



FALLFISH

Semotilus corporalis

Description:

- ◆ adults dull sliver, olive to gold-brown on top
- ◆ sometimes a purple or blue sheen
- ◆ young are bright silver
- ◆ mature males will develop pinkish tint to their heads during breeding season
- ◆ rounded snout
- ◆ slightly overhanging mouth
- ◆ large eye
- ◆ on adult the scales of the back and upper side are darkly outlined
- ◆ 8 dorsal rays
- ◆ 8 anal rays

Size:

- ◆ up to 17 inches

Range:

- ◆ Atlantic slope from New Brunswick to the James River drainage in Virginia; Hudson Bay, Lake Ontario and St. Lawrence drainages

Facts:

- ◆ clear streams, lakes, ponds and small to medium rivers with gravel bottom
- ◆ doesn't like muddy water
- ◆ eats insects, small fish, crayfish and some plant material
- ◆ preyed on by other fish and birds
- ◆ males construct nests of gravel by carrying stones in their mouths
(nests can be 4 feet wide and 1.5 feet tall)
- ◆ largest minnow native to eastern North America

FALLFISH CATCH TOTALS

Year	Total
2010	1
2011	1
Grand Total	2

*fallfish were only caught during the years shown

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