



Can You Match the Fish to its Facts?

SPINY DOGFISH



ATLANTIC STURGEON

1. What fish lives most of its life in freshwater and returns to the ocean to reproduce?

2. What fish makes a "croaking" sound by vibrating its swim bladder?

3. What fish is nicknamed chopper because of its razor sharp teeth and powerful jaw?

4. What fish dates back to over 70 million years ago, and can reach a size of 15 feet in length and weigh over 800 pounds?

5. What fish is named for its color and the drum-like sound it makes?

6. What fast swimming fish forms large schools and travels great distances?

7. What fish gets its name from the dark spot behind its gills?

8. What fish throws up its food when excited, forming oil slicks on top of the water that smell like watermelon or freshly cut grass?

9. What fish's name refers to the tender, easily-torn part of the fish's mouth, rather than its fighting ability?

10. What fish lives most of its life in the ocean and returns to freshwater to reproduce?

11. What animal is more closely related to spiders than crabs, and has been around for over 200 million years?

12. What fish gives birth to live young instead of laying eggs?



HORSESHOE CRAB



AMERICAN SHAD



SPOT



SPANISH MACKEREL



AMERICAN EEL



RED DRUM



BLUEFISH



WEAKFISH



SPOTTED SEATROUT



ATLANTIC CROAKER

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ANSWERS: (1) American eel; (2) Atlantic croaker; (3) Bluefish; (4) Atlantic sturgeon; (5) Red drum; (6) Spanish mackerel; (7) Spot; (8) Spotted seatrout; (9) Weakfish; (10) American shad; (11) Horseshoe crab; and (12) Spiny dogfish