

## Appendix C. *Plurals of Fish Names*

The plurals of most fish names are formed by adding the letters *s* or *es* (with stem changes as appropriate) to the singular. In a few cases, however, the plural is the same as the singular or more than one plural is acceptable.

### Names That Change in the Plural<sup>1</sup>

**C.1** Compound names with terminal roots that are common to more than one species usually change in the plural (exceptions are noted):

-back(s) <i>but</i> Quillback	-man (-men)
-blenny (-blennies)	-mouth(s)
-diver(s)	-rag(s)
-eel(s)	-roller(s)
-eye(s)	-side(s)
-fin(s)	-snout(s)
-head(s) <i>but</i> flathead, steelhead, Sheepshead	-sucker(s)
-horse(s)	-tail(s) <i>but</i> Yellowtail
-ing(s) <i>but</i> grayling, herring	-wife (-wives)
-jack(s) <i>but</i> skipjack	

**C.2** The following names (or portions thereof) also change in the plural:

acara(s)	Blacksmith(s)	Chilipepper(s)
agujon(s)	blenny (-ies)	choice(s)
anchoveta(s)	blindcat(s)	chromis(es)
argentine(s)	Bloater(s)	cichlid(s)
aulopus(es)	Bluegill(s)	cisco(es)
Bairdiella(s)	bobo(s)	Cobia(s)
Balao(s)	Bocaccio(s)	cockscorb(s)
Ballyhoo(s)	Boga(s)	codlet(s)
barb(s)	brotula(s)	coney(s)
barbier(s)	bumper(s)	conger(s)
Barbu(s)	Cabezon(s)	corbina(s)
barracudina(s)	cabrilla(s)	corvina(s)
basslet(s)	Capelin(s)	Cottonwick(s)
Beaugregory (-ies)	catalufa(s)	crappie(s)
beauty (-ies)	Chihuila(s)	croaker(s)

ctenopoma(s)	hogchoker(s)	pilchard(s)
Cubbyu(s)	Ide(s)	Pirambeba(s)
Cui-ui(s)	Inconnu(s)	poacher(s)
Cunner(s)	jack(s)	pomfret(s)
dab(s)	Jambeau(s)	Porbeagle(s)
daggertooth(s)	jenny (-ies)	puffer(s)
danio(s)	jumprock(s)	Pumpkinseed(s)
darter(s)	Kiyi(s)	raven(s)
Dempsey(s)	lamprey(s)	ray(s)
dick(s)	lance(s)	remora(s)
diver(s)	leatherjacket(s)	rivulus(es)
doctor(s)	livebearer(s)	-roller(s)
dolphin(s)	Liza(s)	ronquil(s)
Dory (-ies)	loach(es)	rover(s)
dragonnet(s)	lookdown(s)	Rudd(s)
durgon(s)	lord(s)	runner(s)
eel(s)	Louvar(s)	salema(s)
finspot(s)	Machete(s)	sanddab(s)
flag(s)	madtom(s)	Sargo(s)
flier(s)	major(s)	Sauger(s)
gag(s)	mako(s)	saury (-ies)
gambusia(s)	manta(s)	Scamp(s)
gaper(s)	margate(s)	Schoolmaster(s)
gar(s)	marlin(s)	seadevil(s)
Garibaldi(s)	Marlin-spike(s)	Searcher(s)
Graysby (-ies)	medaka(s)	searobin(s)
grenadier(s)	miller(s)	seasnail(s)
Grubby (-ies)	minnow(s)	sennet(s)
grunion(s)	mobula(s)	Senorita(s)
grunt(s)	mojarra(s)	sergeant(s)
Guaguanche(s)	molly (-ies)	shanny (-ies)
gunnel(s)	moray(s)	shark(s)
Guppy (-ies)	mouthbrooder(s)	shiner(s)
halfbeak(s)	mummichog(s)	Shulupaoluk(s)
Halfmoon(s)	Opah(s)	sierra(s)
Hamecon(s)	Oscar(s)	siscowet(s)
hamlet(s)	palometa(s)	sleepers(s)
High-hat(s)	Permit(s)	smoothhound(s)
Hitch(es)	pikeconger(s)	smoothtongues(s)

sole(s)  
stargazer(s)  
stingray(s)  
Stonecat(s)  
sucker(s)

Tattler(s)  
Tautog(s)  
tetra(s)  
thresher(s)  
Timucu(s)

trahira(s)  
Wahoo(s)  
Wakasagi(s)  
warbonnet(s)  
whiff(s)

surgeon(s)  
tang(s)

Tomtate(s)  
torpedo(es)

Windowpane(s)  
wrasse(s)

### Names for Which the Singular and Plural Are the Same

**C.3** The plural is the same as the singular for the following names or terminal roots:

Albacore  
anchovy  
barracuda  
bass, -bass  
bonito

Haddock  
hake  
halibut  
herring  
hind

scad  
Scup  
shad  
skate  
skipjack

breem  
buffalo  
Burbot  
carp  
Cero

Kawakawa  
mackerel  
menhaden  
mola  
mullet

smelt, -smelt  
snapper  
snook  
Splake  
Spot

char  
chub  
cod, -cod  
Cusk  
dace

Muskellunge  
perch, -perch  
pickerel  
pike  
plaice

Squeteague  
steelhead  
Tarpon  
Tench  
tiger

escolar  
Eulachon  
fish, -fish  
flathead  
flounder

pollack  
pollock  
pompano  
porgy  
pout, -pout

trout, -trout  
tuna  
tunny  
turbot  
Yellowtail

goby  
gourami  
grayling  
grouper  
gurnard

Quillback  
roach  
Saithe  
salmon, -salmon  
sardine

## Names with More than One Plural

**C.4** The following seven names have two acceptable plurals:

Dolly Varden	<i>or</i>	Dolly Vardens
drum	<i>or</i>	drums
kokanee	<i>or</i>	kokanees
Ruffe	<i>or</i>	Ruffes
sculpin	<i>or</i>	sculpins
sturgeon	<i>or</i>	sturgeons
tilapia	<i>or</i>	tilapias

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<sup>1</sup> In the lists in this section, only complete common names are capitalized.