

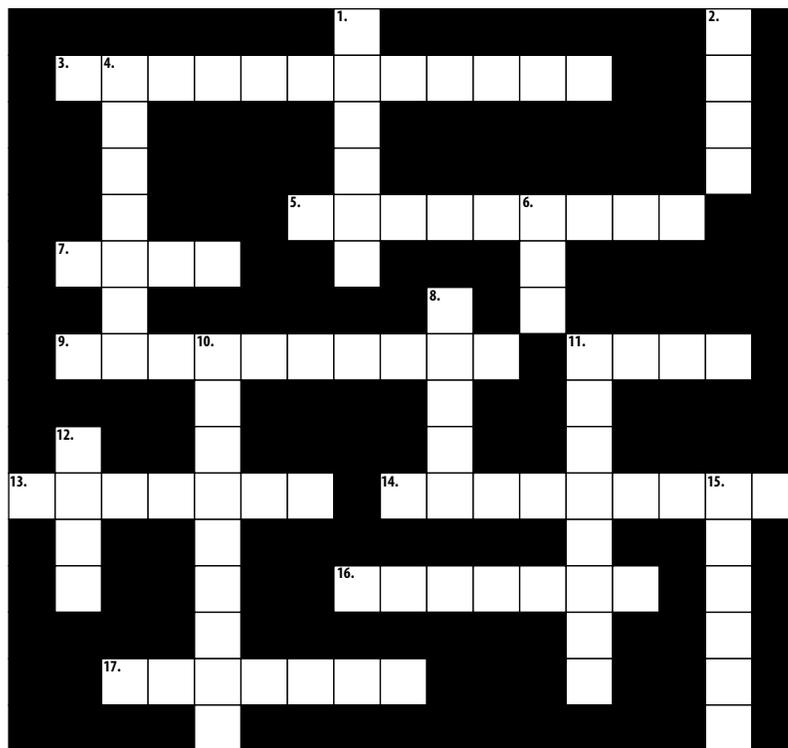
FISHING FOR CLUES

Use the clues below to identify 18 species of fish found in the Great Lakes region. For answers see: www.miseagrant.umich.edu/education/crosswords



FISH

- walleye
- bass
- pike
- crappie
- burbot
- sculpin
- lake sturgeon
- bluegill
- alewife
- drum
- carp
- perch
- round goby
- gar
- salmon
- whitefish
- sea lamprey
- lake trout



CROSSWORD CLUES

Across

3. Often called a "living fossil," this native Great Lakes fish can live more than 100 years and grow more than six feet long.
5. This invasive, bottom-dwelling fish is extremely abundant in some nearshore areas of the Great Lakes.
7. Fast-swimming predator fish with long body and sharp teeth: *northern* _____.
9. This invasive eel-like parasite preys on other fish using a sucking disk filled with sharp, rasping teeth.
11. *Largemouth* and *smallmouth* _____ are popular sportfish found in many inland lakes and rivers, respectively.
13. This sportfish, a member of the perch family, can see in low light conditions and often feeds at dawn and dusk.
14. Most valuable commercially caught fish in the Great Lakes: *lake* _____.
16. The *black* _____ belongs to the sunfish and bass family. It is typically found in clear, weedy lakes and larger streams.
17. The *deepwater* _____ lives in the cold bottom waters of the Great Lakes, where it hides in soft sediments to avoid predators like lake trout and burbot.

Down

1. This native Great Lakes predator lives in deep waters of the Great Lakes. It belongs to the freshwater cod family.
2. The *freshwater* _____ makes a characteristic drumming sound with muscles contracting the swim bladder.
4. Native to the Atlantic Ocean, this forage fish entered the Great Lakes during the last century. It provides food for salmon.
6. The *longnose* _____, a primitive fish with a unique mouth, is one of three species of its kind that live in Great Lakes waters. They frequent quiet, warm waters in lakes and larger streams.
8. A favorite sportfish and food fish, the *yellow* _____ has distinct vertical bands.
10. This native Great Lakes predator is also known as a *laker*.
11. This popular panfish has a dark spot on its gill. It's one of many similar species in the sunfish and bass family.
12. This bottom-feeding fish is the largest species in the minnow family. It tolerates turbid environments in warm rivers and lakes.
15. The *Chinook*, or "King," and *coho* _____ were introduced to the Great Lakes in the 1960s for sportfishing.

To learn more about Great Lakes fish, visit Fisheries Learning On the Web: www.projectflow.us

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