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Across the Northern Hemisphere, migratory fish like salmon have suffered major losses because rivers have been dammed and polluted, while many populations were heavily overfished. JEFF J. MITCHELL/GETTY IMAGES

# World's great fish migrations collapsing

### Declines affect human lives worldwide

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Hidden beneath the surface of the world's rivers, some of Earth's great animal movements unfold – migrations that rival, in sheer biomass, the famous mass movements of zebra and wildebeest across the Serengeti. • For centuries, fish migrations were as predictable as the seasons. Salmon, sturgeon, giant catfish and many other species moved through rivers in vast numbers, guided by rising water, flood pulses and evolved biological cues.

These species are extraordinarily diverse, ranging from beluga sturgeon – massive fish that can live for more than a century and produce the world's most prized caviar – to giant river carp, tropical eels, gold-flecked shad and goliath catfish, all of which travel to survive, in some cases over hundreds or even thousands of miles.

Their journeys can span continents. But the fish and their migrations are disappearing.

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The Mekong giant catfish once migrated hundreds of miles along the Mekong River, supporting fisheries and cultural traditions across the region. Today it is critically endangered due to overfishing and dams blocking its route to spawning grounds. TANG CHHIN SOTHY/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

Migrations of these fish, like migrations of buffalo on the American plains once did, shape ecosystems, livelihoods and culture.

ANALYSIS

# Trump's China policy appears adrift

### President seen as erratic ahead of visit to meet Xi

**Michael Martina**  
REUTERS

WASHINGTON – When President Donald Trump returned to office in 2025, he vowed to use tariffs to reset relations with China, which he said was “killing” the United States with its trade policies.

Now, more than a year into his second term, Trump's aggressive trade moves have not fundamentally altered Beijing's trade or military actions. Instead, Washington's China policy appears adrift, causing confusion among officials and driving contradictory decisions.

The administration's erratic moves toward Beijing have been on full display in recent months. Those include adding top Chinese companies to a military blacklist only to withdraw the list moments later, and a decision by Trump to green-light AI semiconductor sales to China within minutes of his government labeling Chinese access to them a national security threat.

As Trump prepares for his planned May 14-15 visit to China to meet President Xi Jinping, the first such trip by an American president in eight years, critics argue such inconsistencies, coupled with his improvisational deal-making style, have undermined the United States in its competition with Beijing.

“You have departments and agencies acting on their own accord, often with different objectives, and even at times in countervailing ways,” said Ely Ratner, a former assistant secretary of defense for Indo-Pacific security affairs.

“On any given day, it feels like the policy can zigzag in either direction,” Ratner said.

Responding to questions on the administration's approach to China, White House spokesperson Kush Desai said Trump's trade agenda had “flipped the script” on decades of failed policy that hollowed out the U.S.

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