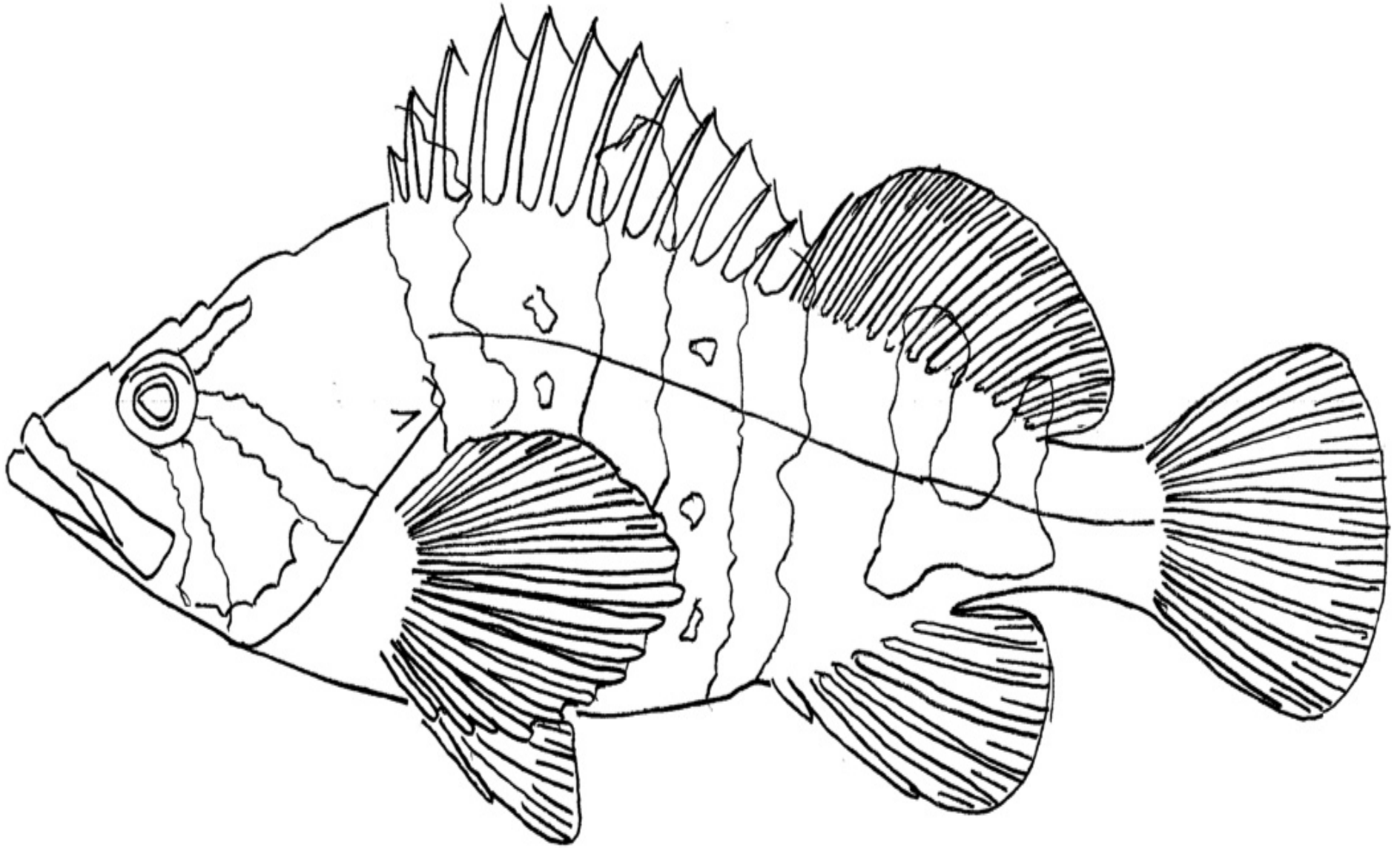


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Other common names: blackbanded rockfish, banded rockfish

Incorrect common names: red rock cod, rockcod

Maximum recorded size: 61 cm (24 in)

Life Span: up to 166 years

Distribution: Southern California to the eastern islands of the Aleutian chain, Alaska
Subtidal, surface to 298 m (984 ft)

Key Characteristics: a/ body pink to red in colour with 5 darker coloured, vertical stripes or bands;
b/ space between eyes strongly concave (indented).

Habitat: The Tiger Rockfish never strays far from its secure rocky crevice or cavern, usually found on deep rocky reefs and boulder fields. The territorial Tiger Rockfish will often erect its large spiny fins and boldly confront all intruders – including divers. The attractive rockfish is possibly the most popular for the underwater photographer but unfortunately the same attractive appearance has also made the Tiger Rockfish a fisheries target.

Diet: Juveniles – nothing recorded but likely similar to other rockfish species
Adults – nothing recorded but likely similar to other rockfish species

COSEWIC Status (Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada): not listed

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