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**Pectoral Fin**

12" to 20" in length and weigh up to about 6 pounds. Fish has a distinct sucker mouth on the under portion of its head. These fish are also dark green, grey, copper, brown, or black back and sides and a light underbelly. The Bluegill (*Lepomis gibbosus*)

**Adult Sizes:**

- As a rule, bluegills usually weigh 1 to 2 pounds. A bluegill weighing a pound or more is considered a "keeper."

**Identifying Characteristics:**

- Very popular fish in the summer and through the ice in the winter.
- Natural History:

**Habitat:** Minnows, crayfish, insect nymphs, jig, spinners, small crankbaits

**Adult Size:**

- Usually are more colorful with reds

**Identifying Characteristics:**

- Spot on each scale and only three spines on their anal fin. Sheepshead (Freshwater Drum)

**Aplodontus grunniens**

**Adult Sizes:**

- Fish serve as a natural filter for stormwater runoff.

**Identifying Characteristics:**

- Usually 54 to 68 degrees Fahrenheit. They prefer to lay their eggs in moving water.

**Natural History:**

- River and streams with moderate current, rocky lake shallows

**Habitat:**

- Smallmouth Bass

**Identifying Characteristics:**

- Large average size than most panfish. They prefer

**Natural History:**

- Restricted areas.

**Cook:**

- Lake shallows and shoals with firm bottom and vegetation.

**Natural History:**

- Summer as they prefer water temperatures in the 60s and 70s.

**Habitat:**

- Flathead Catfish

**Pylodictis olivaris**

**Adult Sizes:**

- They are a heavy bodied fish that grows rapidly to a large size. A brownish back down-turned mouth with barbels. Carp have serrated dorsal and anal fins with spines.

**Natural History:**

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**Habitat:**

- Bait:

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