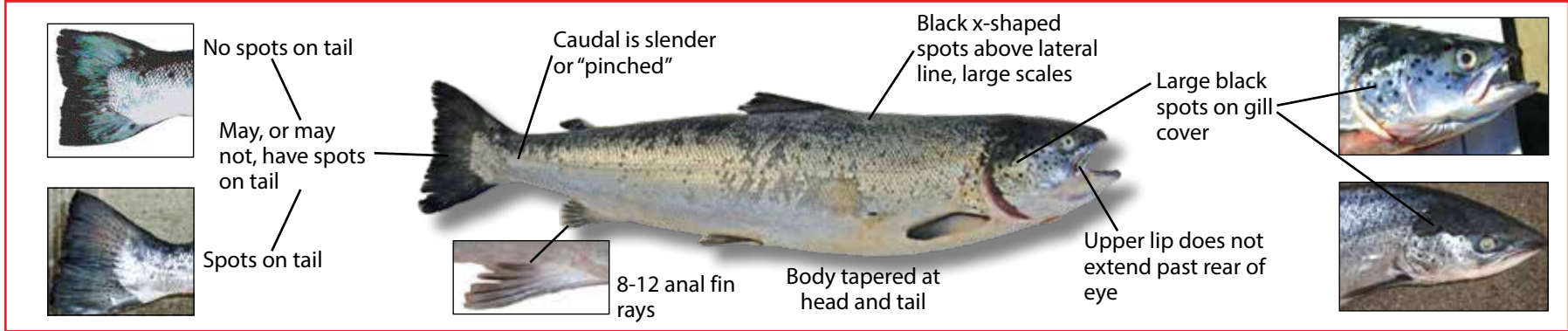


ATLANTIC SALMON - Identification



REPORT NON-NATIVE ATLANTIC SALMON TO THE NEAREST FISH AND GAME OFFICE

Over the past few years, ADF&G has verified harvests of Atlantic salmon in Southeast Alaska salt waters. Atlantic salmon are not native to the Pacific Ocean; they are raised in areas along the West Coast outside of Alaska, and their presence in Southeast Alaska waters is biologically undesirable. Anglers have reported catching Atlantic salmon in several of Southeast Alaska's fresh water systems. Alaska sport fishing regulations do not limit harvest of Atlantic salmon, but if you catch one, you can help us determine their status by bringing the entire fish to the nearest ADF&G office for biological sampling.

Atlantic Salmon

Identification Characteristics:

- Body tapered at head and tail
- Black spots on gill cover distinguish from all Pacific species
- Base of tail is slender or "pinched" in appearance
- Black x-shaped spots on back
- Large scales
- Upper jaw does not extend past rear of eye
- Fewer than 13 anal fin rays

