



REDFIN PICKEREL

Esox americanus americanus

Description:

- ◆ dark olive green to dark brown
- ◆ black bar below eye slanted towards rear
- ◆ dorsal fin orange to red, leading to the name 'redfin'
- ◆ amber to white belly
- ◆ 15-36 dark green to brown wavy bars on side of adult
- ◆ fully scaled cheek and opercle
- ◆ 11-13 branchiostegal rays
- ◆ 17-21 dorsal rays
- ◆ 16-20 anal rays

Size:

- ◆ up to 15 inches

Range:

- ◆ Atlantic slope drainages to southern Georgia

Facts:

- ◆ likes weedy areas of sluggish streams, lakes and ponds
- ◆ tolerant of low oxygen conditions
- ◆ can live in brackish water
- ◆ spawn in spring, when water reaches 50° F
- ◆ no nest or parental care

REDFIN PICKEREL CATCH TOTALS

| Year | Total |
|--------------------|--------------|
| 2008 | 1 |
| Grand Total | 1 |

*redfin pickerel were only caught during the years shown

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