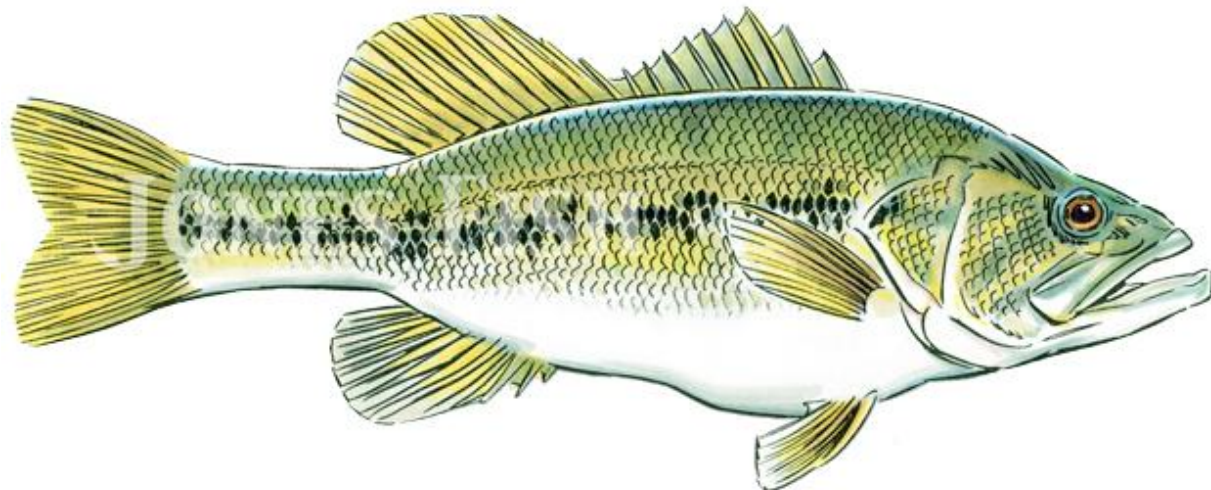


Largemouth Bass



LARGEMOUTH BASS (*Micropterus salmoides*)

ALIAS: Black bass, green trout, bucketmouth, bigmouth bass, widemouth bass

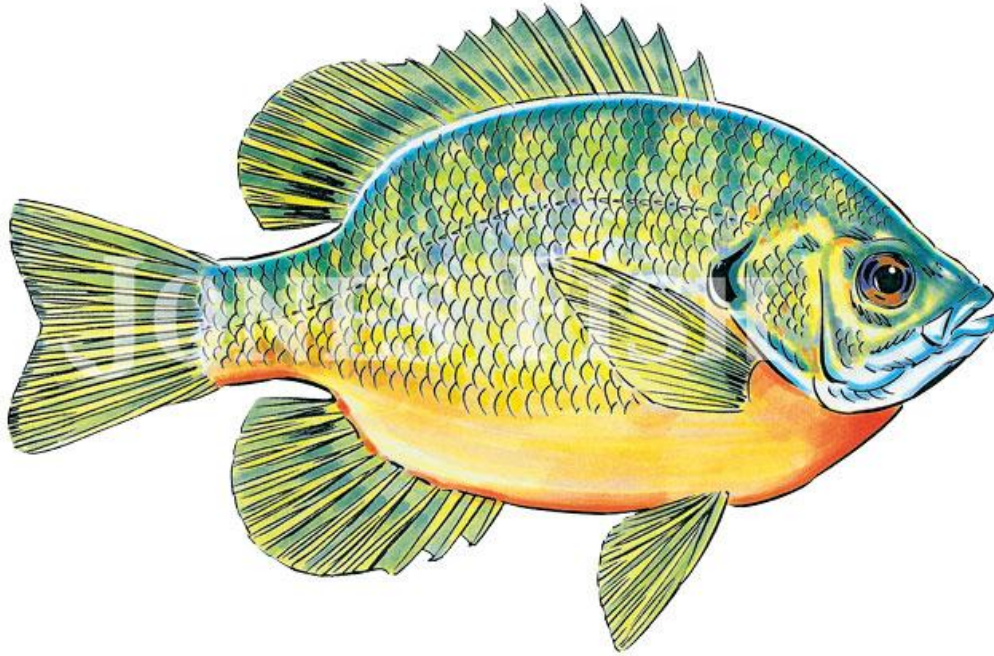
IDENTIFICATION: The large mouth extends past the back of the eye when the mouth is closed. A dark band runs along the side of the body from head to tail. Coloration is variable, but is usually a dark green.

DIET: Bluegill, frogs, insects, fathead minnows, golden shiners and other small fish.

SPAWNING: Mid-March to mid-June when water temperatures reach 62F. Males construct nests in 2 to 4' of water on sandy or gravelly bottoms.

FISHING TIPS: Natural and artificial baits work well with casting or spinning gear. Best fishing months are May, June and July.

Bluegill Sunfish



BLUEGILL SUNFISH (*Lepomis macrochirus*)

ALIAS: Bream, brim, sun perch, copperbelly

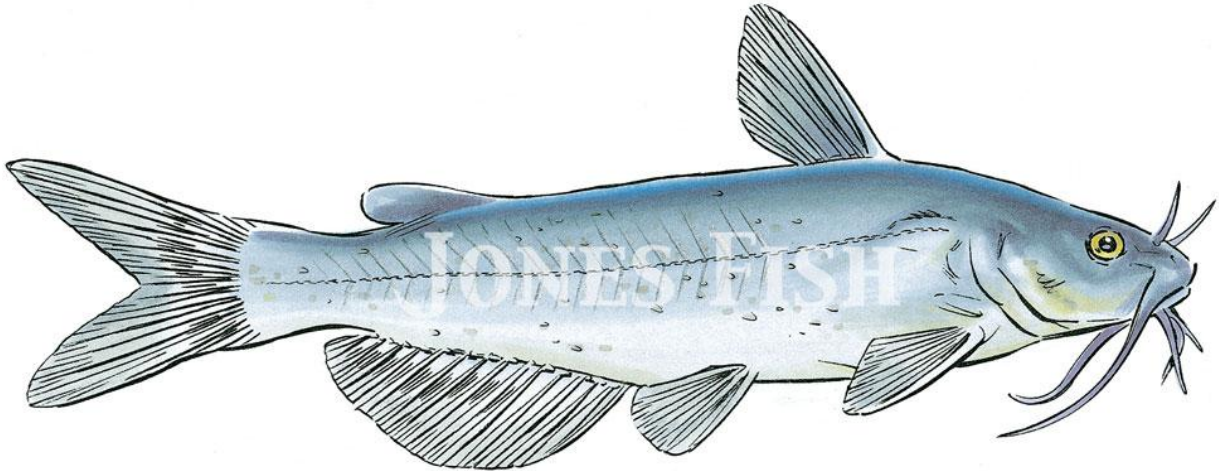
IDENTIFICATION: A deep sided fish with a small mouth, a long pectoral fin and a spot on the dorsal fin.

DIET: Insects, insect larvae, fathead minnows, small fish and commercial fish food.

SPAWNING: May through mid-summer when water temperatures are 65-85° F. Nests are constructed in 1 to 4' of water on firm sand and gravel bottoms.

FISHING TIPS: Live bait such as red worms, meal worms and fathead minnows on a small hook work great in catching these slab-sized fish throughout the spring and summer.

Channel Catfish



CHANNEL CATFISH (*Ictalurus punctatus*)

ALIAS: Spotted cat, fork tail, speckled, fiddler

IDENTIFICATION: Scaleless, slender fish with deeply forked tail, and barbels around the mouth. Back and sides are dark gray-blue; belly is white. Albino channel catfish are white to pale pink in color. Sharp spines in pectoral and dorsal fins.

DIET: Crayfish, sunfish, small fish, commercial fish food and anything they can scavenge.

SPAWNING: Late-May to July when water temperatures are 70-75F. Nests are constructed in natural cavities and overhangs.

FISHING TIPS: Being a bottom feeder, catfish are often caught on nightcrawlers, chicken livers, sunfish, fathead minnows and golden shiners. They feed most actively at night and in the early morning.

Golden Shiners



GOLDEN SHINERS (*Notemigonus crysoleucas*)

ALIAS: Arkansas shiner, shiner minnow

IDENTIFICATION: Golden shiners are deep bodied fish with small, upturned mouths that make excellent largemouth bass bait.

DIET: Zooplankton and phytoplankton.

SPAWNING: Spawning occurs multiple times during the spring and early summer once temperatures reach 68° F. They broadcast adhesive eggs over submerged structure; their spawn success can be increased by the addition of artificial structures.

FISHING TIPS: Shiners are excellent live bait, especially for largemouth bass and larger gamefish.