

# About Trout

## Lake Trout

(*Salvelinus namaycush*)

Other names: lake char

Average size: 2-11 lbs, up to 72 lbs

Fall spawner



*Illustration by Joseph Tomelleri*

*Lake Trout are an introduced species to the northwest with the first introductions in 1917. Lake Trout are very piscivorous (fish eating) eating primarily whitefish, kokanee, tui chubs, other trout, and crayfish. They are very long-lived (about 20 years) and can reach very large size. The body, colored light green or grey, dark green, brown or almost black with lighter colored spots is typically troutlike, elongate.*

*Lake Trout spawn in the fall (October) when they move to gravel/cobble shoal areas. They do not build nests (redds), but rather broadcast spawn with the fertilized eggs settling in the crevices between the rocks. Eggs do not hatch until spring. Sexual maturity is generally reached at age 6 or 7.*