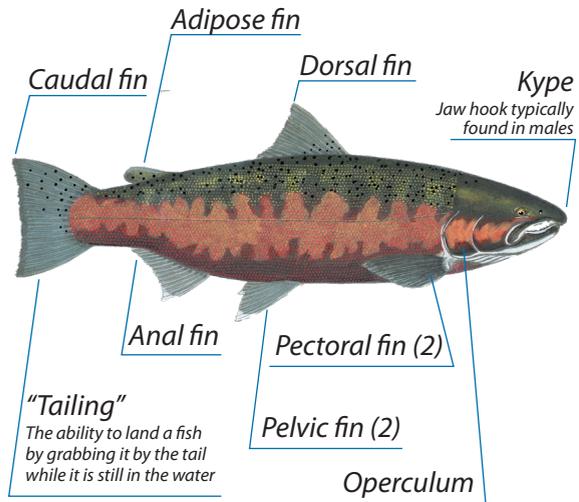


Body Features Used in Identification



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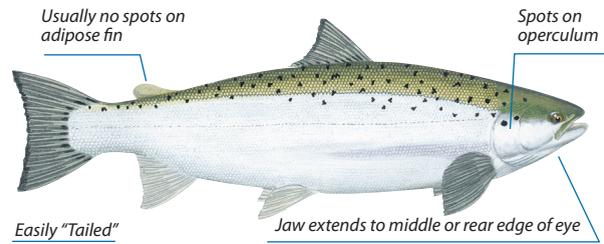
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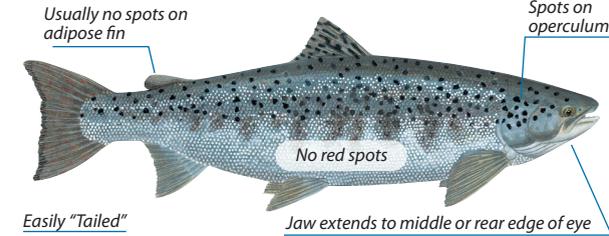
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Atlantic Salmon

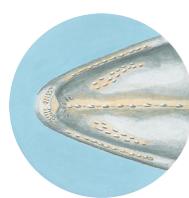
(Salmo salar)
Lake Phase Adult



Stream Phase Adult



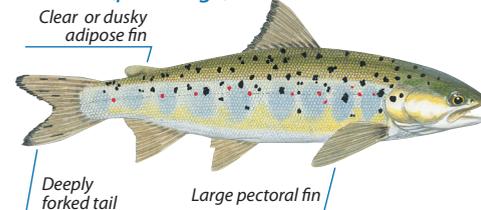
Large kypes (jaw "hooks") on spawning males



Small vomerine (roof of mouth) teeth in a single row

Spawning Atlantic Salmon and Brown Trout can be difficult to distinguish. Vomerine teeth are the best characteristic to distinguish between these species.

Juvenile (parr stage)

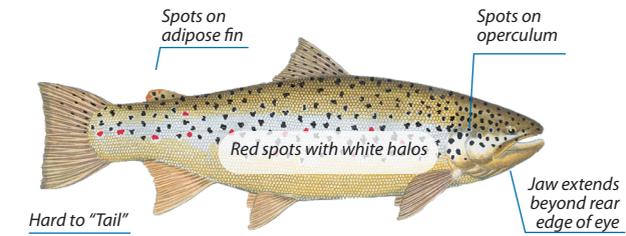


Brown Trout

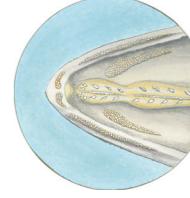
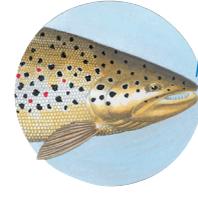
(Salmo trutta)
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Stream Phase Adult



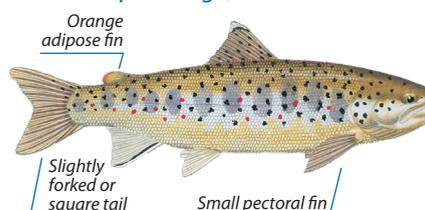
Large kypes (jaw "hooks") on spawning males



Well-developed vomerine (roof of mouth) teeth in zig-zag pattern

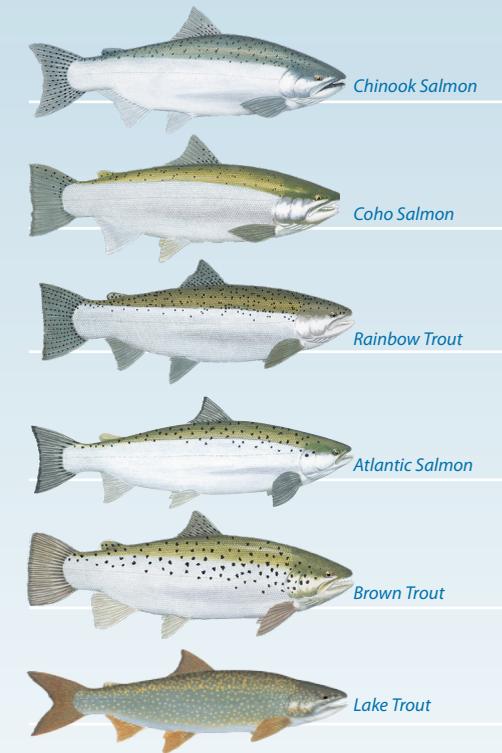
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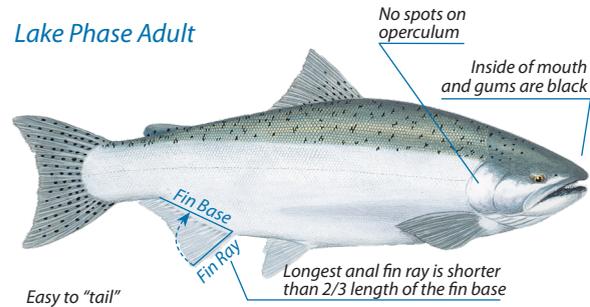
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Chinook Salmon

(*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*)

Lake Phase Adult



Stream Phase Adult



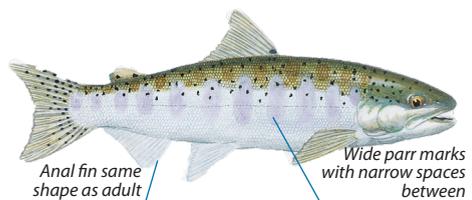
Large kypes (jaw "hooks") on spawning males



Pink Salmon and Chinook Salmon can hybridize. These hybrids are called "Pinooks."

Pinooks have variable characteristics and their appearance can be similar to either parent species.

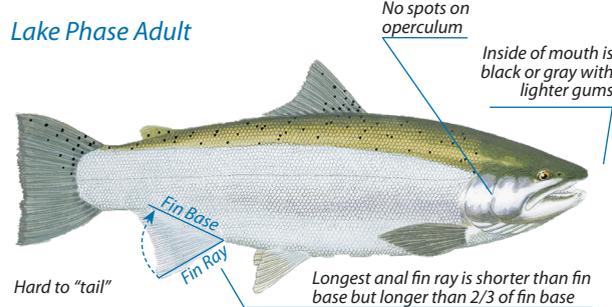
Juvenile (parr stage)



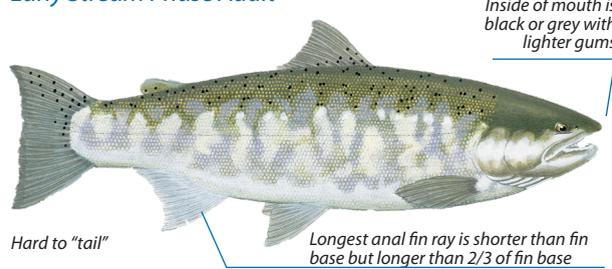
Coho Salmon

(*Oncorhynchus kisutch*)

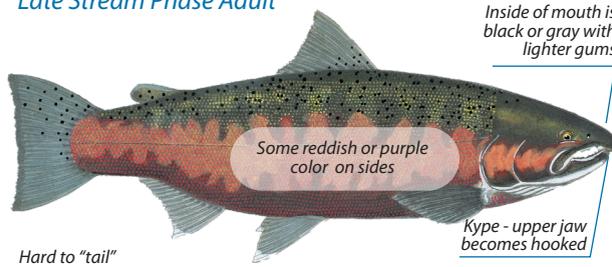
Lake Phase Adult



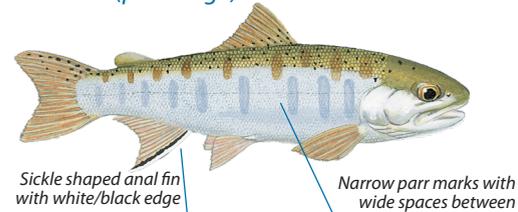
Early Stream Phase Adult



Late Stream Phase Adult



Juvenile (parr stage)

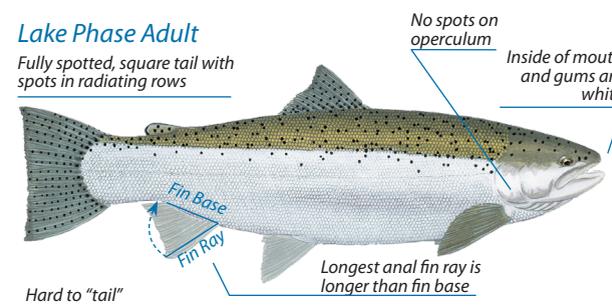


Fish coloration varies greatly and live fish may not look exactly as shown in the brochure.

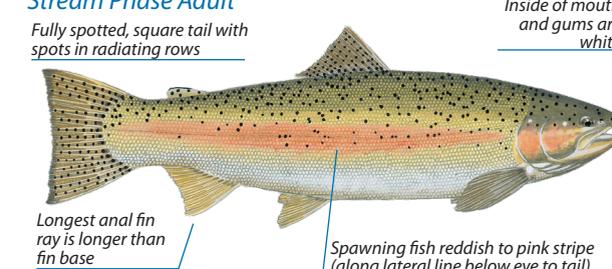
Steelhead/Rainbow Trout

(*Oncorhynchus mykiss*)

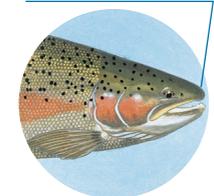
Lake Phase Adult



Stream Phase Adult



Large kypes (jaw "hooks") on spawning males

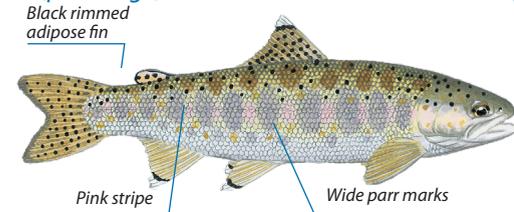


Spawning fish reddish to pink stripe

Lake Trout and Brook Trout can hybridize. These hybrids are called "Splake."

Splake have variable characteristics and their appearance can be similar to either parent species.

Juvenile (parr stage)

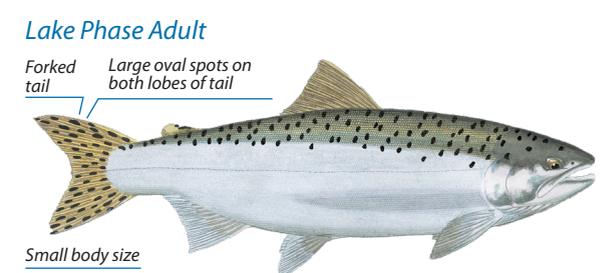


Pink Salmon

Lake Superior and St. Mary's River
Rare in Western Great Lakes

(*Oncorhynchus gorbuscha*)

Lake Phase Adult

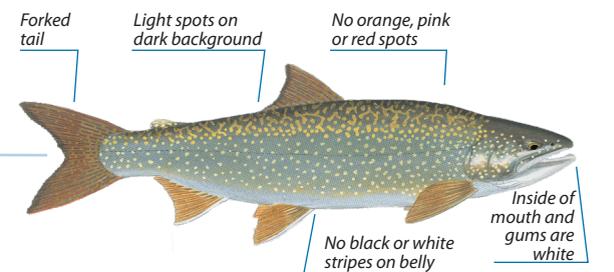


Stream Phase Adult



Lake Trout

(*Salvelinus namaycush*)



Brook Trout

Lake Superior and streams

(*Salvelinus fontinalis*)

