

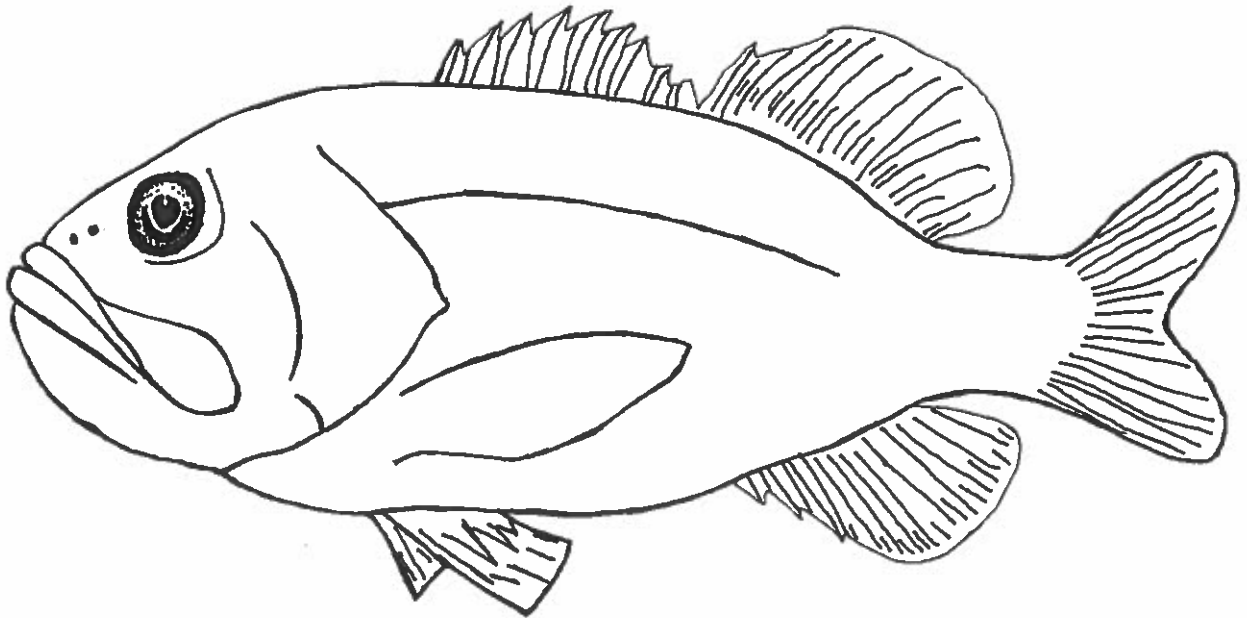
Channel Catfish

- Barbels (whiskers) for sensing food, NOT stinging
- 3 spines for defense against predators
- No scales, but taste buds all over body
- Omnivore

Label the barbels and 3 spines
Where is the mouth situated (Top, front, or under the head)?
Do you think this catfish is a bottom-feeder only?

Largemouth Bass

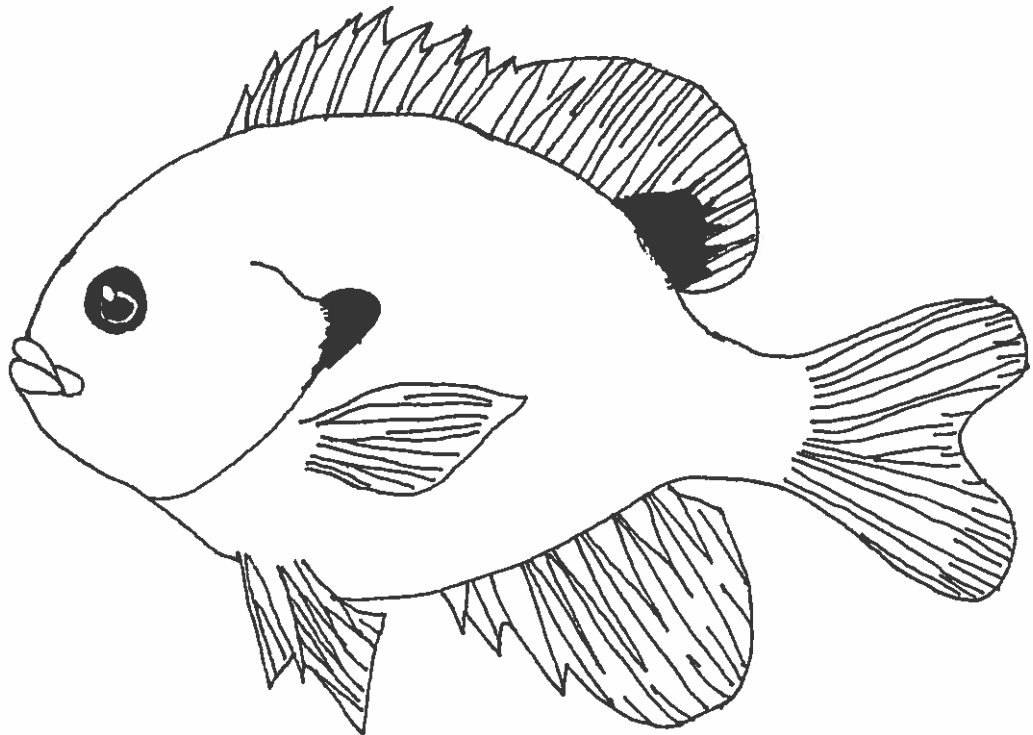
- Top predator in freshwater systems
- Carnivore
- Prefers lively prey (and bait/lures)
- Largest caught over 23 lbs in Japan



Label the spines
Where are the gills?
Why do they have such big eyes?

Bluegill

- Dark 'spot' at base of fin
- Commonly called 'brim' or 'panfish'
- Carnivore
- Predator of invertebrates and small fish



Label the spines and gill area

Do you think Bluegill can be different colors?

What might cause them to look different from one another?