

Freshwater Fish of Northern U.S. & Canada
Worksheet #1 Key
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For each fresh water fish listed below, fill in the blanks with a short sentence or phrase.

Catfish

- 1) Binomial Name: Ictalurus punctatus
 - 2) Home Range: From Canada to Mexico
 - 3) Preferred Water Conditions: Deep rivers and lakes
 - 4) Describe 1 Distinctive Body Trait: Catfish have barbels that are often called "whiskers", thick skin, and bony spines
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Largemouth Bass

- 1) Binomial Name: Micropterus salmoides
 - 2) Home Range: Eastern U.S. and Canada
 - 3) Preferred Water Conditions: Quiet lakes and ponds with plenty of aquatic plant life
 - 4) Describe 1 Distinctive Body Trait: large black horizontal line down its side and a jaw that extends beyond the eye
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Smallmouth Bass

- 1) Binomial Name: Micropterus dolomieu
 - 2) Home Range: Southern Canada to the Central U.S.
 - 3) Preferred Water Conditions: clean flowing streams and shallow lakes
 - 4) Describe 1 Distinctive Body Trait: brownish color and yellowish green sides
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Walleye

- 1) Binomial Name: Stizostedion vitreum