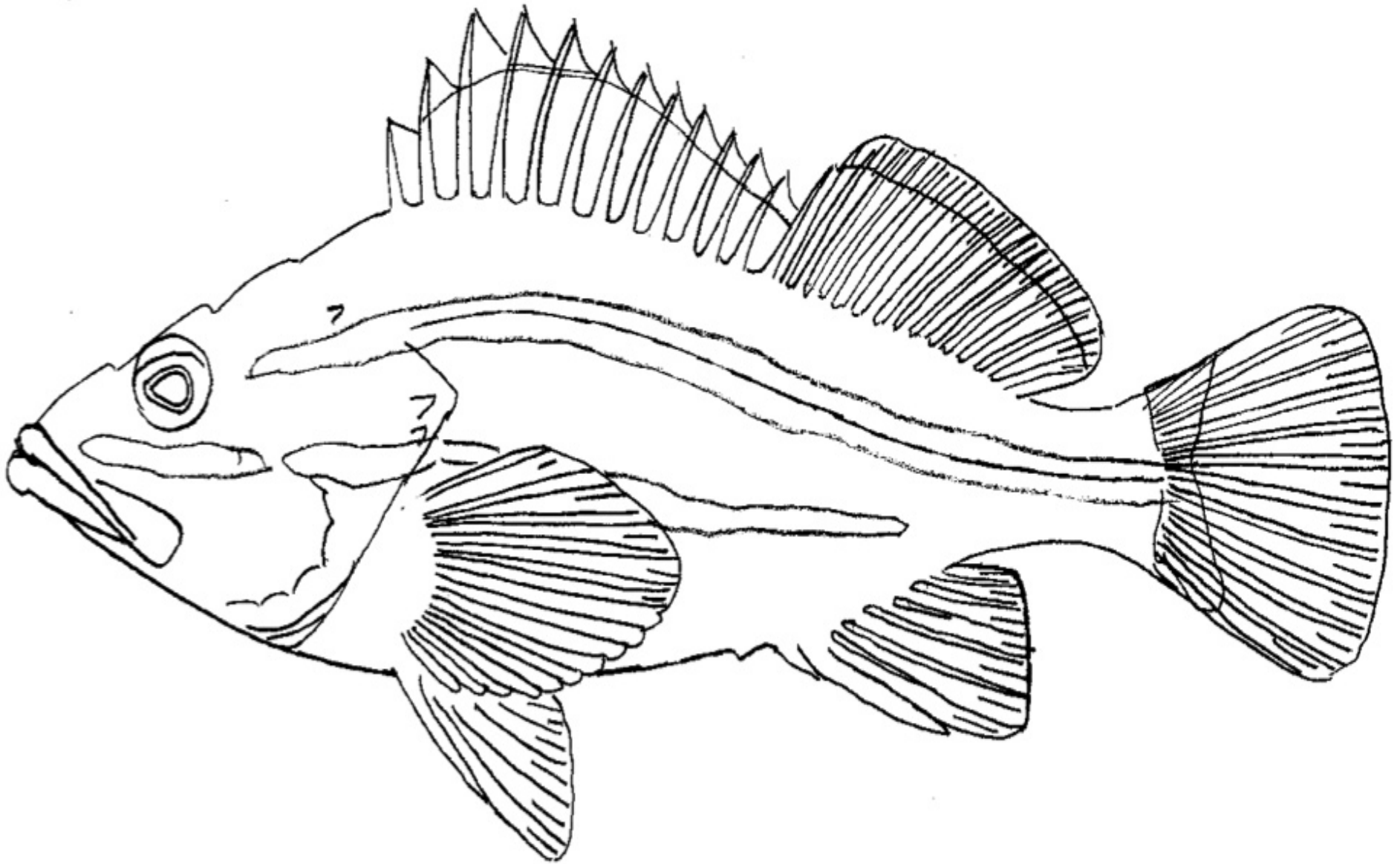


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Other common names: raspehead rockfish, red rockfish, turkey red rockfish, goldeneye rockfish

Incorrect common names: pot belly, red snapper, red rock cod, red cod, drum

Maximum recorded size: 91 cm (36 in) and 11.3 kg (25 lb)

Life Span: 114-120 (to 147) years

Distribution: Northern Baja California, Mexico, to the Aleutian Island chain, Alaska

Subtidal, 15 to 550 m (50 – 1,800 ft)

Key Characteristics: a/ body yellowish-orange in colour with 2 narrow, bold white stripes along each side;
b/ white stripes more widely spaced in juveniles;
c/ eye bright yellow in adults.

Habitat: The Yelloweye Rockfish is typically found in deeper, rocky-bottomed areas, often spending its entire lifetime on a single rock pile. In the past, Yelloweye adults formed small groups but now even single adults are seldom encountered in the Pacific Northwest. The Yelloweye Rockfish has a long lifespan but tragically, the larger, older females, capable of producing over a million young each, are being harvested or caught everywhere as by-catch.

Diet: Juveniles – copepods and krill of all life stages;

Adults – bottom-dwelling invertebrates, e.g., crustaceans; and, small fishes, including other rockfishes

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

Special Concern (Nov 2008)

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