FEATURES OF SOME COMMON MINNESOTA FISH FAMILIES

**Catfish Family**
- Channel catfish: Brown mottled body, Slightly forked or flat tail, Mouth with "underbite"
- Flathead catfish: Barbs (whiskers, not stingers), Brown mottled body, Slightly forked or flat tail
- Black bullhead: No "underbite", Slightly forked or flat tail
- Yellow bullhead: Yellow barbels, Slightly forked or flat tail
- Brown bullhead: No "underbite", Slightly forked or flat tail

**Sunfish Family/Panfish**
- Bluegill sunfish: Black gill flap with orange spot
- Pumpkinseed sunfish: Black gill flap with yellow to white margin, Bluish-green color
- Green sunfish: Silvery body with black spots
- Black crappie: Silvery body with black spots arranged in vertical bars
- White crappie: No "underbite"

**Sunfish Family (continued)**
- Muskie: Brown mottled body, Slightly forked or flat tail
- Northern Pike: Light colored spots on dark body, Dark colored spots or bars on light body

**Pike Family**
- Largemouth bass: Green body with horizontal dark strip, Jaw past eye
- Smallmouth bass: Brownish body with vertical dark stripes, Rounded tips on tail
- Muskie: Brown mottled body, Slightly forked or flat tail

**FIGURE**
Perch Family

Yellow perch
- Dark vertical bars
- Bottom tip of tail has no white spot
- Large, milky-colored eyes
- Spots on dorsal fin

Walleye (Minnesota's State Fish)
- Bottom tip of tail has white spot

Sauger
- Bottom tip of tail has no white spot

For more information on Minnesota fishes, please visit:
http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/fishing/index.html

Salmon/TROUT Family

Rainbow trout (non-native)
- Pink strip down its side
- Gray to black back
- Light underside
- Black spotted dorsal fin

Lake trout
- Light spots on dark background
- Forked tail

Brown trout (non-native)
- Light brown body
- Dark spots on light background
- Square tail

Brook trout
- Like Lake trout - Brook trout have white leading edge on bottom fins
- Light brown body
- Square tail

Other Sport Fish

Common carp (non-native)
- Bronze to greenish color
- Orange dorsal and pectoral fins
- Large scales
- Two barbels, one on each side of mouth
- Six or more dark lateral lines

White bass
- Olive colored
- Silvery, gray colored
- Black spot on caudal peduncle

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