

Billy Frank Jr Ch 1

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Prologue

- ① Spawning salmon will not go unnoticed. The fish travel saltwater highways of the ocean and transform into something of a spectacle. Their bodies turn varying shades of red. Their noses curve into hooks and large swells form on their backs. Approaching death, their once healthy bodies deteriorate. The fish die and a new cycle of life begins.
- ② Salmon are miracles of the ocean, crossing for years thousands of treacherous miles along the West Coast of North America. They are well equipped for the journey. Muscular bodies and caudal fins can lift the fish to unbelievable heights. They clear waterfalls and swim against ocean currents and river flows. Salmon can smell a single drop in 250 gallons of water. This keen sense of smell guides the fish back to their spawning grounds, where they carefully bury their eggs in gravel nests. But out of a thousand eggs, only a fraction of adult salmon will survive the journey.
- ③ For all their strength, salmon cannot overpower the ravages of humans and the seeds of development, which have wreaked havoc on their environment. To live, salmon depend on cool, clean water and secure stream banks. Deteriorating habitat and overfishing have devastated runs. International vessels and fleets have intercepted huge numbers of fish. Dams have blocked passages to spawning grounds. Turbines have disoriented the salmon and marked them as easy prey.

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Early logging robbed the water of shade and nutrients, leaving behind a dirty residue that spreads through streams like a moving cloud, threatening salmon eggs.

- ① For every mile the salmon have traveled, Billy Frank Jr. has taken a step. He has swallowed his pride, let go of the past, and formed the unlikely of alliances to ensure that salmon survive. "The person who had to walk the farthest is Billy Frank," attests Bill Wilkerson, a former director of the Washington State Department of Fisheries, "and he has never stopped."
- ② "I've heard of Uncle Billy my whole life," a Native radio commentator from New York once said. "He lives on the water. He knows the earth. If the fish can't live, we can't live. It's that simple."

Leadership Paper

EQ: What will we write about for our leadership paper?

Goal: To write a 10 page paper exploring Billy Frank Jr. as a "change-maker" and how we can apply those lessons of leadership to our own lives.

Outline:

Thesis Statement:
- your main idea about B.F.J. as a changemaker and how he influences you.

Introduction: (1 to 2 paragraphs)

Introduce the main ideas that you will explore in more detail in the paper about B.F.J. and how you apply those lessons to your life.

Background: (3-4 paragraphs)

Discuss how B.F.J. grew up and who he learned about leadership from.

Setting: (3-4 paragraphs)

Summarize the conflict or issue that B.F.J. attempted to change. Give the background information about what was going on.

Billy Frank Jr's Actions: (4-6 pp)

Discuss what he did to try to change the situation. What challenges did he meet? How did he address them.

Lessons Learned: (2 pp)

What lessons can you implement in your own life as you learn to be a leader? How did B.F.J. change his leadership style? What lessons did he learn?