

“GO FISH!” EXHIBIT SEARCH

The Maritime Aquarium’s permanent new exhibit, “Go Fish! Long Island Sound & Beyond,” features fish species native to the Sound & north Atlantic. Some have stable populations, others are overfished. Bring this Exhibit Search along on your next visit and use it to enhance your appreciation and understanding.



What is that thing on the cod’s chin?

It’s called a barbel. You probably have seen them on catfish too. Barbels have taste buds. A cod uses its barbel to find food in murky water or food hiding in the sea floor. It’s like having a tongue on its chin.

Choices

Pick up a Seafood Watch pocket guide in the exhibit’s Sustainable Seafood Cafe. Can you find the status of some of the species displayed in the exhibit?

Atlantic Cod
Dogfish Shark
Skates
Striped Bass
Flounder
Atlantic Salmon
Halibut

Best Choice?

Good Alternative?

Avoid?

Whose Eyes?



FIND & THINK ...

- If you catch a **striped bass** in the Sound, it must be at least how long if you want to keep it? **Why do you think the state made this rule?**
- When can you legally catch **summer flounder?** **Winter flounder?** **Why such short “seasons?”**

OBSERVE & THINK ...

All of the live species displayed in the exhibit are caught and sold as seafood. **Do you think you can tell how good a fish would taste by how it looks?**