

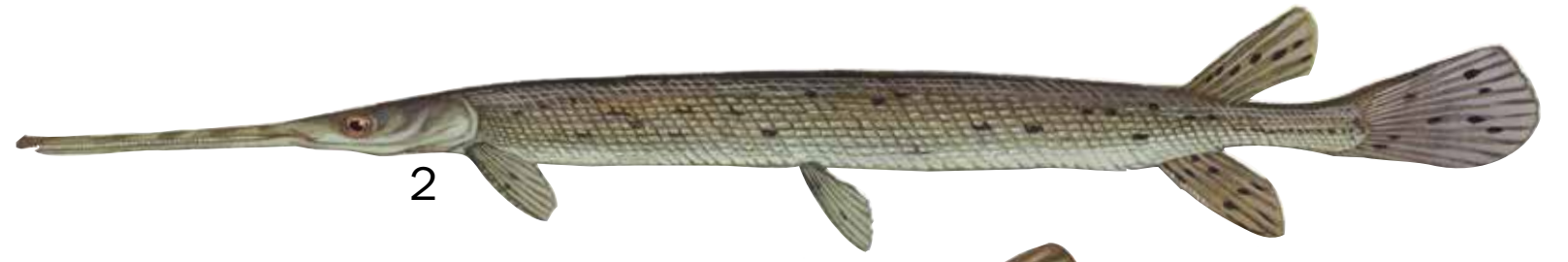
# Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

# Florida's

# Freshwater Fishes

**1-Florida or spotted gar**

28<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> lbs, Youth: 21<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> lbs\*  
State Record: 9.44 lbs



**2-Longnose gar**

40<sup>7</sup>/<sub>15</sub> lbs, Youth: 30<sup>7</sup>/<sub>11</sub> lbs\*  
State Record: 41.00 lbs

**3-Alligator gar**

*Not a Big Catch species.*

State Record: 123.00 lbs  
It is illegal to possess alligator gar without a permit.



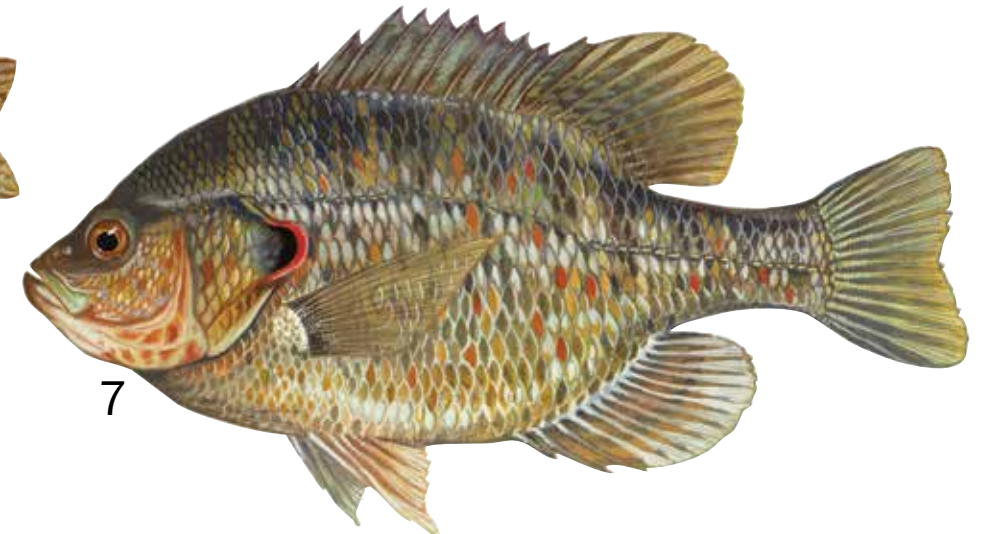
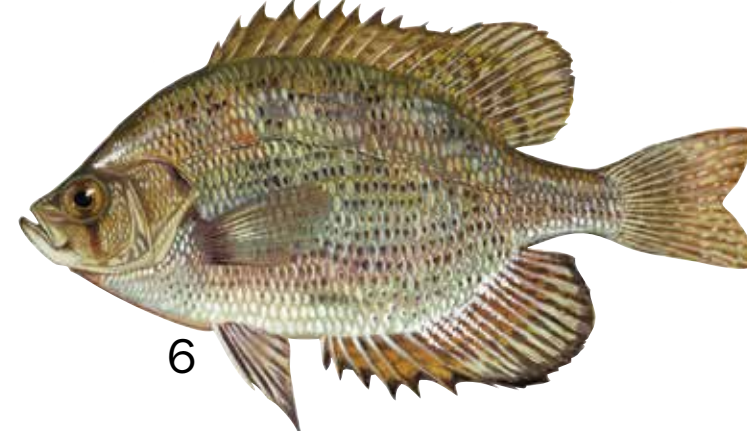
**4-Chain pickerel**

22<sup>7</sup>/<sub>3</sub> lbs, Youth: 17<sup>2</sup>/<sub>2.25</sub> lbs\*  
State Record: 6.96 lbs

**5-Redfin pickerel**

*Not a Big Catch species.*

State Record: 1.06 lbs



**6-Flier**

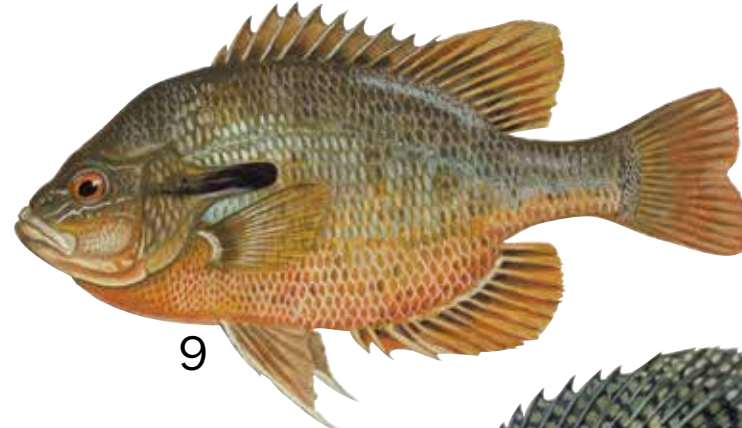
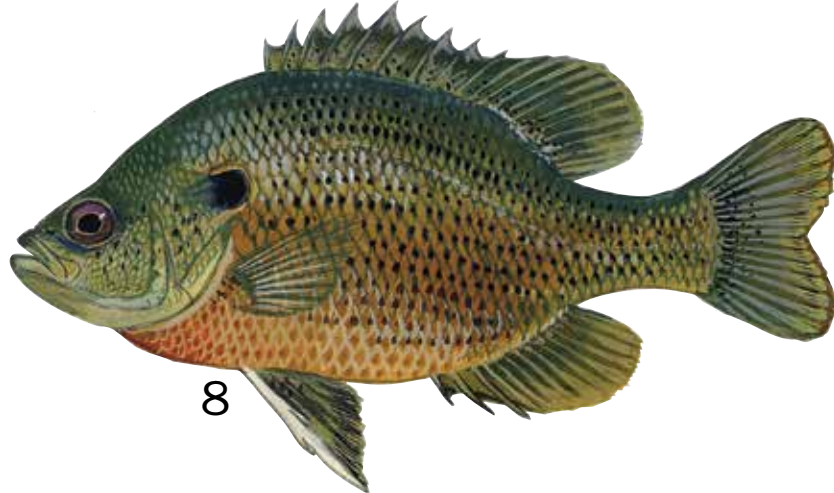
8<sup>7</sup>/<sub>0.5</sub> lb, Youth: 6<sup>7</sup>/<sub>0.4</sub> lb\*  
State Record: 1.35 lbs

**7-Redear sunfish**

11<sup>1</sup>/<sub>1.25</sub> lbs, Youth: 8<sup>7</sup>/<sub>1</sub> lb\*  
State Record: 4.86 lbs

**8-Spotted sunfish**

7<sup>7</sup>/<sub>0.5</sub> lb, Youth: 5<sup>7</sup>/<sub>0.4</sub> lb\*  
State Record: 0.83 lbs



**9-Redbreast sunfish**

9<sup>7</sup>/<sub>0.5</sub> lb, Youth: 7<sup>7</sup>/<sub>0.4</sub> lb\*  
State Record: 2.08 lbs

**10-Warmouth**

9<sup>7</sup>/<sub>0.5</sub> lb, Youth: 7<sup>7</sup>/<sub>0.4</sub> lb\*  
State Record: 2.44 lbs



**11-Bluegill**

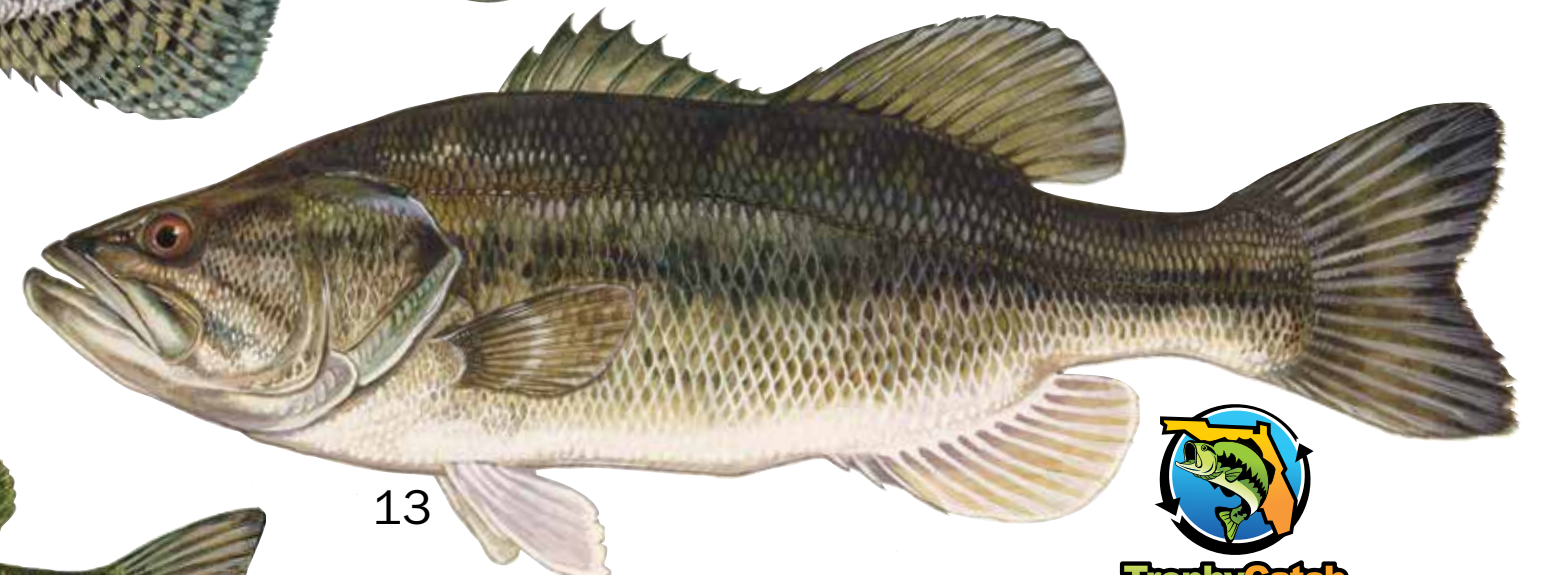
10<sup>7</sup>/<sub>1</sub> lb, Youth: 8<sup>7</sup>/<sub>0.75</sub> lb\*  
State Record: 2.95 lbs

**12-Black crappie**

14<sup>2</sup>/<sub>2</sub> lbs, Youth: 10<sup>7</sup>/<sub>1.5</sub> lbs\*  
State Record: 3.83 lbs

**13-Largemouth bass**

24<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub> lbs, Youth: 18<sup>7</sup>/<sub>6</sub> lbs\*  
State Record: 17.27 lbs



**14-Shoal bass**

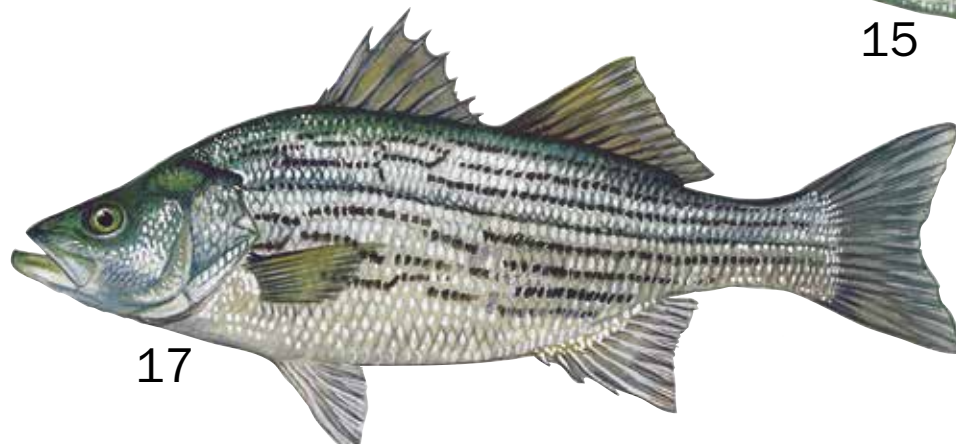
16<sup>2</sup>/<sub>2</sub> lbs, Youth: 12<sup>7</sup>/<sub>1.5</sub> lbs\*  
State Record: 5.95 lbs

**15-Spotted bass**

16<sup>2</sup>/<sub>2</sub> lbs, Youth: 12<sup>7</sup>/<sub>1.5</sub> lbs\*  
State Record: 3.75 lbs

**16-Suwannee bass**

14<sup>7</sup>/<sub>1.5</sub> lbs, Youth: 11<sup>7</sup>/<sub>1</sub> lb\*  
State Record: 3.89 lbs



**17-Sunshine bass**

20<sup>7</sup>/<sub>5</sub> lbs, Youth: 15<sup>7</sup>/<sub>3.5</sub> lbs\*  
State Record: 16.31 lbs

**18-Striped bass**

30<sup>7</sup>/<sub>12</sub> lbs, Youth: 22<sup>7</sup>/<sub>9</sub> lbs\*  
State Record: 42.24 lbs

**19-White bass**

15<sup>7</sup>/<sub>2.5</sub> lbs, Youth: 11<sup>7</sup>/<sub>1.75</sub> lbs\*  
State Record: 4.69 lbs



**20-Butterfly peacock bass**

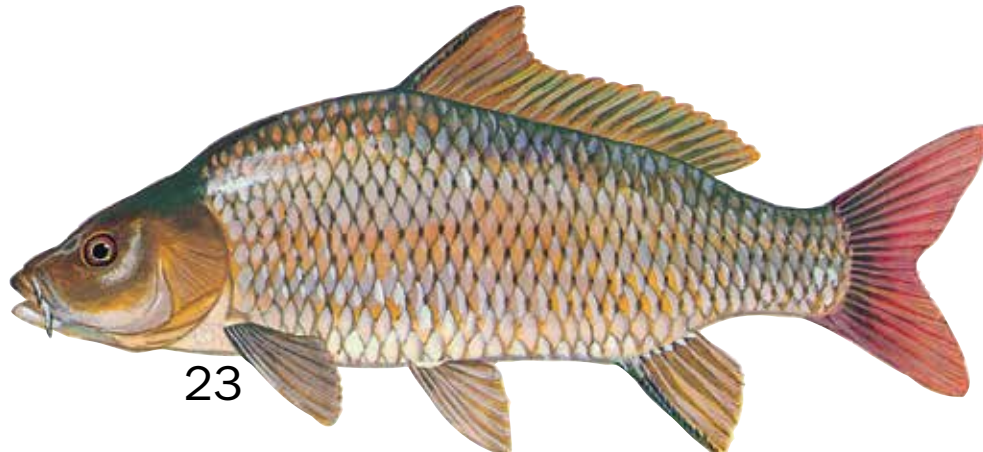
18<sup>7</sup>/<sub>4</sub> lbs, Youth: 13<sup>7</sup>/<sub>3</sub> lbs\*  
State Record: 9.08 lbs

**21-American shad**

18<sup>7</sup>/<sub>3</sub> lbs, Youth: 13<sup>7</sup>/<sub>2.25</sub> lbs\*  
State Record: 5.19 lbs

**22-Yellow perch**

12<sup>7</sup>/<sub>0.75</sub> lb, Youth: 9<sup>7</sup>/<sub>0.5</sub> lb\*  
State Record: 1.47 lbs

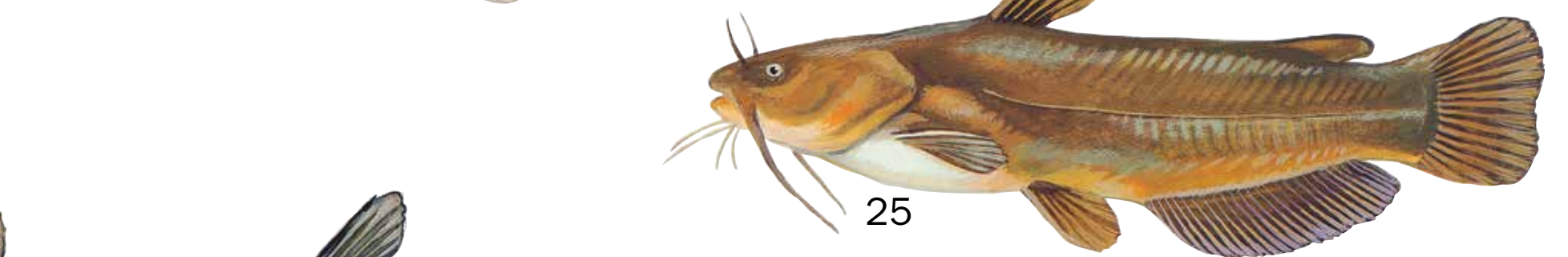


**23-Common carp**

30<sup>7</sup>/<sub>20</sub> lbs, Youth: 22<sup>7</sup>/<sub>15</sub> lbs\*  
State Record: VACANT, qualifying weight 35 lbs

**24-Bowfin**

28<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub> lbs, Youth: 21<sup>7</sup>/<sub>6</sub> lbs\*  
State Record: 19.00 lbs



**25-Yellow bullhead**

14<sup>7</sup>/<sub>1.5</sub> lbs, Youth: 10<sup>7</sup>/<sub>1</sub> lb\*  
State Record: 5.05 lbs

**26-Brown bullhead**

16<sup>2</sup>/<sub>2</sub> lbs, Youth: 12<sup>7</sup>/<sub>1.5</sub> lbs\*  
State Record: 7.02 lbs



**27-Channel catfish**

25<sup>7</sup>/<sub>12</sub> lbs, Youth: 19<sup>7</sup>/<sub>9</sub> lbs\*  
State Record: 44.50 lbs

**28-White catfish**

22<sup>7</sup>/<sub>5</sub> lbs, Youth: 16<sup>7</sup>/<sub>3.75</sub> lbs\*  
State Record: 18.88 lbs



**29-Flathead catfish**

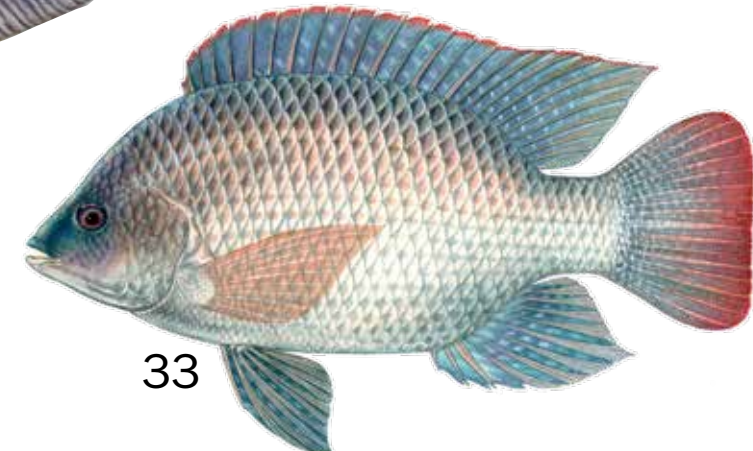
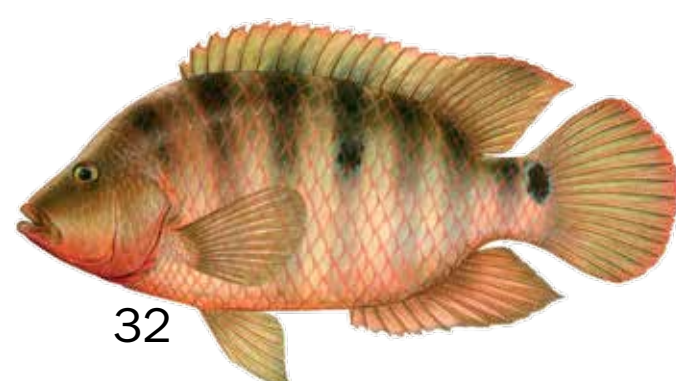
36<sup>7</sup>/<sub>25</sub> lbs, Youth: 27<sup>7</sup>/<sub>18.75</sub> lbs\*  
State Record: 69.30 lbs

**30-Blue catfish**

36<sup>7</sup>/<sub>25</sub> lbs, Youth: 27<sup>7</sup>/<sub>18.75</sub> lbs\*  
State Record: 69.50 lbs

**31-Oscar**

11<sup>7</sup>/<sub>1.25</sub> lbs, Youth: 8<sup>7</sup>/<sub>0.75</sub> lb\*  
State Record: 2.34 lbs



**32-Mayan cichlid**

11<sup>7</sup>/<sub>1</sub> lb, Youth: 8<sup>7</sup>/<sub>0.75</sub> lb\*  
State Record: 2.37 lbs

**33-Blue tilapia**

18<sup>7</sup>/<sub>5</sub> lbs, Youth: 13<sup>7</sup>/<sub>3.75</sub> lbs\*  
State Record: 9.57 lbs

\*Represents Big Catch minimum qualifying sizes

Fish art by Duane Raver, Jr.  
Blue tilapia and Mayan cichlid  
by Diane Rome Peebles



**Big Catch** ([BigCatchFlorida.com](http://BigCatchFlorida.com)) encourages fishing for a diversity of species and includes both adult and youth categories. A simple photo of the fish exceeding the specified minimum length or weight is all that is needed. Native fish and peacock bass may be kept or released according to applicable rules; however, other non-native fishes should be harvested and are edible. Big Catch also provides recognition for Specialists, Master Anglers, Elite Anglers and catching Black Bass, Bream or Non-Native Slams. TrophyCatch requires more documentation but provides bigger rewards.  
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