

Brook Trout (*Salvelinus fontinalis*)

Family Salmonidae, Trouts



Common names: sea-run brook trout, salter, brookie, squaretail

Description: Brook trout are olive with yellow, wavy lines on their backs and spots on their flanks, with some number of red spots with blue halos. They are often paler or more silvery than inland specimens. Their fins are usually orange with white leading edges. They are slender in shape and have a squarish tail. An adipose fin is located between the dorsal fin and the caudal fin. Sea-run brook trout closely resemble Atlantic salmon and brown trout in shape. Adult brook trout are generally less than a pound in weight but can grow to several pounds.

Where found: inshore, coastal streams and rivers

Similar Gulf of Maine Species: Atlantic salmon, brown trout, rainbow trout

Remarks: Brook trout require clean, cold water. They are native to Maine and most of the coastal waters.

Records:

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