The Temperate Bass of South Carolina

The following characteristics may be used in identifying species:

### WHITE PERCH
- **Dorsal fins not joined.**
- **No tooth patches on tongue.**
- **Body deepest in front of 1st dorsal fin.**
- **No stripes present or only faintly striped on lower body only.**
- **2nd spine almost equal the length of 3rd spine.**
- **Average adult size 8 oz.**

### WHITE BASS
- **Dorsal fins not joined.**
- **Back of tongue has 1 tooth patch.**
- **Body deep, more than 1/3 length.**
- **Stripes faint, only 1 extends to tail.**
- **2nd spine 2/3 or more the length of 3rd spine.**
- **Seldom exceeds 3 lbs.**

### STRIPED BASS
- **Dorsal fins not joined.**
- **Back of tongue has 2 distinct tooth patches.**
- **Body slender, less than 1/3 length.**
- **Stripes distinct, several extend to tail.**
- **2nd spine 1/2 the length of 3rd spine.**
- **Adult fish 20 lbs. not uncommon.**

### HYBRID BASS
- **Dorsal fins not joined.**
- **Back of tongue has 2 distinct tooth patches.**
- **Body deep, more than 1/3 length.**
- **Stripes distinct, usually broken, several extend to tail.**
- **2nd spine 2/3 or more the length of 3rd spine.**
- **Seldom exceeds 10 lbs.**

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