

The native fish of Utah.

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First, the lake trout, which is of a dark green shade on the back and upper part of the sides, gradually becoming lighter toward the belly, with black spots on the sides and upper part of the tail. The average or medium weight is about four pounds, though they have been caught weighing upward of twenty-five pounds.

Fishermen find full-grown eggs in this fish in February and June. They are found principally in or near the fresh-water lakes. Second, brook trout, which are found usually in the mountain streams. They are of a steel color on the back, which run to silver on the belly, with dark red spots on the back and tail. The average weight is about one and one-fourth of a pound, increasing to two and one half. Full-grown eggs are usually found in June.

We have a fish here, called by the fishermen mullet, of the sucker family. This fish ranks next to the trout in quality ; the color ranges from a deep red to a dark green, and is nearly as light on the belly as the trout. The usual weight is about one and one-half pounds, increasing to five pounds. Full-grown spawn is found in February and June. From the vent forward, few bones are found ; behind the vent there are quite a number of small ones. The sucker, the most inferior fish we have, is somewhat lighter than the mullet, and nearly the same shape and size, being very bony ; some portions of the bones are bound in bunches by a circular bone. The chub, of the perch family, is of a dark lead color on the back, and light silver on the belly ; the average weight is about one pound, increasing to two pounds. These fish are about the same in quality as the Atlantic perch; they spawn about the same time as trout. The mountain herring, or silver sides, is of a bright silver color ; has few bones, and is of good quality, but very scarce. Adults weigh from one-quarter to one-half of a pound. Occasionally there is a small fish caught, that appears to be one of the cat-fish family ; it weighs about two ounces. This fish is very scarce, and of inferior quality.