Herring

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

Atlantic Herring
- Teeth on roof of mouth
- Dorsal fin at midlength
- Narrow body
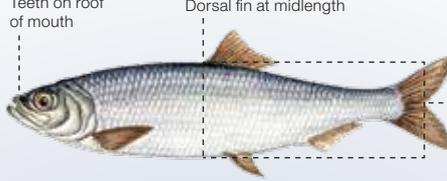
Gizzard Shad
- Round snout overhangs closed mouth
- Long, filamentous projection from last ray of dorsal fin
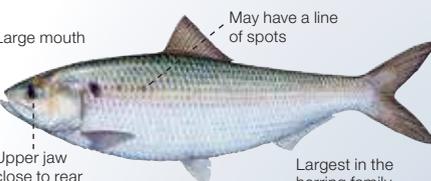
American Shad
- Large mouth
- May have a line of spots
- Upper jaw close to rear edge of eye
- Largest in the herring family

Blueback Herring (a river herring)
- Eye diameter less than snout length
- Dorsal fin forward of midlength
- No teeth on roof of mouth
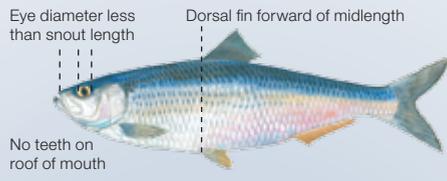
Hickory Shad
- Lower jaw projects well beyond upper jaw when mouth closed

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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
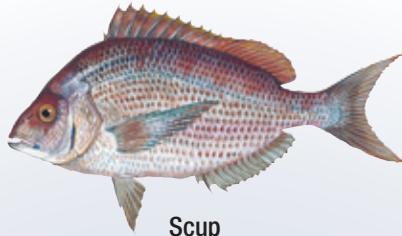
Scup
(Porgy)

White Perch

Northern Searobin

Northern Kingfish

Atlantic Bonito

Northern Puffer

Spanish
Mackerel

Oyster Toadfish

Atlantic Mackerel

Atlantic Cod

Smooth Dogfish

Spiny Dogfish

Sand Tiger Shark

Sandbar Shark