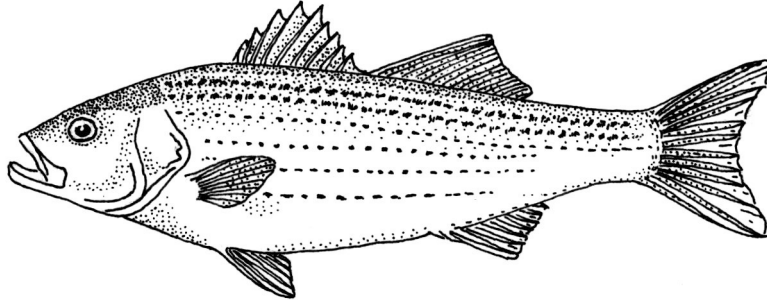


## STRIPED BASS

*Morone saxatilis*



Introduced and anadromous, the striped bass may reach a weight of 70 pounds but averages less than 10 pounds. It has seven or eight horizontal blackish stripes on the sides.

Striped bass were brought to California from the Atlantic coast in 1879. The species thrived and is now found throughout the lower reaches of the Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers and in San Francisco Bay. "Stripers" enter the American River during the summer months. They spawn only in fresh water and where there is enough current to carry the eggs in suspension until they hatch. The striped bass is excellent to eat and is one of the most popular sport fish in the state.

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