

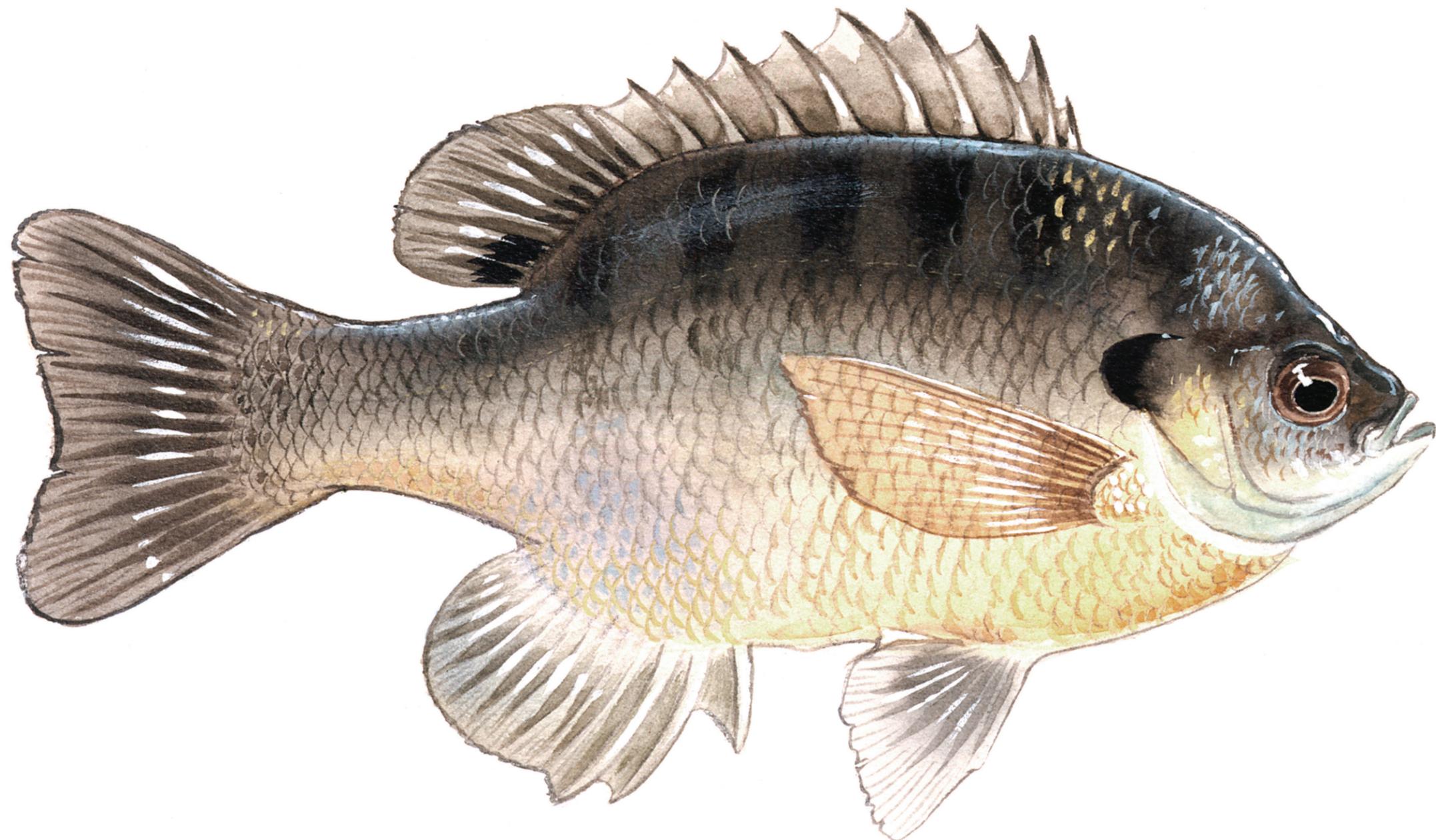
BLACK CRAPPIE

ALSO CALLED: crappie, white perch, papermouth

DESCRIPTION: silvery-green with many black spots on body and spines on gill covers

FRESHWATER HABITAT: clear, deep waters with little plant life

SIZE: averages less than 2 pounds, but can reach up to 5 pounds



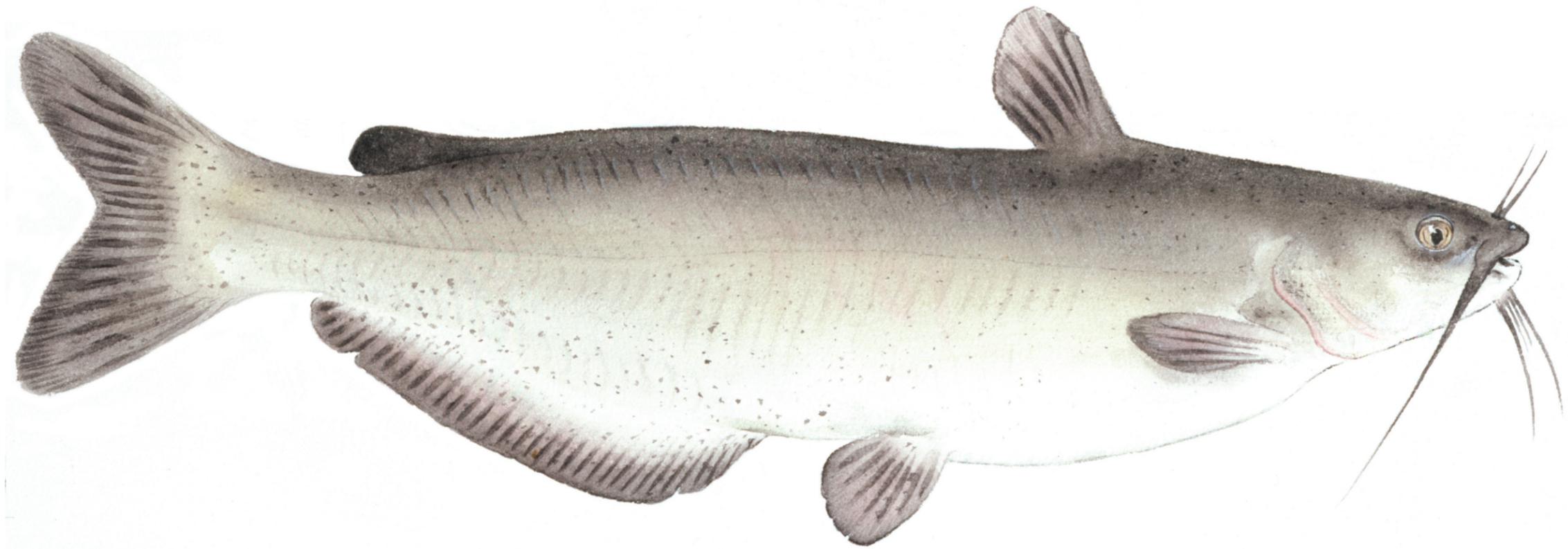
BLUEGILL

ALSO CALLED: sunfish, bream

DESCRIPTION: often green with lavender, brown, orange, copper or yellow with a dark spot at base of dorsal fin and a small mouth

FRESHWATER HABITAT: near plant life and sunken trees of shallow rivers, lakes and ponds

SIZE: average under a pound but can reach up to 4 pounds



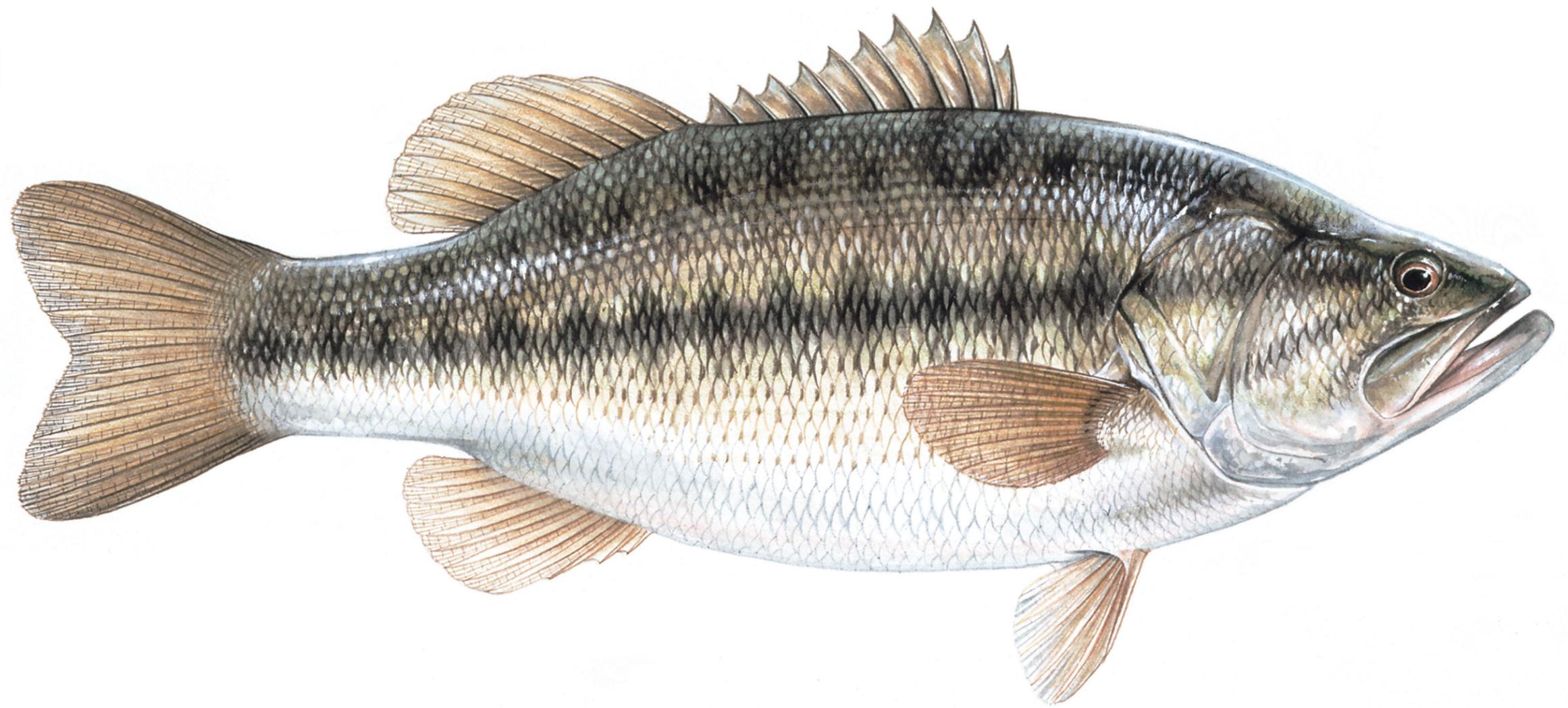
CHANNEL CATFISH

ALSO CALLED: channel, willow cat, fiddler cat, twister

DESCRIPTION: greenish-brown to dark blue with small black spots and deeply forked tails

FRESHWATER HABITAT: large streams with slow moving currents; but also found in lakes, rivers and even shallow water

SIZE: average 1-6 pounds but may reach up to 40 pounds



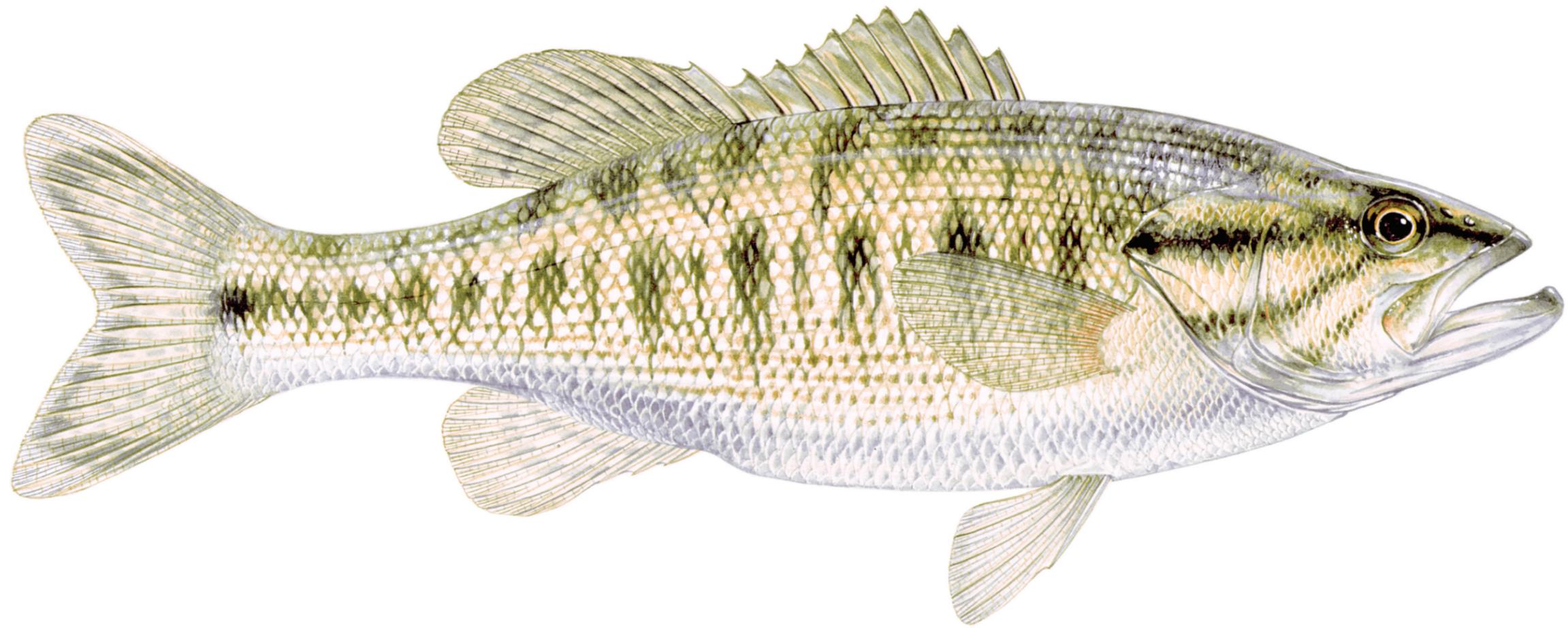
LARGEMOUTH BASS

ALSO CALLED: bass, largemouth, bigmouth

DESCRIPTION: green with dark blotches that form a stripe along the middle of the fish; underside light green to white

FRESHWATER HABITAT: near plant life in clear, quiet warm waters

SIZE: average 1-6 pounds but 2-14 pounds common



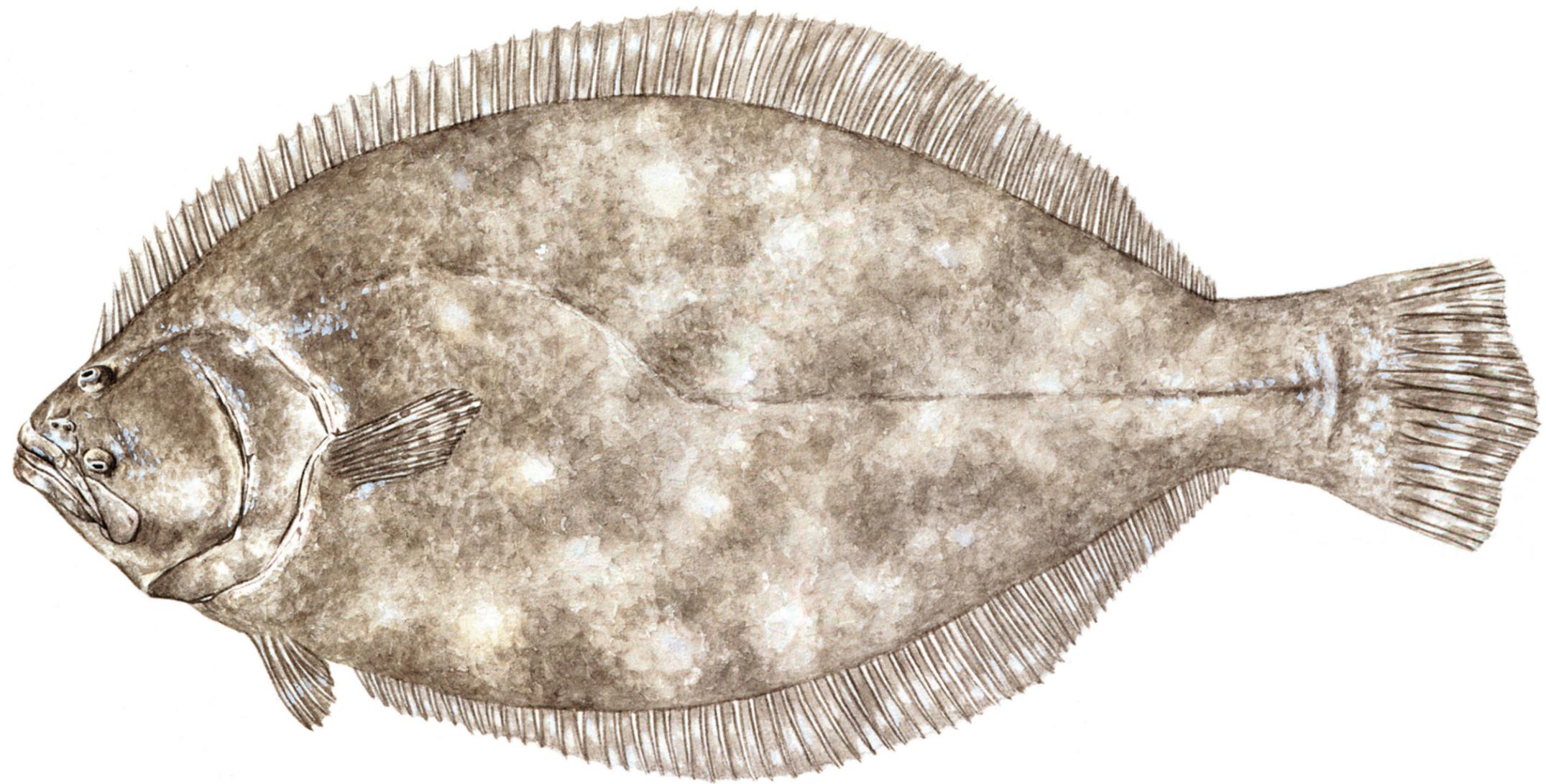
GUADALUPE BASS

ALSO CALLED: black bass, Guadalupe spotted bass

DESCRIPTION: State Fish of Texas; greenish body with many dark bars along their side

FRESHWATER HABITAT: found only in Texas; usually in flowing water

SIZE: average 1 pound



SOUTHERN FLOUNDER

ALSO CALLED: flounder

DESCRIPTION: flat-bodied with eyes on top; change color and pattern to match surroundings

SALTWATER HABITAT: usually found around jetties or oysters reefs in bays

SIZE: average 1-3 pounds but may reach 13 pounds



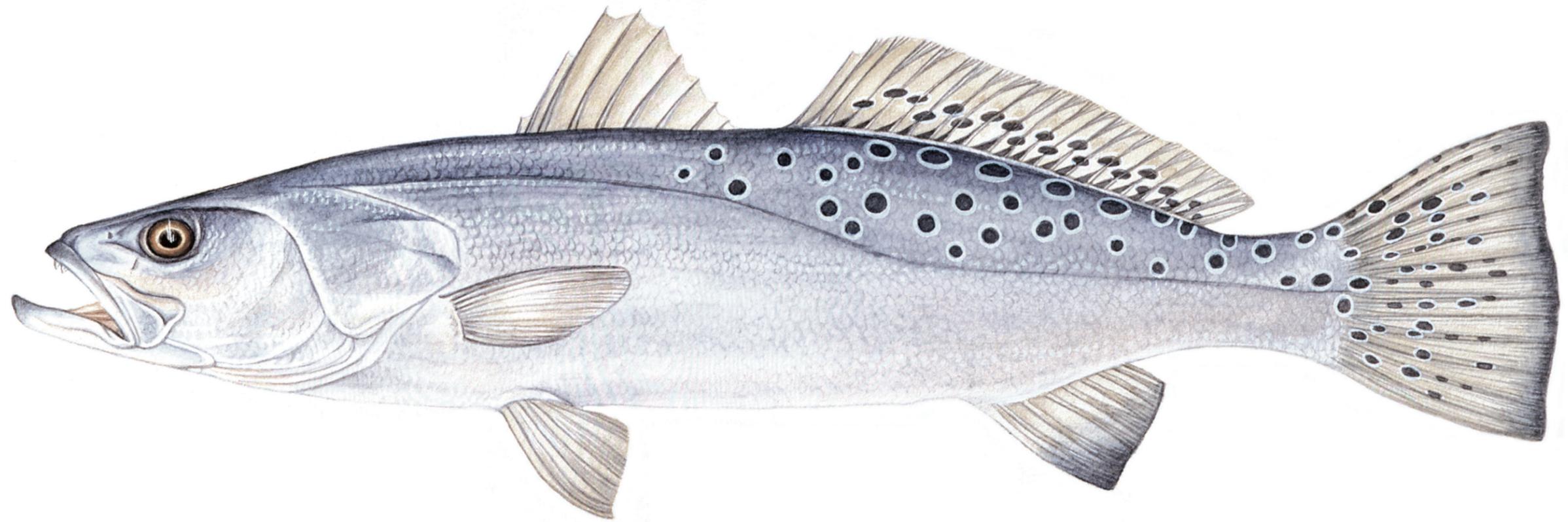
RED DRUM

ALSO CALLED: redfish, reds, rat red, bull red

DESCRIPTION: reddish-bronze color with one large black spot on base of tail

SALTWATER HABITAT: bays and estuaries, as well as deeper waters of the Gulf

SIZE: up to 50 pounds



SPOTTED SEA TROUT

ALSO CALLED: specks, speckled trout, spotted weakfish

DESCRIPTION: silvery sides, greenish back and many dark spots on upper sides and fins

SALTWATER HABITAT: shallow waters near sea grass, reef or marsh

SIZE: 1 1/2 - 3 pounds but may reach 13 pounds



SHEEPSHEAD

ALSO CALLED: sheaphead, convict fish, bay snapper, sargo

DESCRIPTION: black and white bars up and down fish's sides

SALTWATER HABITAT: jetties, oyster reefs and pier pilings

SIZE: average 2 pounds but may reach 15 pounds

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