

Maryland's Common Estuarine and Coastal Fishes¹

Rays and Skates (Myliobatidae)

- Cownose ray (*Rhinoptera bonasus*)

Sturgeons (Acipenseridae)

- Shortnose sturgeon (*Acipenser brevirostrum*)
- Atlantic sturgeon (*Acipenser oxyrinchus*)

Eels (Anguillidae)

- American eel (*Anguilla rostrata*)

Halfbeaks (Hemiramphidae)

- American Halfbeak (*Hyporhamphus meeki*)

Herrings (Clupeidae)

- Blueback herring (*Alosa aestivalis*)
- Hickory shad (*Alosa mediocris*)
- Alewife (*Alosa pseudoharengus*)
- American shad (*Alosa sapidissima*)
- Atlantic menhaden (*Brevoortia tyrannus*)

Toadfishes (Batrachoididae)

- Oyster toadfish (*Opsanus tau*)

Left-eyed Flounders (Paralichthidae)

- Summer flounder (*Paralichthys dentatus*)
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Right-eyed Flounder (Pleuronectidae)

- Winter flounder (*Pseudopleuronectes americanus*)

Needlefishes (Belontiidae)

- Atlantic needlefish (*Strongylura marina*)

Anchovies (Engraulidae)

- Bay anchovy (*Anchoa mitchilli*)

Wrasses (Labridae)

- Tautog (*Tautoga onitis*)

Sea Basses (Serranidae)

- Black seabass (*Centropristis striata*)

Jacks, Scads, and Pompanos (Carangidae)

- Lookdown (*Selene volmer*)

Hogchokers (Achiroidae)

- Hogchoker (*Trinectes maculatus*)

Puffers (Tetraodontidae)

- Northern Puffer (*Sphoeroides maculatus*)

Pipefishes and Seahorses (Syngnathidae)

- Chesapeake Dusky Pipefish (*Syngnathus floridae hubbsi*)

- Lined Seahorse (*Hippocampus erectus*)

Bluefish (Pomatomidae)

- Bluefish (*Pomatomus salatrix*)

Cobia (Rachycentridae)

- Cobia (*Rachycentron canadum*)

Mackerels and Tunas (Scombridae)

- King Mackerel (*Scomberomorus cavalla*)

Searobins (Triglidae)

- Northern searobin (*Prionotus carolinus*)

Drums (Sciaenidae)

- Atlantic croaker (*Micropogonias undulatus*)
- Red drum (*Sciaenops ocellata*)
- Black drum (*Pogonias cromis*)
- Spot (*Leiostomus xanthurus*)
- Spotted Seatrout (*Cynoscion nebulosus*)
- Weakfish (*Cynoscion regalis*)

Temperate basses (Moronidae)

- White perch (*Morone americana*)
 - Striped bass (*Morone saxatilis*)
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¹Adapted from:

<http://www.chesapeakebay.net/S=0/fieldguide/categories/category/fish>
