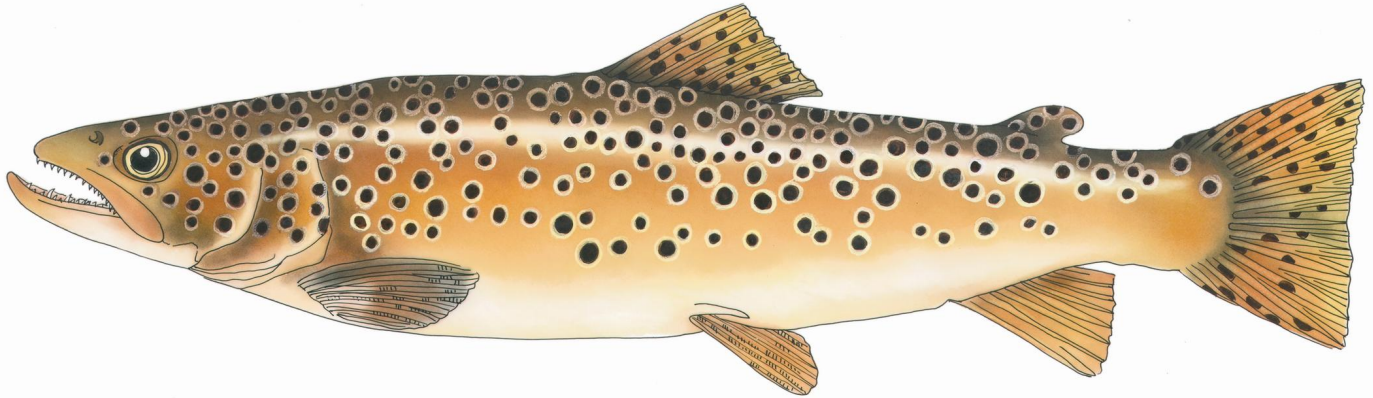


# Brown Trout (*Salmo trutta*)

## Family Salmonidae, Trouts



**Common names:** sea-run brown trout, Scotch sea-trout, brownie, German brown trout

**Description:** Brown trout are yellow brown to tan and may have numerous large brown or black spots on their sides, back and dorsal fin. These fish are slender in shape and have a squarish tail fin. An adipose fin is located between their dorsal fin and tail fin. Sea-run brown trout closely resemble Atlantic salmon, both in shape and coloration. A sure way of telling the two apart is by looking at the teeth located on the roof of their mouth. Brown trout possess a well developed double row of teeth, while salmon and other native salmonids have only a single row. Adult brown trout generally are 1 to 5 pounds in weight but can grow to 30 pounds or more.

**Where found:** inshore

**Similar Gulf of Maine species:** Atlantic salmon, brook trout, rainbow trout

**Remarks:** Brown trout can tolerate higher water temperatures and poorer water quality than most other species of salmon and trout. These fish are not native to North America, having been brought here from Europe. Brown trout are considered by many anglers to be a difficult fish to catch. Since they are active at night, both late evening and early morning are considered the best times to fish for browns.

**Records:** MSSAR:

handline: vacant

rod and reel: vacant

fly rod: vacant

junior male: vacant

junior female: vacant

IGFA All-Tackle World Record: 40 lbs. 4 oz.

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