











FISHES of the HUDSON RIVER ESTUARY - SHEET THREE

WHITE PERCH

What is it? Morone americana is a fish
How big is it? up to 12 in. long
What does it eat? crustaceans, insects, fish
& fish eggs
Where does it live? in rivers, lakes, bays, &
estuaries; fresh & brackish water
What is its life cycle? hatches from egg,
often in tributary stream; moves downstream

to larger body of water as it grows; may

return to tributary to spawn

LARGEMOUTH BASS

What is it? Micropterus salmoides is a fish How big is it? up to 24 in. long, 10 lbs.
What does it eat? crustaceans, insects, fish, frogs

Where does it live? in streams, rivers, ponds, & lakes; fresh water

What is its life cycle? hatches from egg; grows up near where it hatched

HOGCHOKER

What is it? Trinectes maculatus is a fish How big is it? up to $5\frac{1}{2}$ in. long
What does it eat? small crustaceans, insect larvae, worms
Where does it live? in rivers, bays, estuaries, & ocean; fresh & salt water
What is its life cycle? hatches from egg; grows up near where it hatched

COMMON CARP

What is it? Cyprinus carpio is a fish
How big is it? up to 36 in. long, 40 lbs
What does it eat? omnivorous; insects,
crustaceans, snails, worms, small fish, fish
eggs, algae, plants
Where does it live? in rivers, ponds, lakes;
fresh water
What is its life cycle? hatches from egg;

grows up near where it hatched

NORTHERN PIPEFISH

What is it? Syngnathus fuscus is a fish How big is it? up to 8 in. long
What does it eat? zooplankton, mainly tiny crustaceans
Where does it live? in rivers, bays, marshes, estuaries, & ocean; brackish & salt water
What is its life cycle? hatches from egg that female places in pouch on stomach of male; grows up near where it hatched

BLUEFISH

What is it? Pomatomus saltatrix is a fish How big is it? young "snapper" bluefish up to 10 in. long are common in estuaries; adults up to 36 in. long, 20 lbs
What does it eat? fish, crustaceans, squid Where does it live? in rivers, bays, estuaries, & ocean; brackish & salt water What is its life cycle? hatches from egg in ocean; young migrate into estuaries during first year, then return to sea

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