**SHEEPSHEAD (Archosargus probatocephalus)**

**COLOR:** Black and white alternating vertical bars. Black fins.

**HEAD:** Large incisor teeth protrude from mouth.

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**PINFISH (Lagodon rhomboides)**

**COLOR:** Yellow horizontal lines run down body. Dark shoulder spot centered on lateral line. Dark vertical bars.

**MAY BE CONFUSED WITH:** Pigfish (pg. 93), red porgy (pg. 91), scup (pg. 92), sea bream (pg. 90).

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SEA BREAM (*Archosargus rhomboidalis*)

**COLOR:** Blue-silver. Narrow horizontal bronze stripes. Dark blotch behind operculum, immediately below lateral line; fades after death (darkened on photo to illustrate location).

**MAY BE CONFUSED WITH:** Pigfish (pg. 93), pinfish (pg. 89), red porgy (pg. 91), scup (pg. 92).

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RED PORGY (*Pagrus pagrus*)

**COLOR:** Head and body silver-red. Pink dorsal, caudal and pectoral fins.

**HEAD:** Round rear nostril.

**MAY BE CONFUSED WITH:** Pigfish (pg. 93), pinfish (pg. 89), scup (pg. 92), sea bream (pg. 90).

**PHOTO CREDIT:** MBL / Flescher Collection
### SCUP (*Stenotomus chrysops*)

**COLOR:** Silver. Faint, irregular vertical bars on body; fade quickly after death.

**FINS:** Anterior dorsal fin ray is the longest; rays decrease in size towards caudal fin.

**HEAD:** Steep forehead.

**MAY BE CONFUSED WITH:** Pigfish (pg. 93), pinfish (pg. 89), red porgy (pg. 91), sea bream (pg. 90).

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### PIGFISH (*Orthopristis chrysoptera*)

**COLOR:** Gray with bronze and yellow markings.

**FINS:** First and second dorsal fin rays short. Concave tail.

**HEAD:** Pointed snout. Steep forehead.

**MAY BE CONFUSED WITH:** Pinfish (pg. 89), red porgy (pg. 91), scup (pg. 92), sea bream (pg. 90).

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ATLANTIC SPADEFISH (*Chaetodipterus faber*)

**COLOR:** Dark vertical bars; occasionally absent on large adults.

**BODY:** Disk shaped. Laterally compressed.

**FINS:** Anterior lobes of second dorsal and anal fin longest.

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CUNNER (*Tautogolabrus adspersus*)

**COLOR:** Gray-brown.

**FINS:** Dorsal fin terminates in soft lobe.

**HEAD:** Pointed head with terminal mouth. Sharp, even teeth; sometimes protruding.

MAY BE CONFUSED WITH: Tautog (pg. 96).

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TAUTOG (*Tautoga onitis*)

**COLOR:** Green-brown blotched. White chin.

**FINS:** Dorsal fin terminates in soft lobe.

**HEAD:** Blunt head with terminal mouth. Teeth irregular; protruding.

*MAY BE CONFUSED WITH:* Cunner (pg. 95).

*PHOTO CREDIT:* MBL / Flescher Collection

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BASSES

SNOWY GROUPER (*Epinephelus niveatus*)

**COLOR:** Gray-brown with white spots that continue onto dorsal fin. Dark saddle on caudal peduncle in juveniles.

*MAY BE CONFUSED WITH:* Warsaw grouper (pg. 98), wreckfish (pg. 99).

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