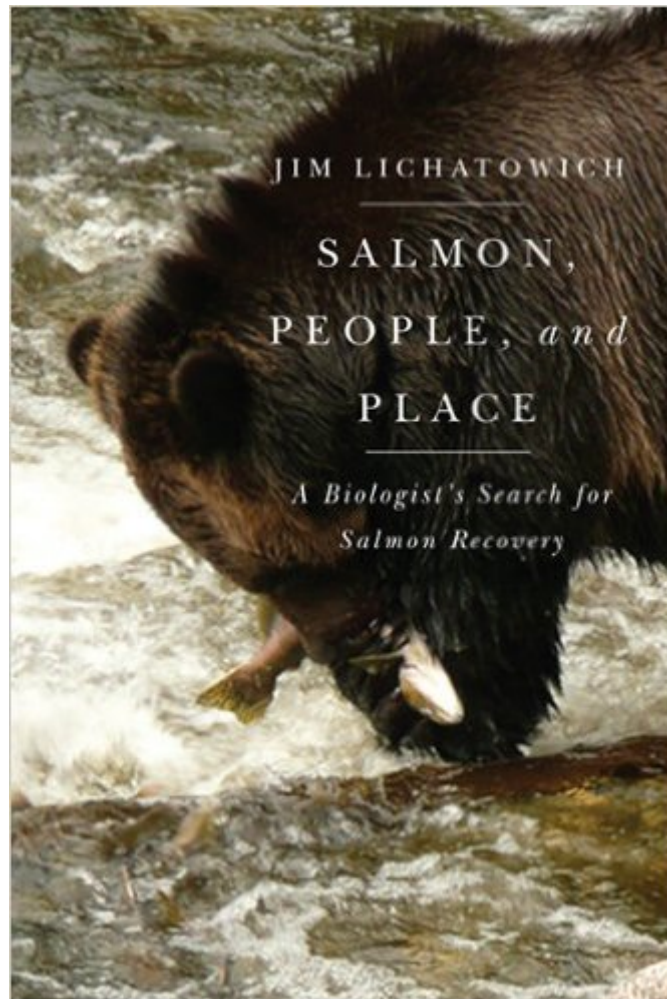


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# Salmon, People, And Place: A Biologist's Search For Salmon Recovery



## Synopsis

Each year wild Pacific salmon leave their oceanic feeding grounds and swim hundreds of miles back to their home rivers. The salmon's annual return is a place-defining event in the Pacific Northwest, with immense ecological, economic, and social significance. However, despite massive spending, efforts to significantly alter the endangered status of salmon have failed. In *Salmon, People, and Place*, acclaimed fisheries biologist Jim Lichatowich eloquently exposes the misconceptions underlying salmon management and recovery programs that have fueled the catastrophic decline in Northwest salmon populations for more than a century. These programs will continue to fail, he suggests, so long as they regard salmon as products and ignore their essential relationship with their habitat. But Lichatowich offers hope. In *Salmon, People, and Place* he presents a concrete plan for salmon recovery, one based on the myriad lessons learned from past mistakes. What is needed to successfully restore salmon, Lichatowich states, is an acute commitment to healing the relationships among salmon, people, and place. A significant contribution to the literature on Pacific salmon, *Salmon, People, and Place: A Biologist's Search for Salmon Recovery* is an essential read for anyone concerned about the fate of this Pacific Northwest icon.

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This is an incredibly important book. Lichatowich brings a rare mix of intellect, expertise, experience, imagination, and wisdom to bear on the question of why --despite spending billions to restore NW salmon runs -- "are our fish are still in trouble? The book draws upon personal reflections, science, history, and cultural critique to explore the reason for misguided policies, but Lichatowich goes

further in the end to identify what exactly needs to change. Specifically, he explains what questions need to be asked of every fishery plan and what kind of studies need to be done to hold fish agencies accountable. Yet the book never gets too wonky. As a reader, I always had the sense of being guided by a man who has an almost mystical connection to salmon and rivers --to find my own deeper connection to the rivers in my own place. The book is grounded in a passionate and practical plea: to save our salmon, we must begin to do things differently.

great perspective on salmon management past and present and the mindset that has created an expensive and losing situation. a must read for those with an interest in PNW fisheries.

This book paints a clear picture of the politics behind salmon management. It is a must read for anyone involved in salmon issues.

Great book in content. Great insight into our failures in managing salmon stocks. He also then lays out an optimistic and achievable path forward. My only complaint is that it could have all been said in half the pages.

A careful reading of this book gives a realistic, accessible glimpse of the salmon problem in the Pacific Northwest. The quality of the writing is splendid, always thoughtful and reaching to lyrical in places; it is a pleasure to read. What struck me initially was how the clarity of writing and the depth of thought brought me to make much broader connections. This was especially true of the discussion of conceptual foundations that took me well beyond salmon. Conceptual foundations determine how we view all aspects of our world, and this book brought that home to me in a way that allowed me to see it elsewhere. Chapter 1, on place, explores deep insights into the diversity of salmon, their evolution, their relationships with the rest of the natural and human world, bringing clarity for me to ideas I had barely glimpsed before. The book seems to me, in sum, to be an elaboration of a "land ethic," and it motivated me to reread "A Sand County Almanac" in parallel with reading the second half of this book. As an explanation/amplification of the land ethic, with salmon as the focal point, this book is a worthy read for anyone interested in and concerned about conservation and environmental issues.

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