

Marine Species Identification

MARINE REGULATIONS

Herring

Alewife (a river herring)
 Dorsal fin forward of midlength
 Eye diameter greater than snout length
 No teeth on roof of mouth
 Deep body

Atlantic Herring
 Teeth on roof of mouth
 Dorsal fin at midlength
 Narrow body

Gizzard Shad
 Round snout overhangs closed mouth
 Long, filamentous projection from last ray of dorsal fin

American Shad
 Large mouth
 May have a line of spots
 Upper jaw close to rear edge of eye
 Largest in the herring family

Blueback Herring (a river herring)
 Eye diameter less than snout length
 Dorsal fin forward of midlength
 No teeth on roof of mouth

Hickory Shad
 Lower jaw projects well beyond upper jaw when mouth closed

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Striped Bass



Weakfish



Bluefish (Snapper)



Black Sea Bass



Atlantic Croaker



Winter Flounder



Tautog (Blackfish)



Black Drum



Summer Flounder (Fluke)



Red Drum



Blue Crab



Hard Clam



Spot



**Scup
(Porgy)**



White Perch



Northern Searobin



Northern Kingfish



Atlantic Bonito



Cobia



Northern Puffer



**Spanish
Mackerel**



Oyster Toadfish



Atlantic Mackerel



Atlantic Cod



Smooth Dogfish



Spiny Dogfish



Sand Tiger Shark



Sandbar Shark