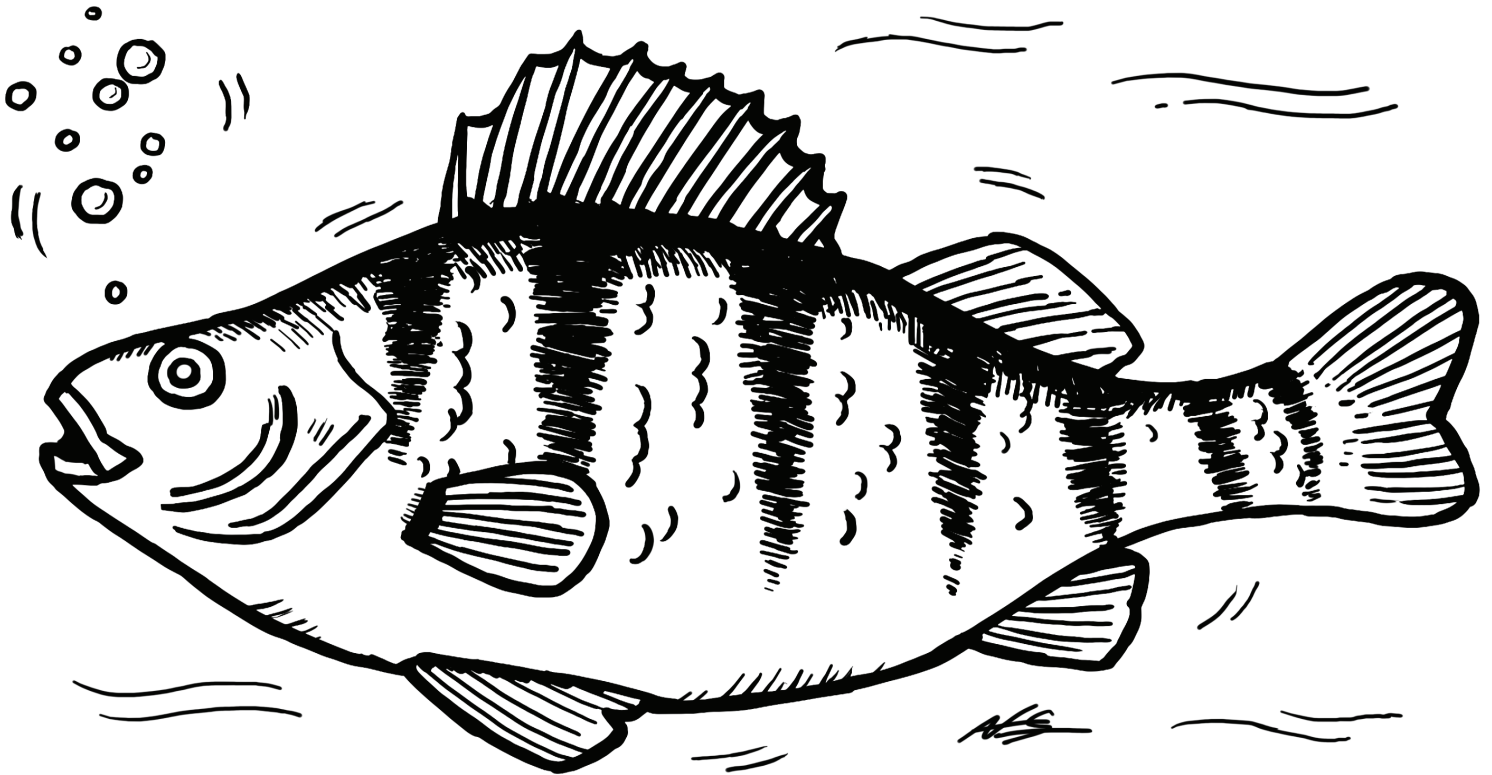


Yellow perch (*Perca flavescens*)

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FAST FACTS

- » Despite being called yellow, they actually have an olive green back with seven distinct stripes on their sides.
- » They are widespread in the Lower Mainland and on Vancouver Island and can also be found in the Kootenay and Okanagan regions.
- » The best way to prevent Yellow perch from spreading is to Clean, Drain, Dry all watercrafts and equipment when you are done using it.

Native to the rest of Canada, Yellow perch have been intentionally introduced to BC's freshwater ecosystems as stock fish and from private aquariums and ponds, and accidentally spread by boats and unsanitary bait buckets. Yellow perch are predators of other fish species, and commonly prey upon insects and tadpoles, decreasing biodiversity in the environments in which they are introduced. They can also reproduce quickly and can outcompete native fish for food and habitat.

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