Where Have All the Salmon Gone?

The following animals all live in the area near Tim's house:

- brown bear
- bald eagle
- salmon
- Stellar's sea lions

Tim enjoys watching the various animals throughout the year. He especially likes the salmon because he often fishes for them in the summer. One day Tim began to wonder what it might be like if there were no longer any salmon in the river near his house.

He came up with the following ideas:

A. The bears, eagles, and sea lions that depend on the salmon for food would all die.

B. Bears, eagles and sea lions all depend on the salmon for food. If the salmon were not there, some of the animals may not be able to live there anymore.

C. Even though bears, eagles and sea lions depend on the salmon for food, they would just find something else to eat, and stay in the area.

Which one of his ideas do you think best describes what might happen if the salmon around Tim's house disappeared?

Explain why you think this idea is the best idea: