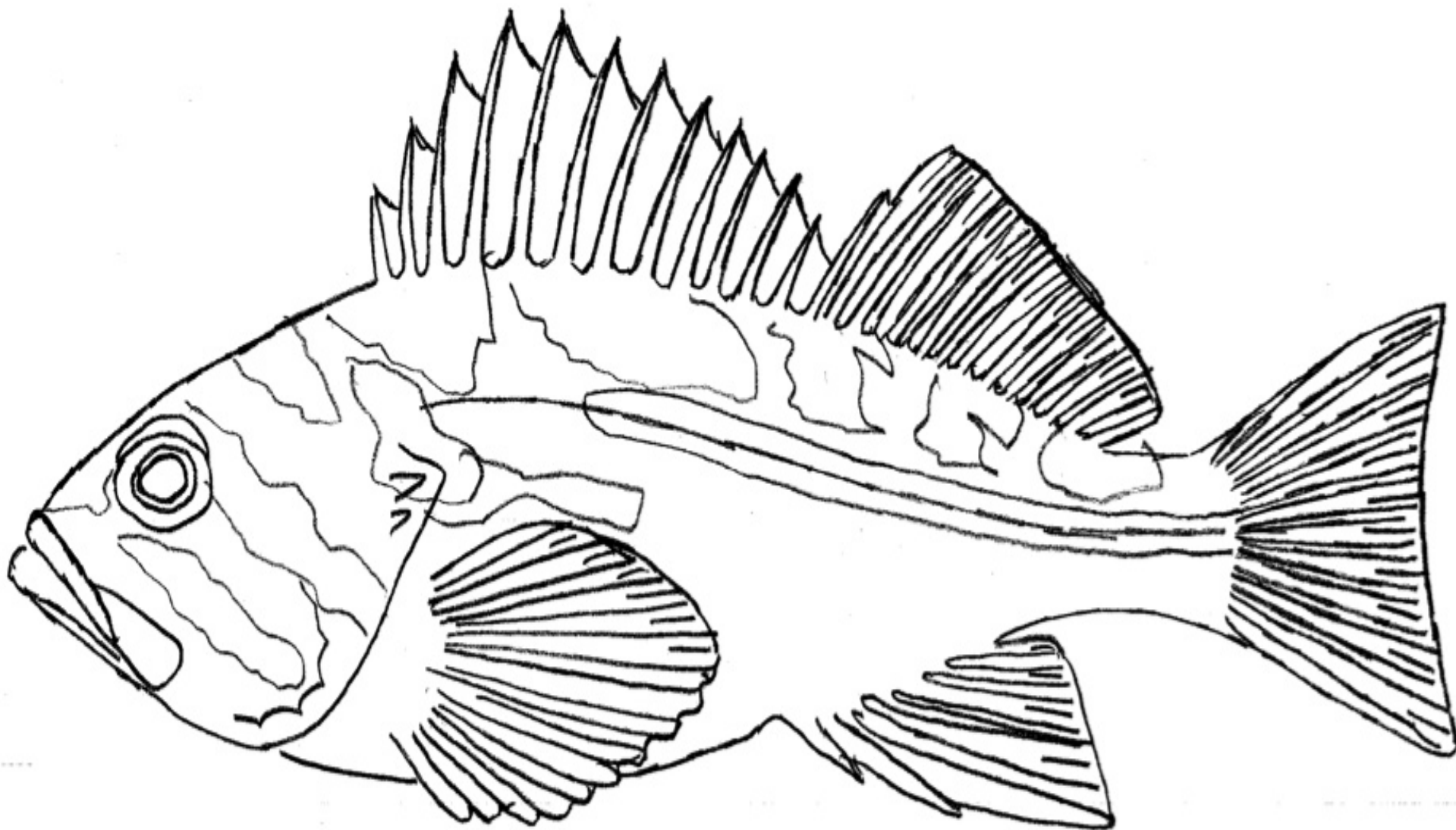


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Other common names: orange rockfish, fantail rockfish

Incorrect common names: fantail, yellow snapper, red snapper, red rock cod

Maximum recorded size: 76 cm (30 in)

Life Span: ?

Distribution: Northern Baja California, Mexico, to the western Gulf of Alaska
Intertidal to 838 m (2,765 ft)

Key Characteristics:

- a/ body a bright-orange colour;
- b/ 3 bright orange stripes occur on the cheek, the middle one projecting out from the eye;
- c/ a whitish clear area extends along the lateral line;
- d/ anal and pelvic fins very pointed;
- e/ sub-adult and juvenile with distinct black blotch in middle of the dorsal fin.

Habitat: The bright-orange Canary Rockfish hovers in loosely organized groups above the rocky bottom. A large specimen is usually in deep water; a sub-adult with a distinct black blotch on the middle of its dorsal fin swims at shallow, more accessible depths, often where a rocky bottom meets the sand. As with most rockfishes, juvenile colouration looks very different from that of the adult.

Diet: Juveniles - small crustaceans, e.g., krill larvae and eggs, copepods, amphipods
Adults - krill and small fishes

COSEWIC Status (Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada):

Threatened (November 2007)

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