



# CONNECTICUT SALTWATER FISH IDENTIFICATION



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**WINTER FLOUNDER**  
*Pleuronectes americanus*  
Right-Eyed Flatfish



**SUMMER FLOUNDER (FLUKE)**  
*Paralichthys dentatus*  
Left-Eyed Flatfish



**SCUP (PORGY)** *Stenotomus chrysops*  
Dorsal fin part spiny; caudal fin curved deeply inward; pectoral fins pointed



**BLACK SEA BASS** *Centropristis striata*  
Rounded caudal and pectoral fins; anal fin longer than fin attachment



**CUNNER** *Tautoglabrus adspersus*  
Dorsal fin w/spiny portion greater than soft rayed portion; slender body; pointed snout; protruding canine teeth



**TAUTOG (BLACKFISH)**  
*Tautoga onitis*  
Dorsal fin w/spiny portion greater than soft rayed portion; round body; blunt snout; thick lips; protruding canine teeth



**BLUEFISH** *Pomatomus saltatrix*  
Spiny and soft dorsal fins closely spaced; projecting lower jaw with large teeth; forked caudal fin; anal fin with 15 rays



**WEAKFISH** *Cynoscion regalis*  
Second dorsal fin longer than first and anal fin; caudal fin not forked; back peppered with small spots