

Freshwater Drum Fish Habitat

The Freshwater Drum fish lives in Lake Ontario and many other freshwater lakes and rivers. It usually lives at the bottom of the lake. Below is a picture of Lake Ontario, showing the Drum's habitat.

Lake Ontario Drainage Basin



The Freshwater Drum fish is also known as Sheephead, Bubbler, Grinder, or by its Latin name, *Aplodinotus Grunniens*, ('grunniens' means grunting). It is known to make a grunting noise.

Freshwater Drum fish weigh between 5 and 15 pounds and are about 14 inches long. Depending on the water, its colour will change. Generally, it is bronze. It has split dorsal fins and a rounded tail. Below is a typical picture of a Freshwater Drum.



In the food chain, it eats minnows, crayfish, worms, smaller fish, and sometimes mollusks. It is eaten by Walleye and Northern Pike, as well as by people.

As the Freshwater Drum fish lives in many lakes and rivers, protecting its habitat from pollution, will be very important for its continued survival.

Sources: Google Images

<http://www.seagrant.wisc.edu/greatlakesfish/drum.html>

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