

Fish Species of the Methow

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Family & Species	Scientific Name	Habitat	Origin
Lamprey Family	Petromyzontidae		
Pacific Lamprey	Entosphenus tridentatus	Larvae found in backwater silt, adults in the ocean	Native
Salmon Family	Salmonidae		
Mountain Whitefish	Prosopium williamsoni	Riffles in summer, pools in winter	Native
Brown Trout	Salmo trutta	Streams up to 75 degrees Farenheit	Northern Europe
Cutthroat Trout	Oncorhyncus clarki	Cold water lakes and streams; some are anadromous	Native and stocked from Western states
Rainbow Trout/Steelhead	Oncorhyncus mykiss	Cold water lakes and streams, some are anadromous	Native and stocked from Western states
Chinook Salmon	Oncorhynchus tshawytscha	Anadromous (spawn in fresh water, runs to ocean)	Native to Pacific Northwest
Sockeye Salmon	Oncorhyncus nerka	Anadromous	Native
Coho Salmon	Oncorhyncus kisutch	Anadromous	Native to Pacific Northwest
Brook Trout	Salvelinus fontinalis	Cold water lakes and streams	Eastern North America
Bull Trout	Salvelinus confluentus	cold water streams and pools; some are anadromous	Native
Minnow Family	Cyprinidae		
Carp	Cyprinus carpio	shallow, quiet water, preferring dense vegetation	Native to Asia
Longnose Dace	Rhinichthys cataractae	Among stones at the bottom of swift streams	Native
Northern Pikeminnow (Squawfish)	Ptychocheilus oregonensis	Lakes and slow streams	Native to the Columbia River
Redside shiner	Richardsonius balteatus	Warmer ponds, lakes, streams	Native to the Columbia River
Sucker Family	Catostomidae		
Bridgelip Sucker	Catostomus columbianus	Bottom feeder in backwaters and pools in rivers	Native
Largescale Sucker	Catostomus macrocheilus	Bottom feeder in lakes, and pools in rivers	Native
Sunfish Family	Centrarchidae		
Smallmouth Bass	Micropterus dolomieu	Warm streams and lakes	Eastern North America
Largemouth Bass	Micropterus salmoides	Shallow, warm weedy lakes and backwaters	Eastern North America
White Crappie	Pomoxis annularis	Lakes and streams with dense vegetation	Eastern North America
Catfish Family	Ictaluridae		
Brown Bullhead	Ictalurus nebulosus	Warm-water ponds, lakes, sloughs	Eastern North America
Sculpin Family	Cottidae		

Mottled Sculpin	<i>Cottus bairdi</i>	Cold rivers	Native
Shorthead Sculpin	<i>Cottus confusus</i>	Cold rivers	Native
Torrent Sculpin	<i>Cottus rhotheus</i>	Cold rivers and lakes	Native
Perch Family	Percidae		
Walleye	<i>Stizostedion vitreum</i>	Large lakes and streams	Central & Eastern North America

Additional species possible in the Methow:

Speckled dace	<i>Rhinichthys osculus</i>
Western brook lamprey	<i>Lampetra richardsoni</i>
Mountain sucker	<i>Catostomus platyrhynchus</i> (state monitor)
Chiselmouth	<i>Acrocheilus alutaceus</i>
Sandroller	<i>Percopsis transmontana</i> (state monitor)
Peamouth	<i>Mylocheilus caurinus</i>
Pygmy whitefish	<i>Prosopium coulteri</i>
Leopard dace	<i>Rhinichthys falcatus</i>