt water

spawn: to produce, deposit, and fertilize eggs

temperature: the measure of how hot or cold something is

upstream: the higher part of a waterway; against the flow of the water

watershed: an area of land that drains rainwater or snow melt into a river or other body of water

waterway: a body of water, such as a stream, creek, river, or lake