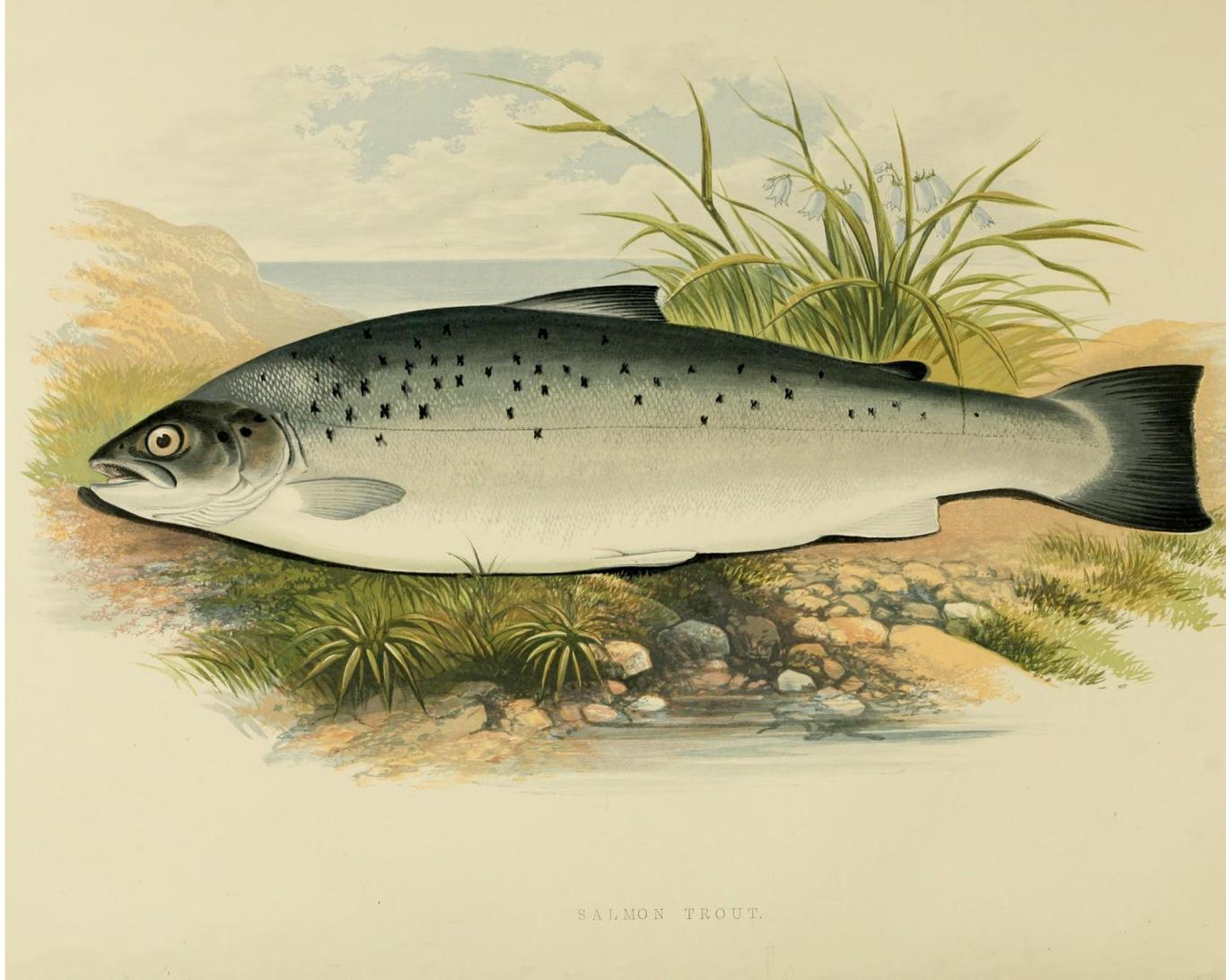
A stone bridge with five arches spans a river. The bridge is made of grey stone and has a low wall on top. The river is dark and reflects the sky. There are green trees and bushes on the banks. The sky is overcast and grey. The text "The Life Cycle of the Salmon and the River Moy!" is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font in the center of the image.

The Life Cycle of the Salmon and the River Moy!

The life on a baby salmon

In a little stream a female salmon makes a hole in the ground, lays her eggs and then covers them up with gravel. These eggs are called Redd. A Bradan starts its life here as a salmon protected by the clean gravel.



SALMON TROUT.

Baby Salmon starting to grow!

If the bradan can't get oxygen it can't grow or develop into a healthy salmon. As the Bradan starts to grow she absorbs her yoke sack and emerges as an alevin. Quite soon, she will become a little dark fry about 3-4 cm in length.



The life of a baby fry!

The Bradan leaves the pile of Redd and she is free at last and she travels a short distance down the little stream that she is living in. The water here is teeming with life: plenty of other fry, small fry, insects and larvae. The fry is starting to feed and loves all types of baby insects living in the water.

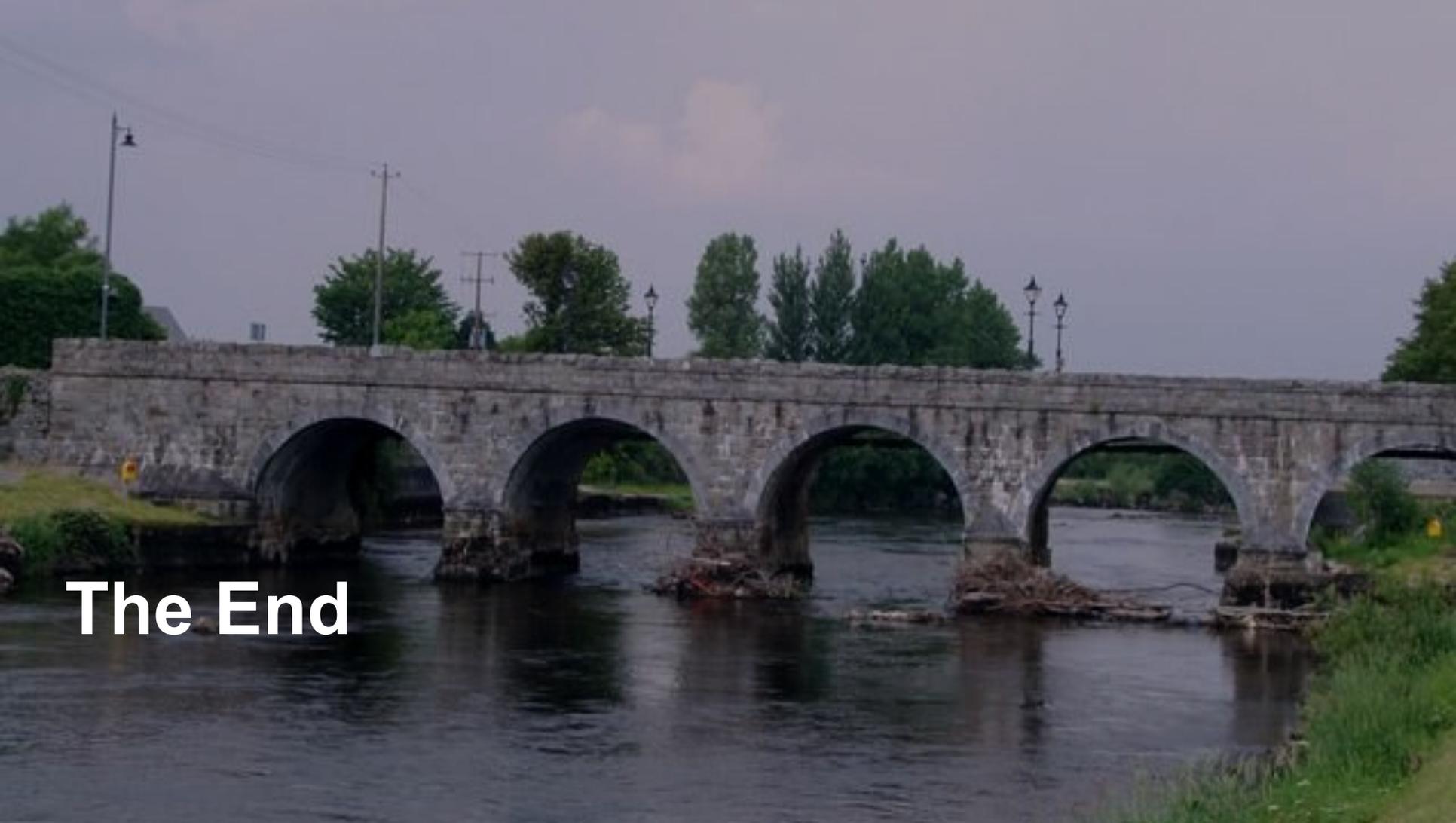


The fry starting to grow properly!

The Bradan is starting to become larger and stronger and is now becoming a bigger fish called a parr. It will move down to the deeper waters and stay there for a while.



Salmon are often referred to as the “king” of our game fish and can be found living in rivers, lakes and the sea. Salmon are born in freshwater but go to live in the sea to feed and grow. After one or two years in the sea, they return to the river in which they were born to spawn. While living in the sea, salmon are silver in colour but this colour changes to a reddish brown after they have been in the river for some time. Salmon spawn in the fast flowing stretches of rivers and streams in December and January. The female lays her eggs in a special nest called a “redd”. Some weeks later, the eggs hatch out and the small fish begin their lives.



The End