

Attention Kootenay Lake Anglers

Main Body Kootenay Lake Kokanee

Daily Quota = 0

Know Your Fish: Rainbow and Kokanee ID

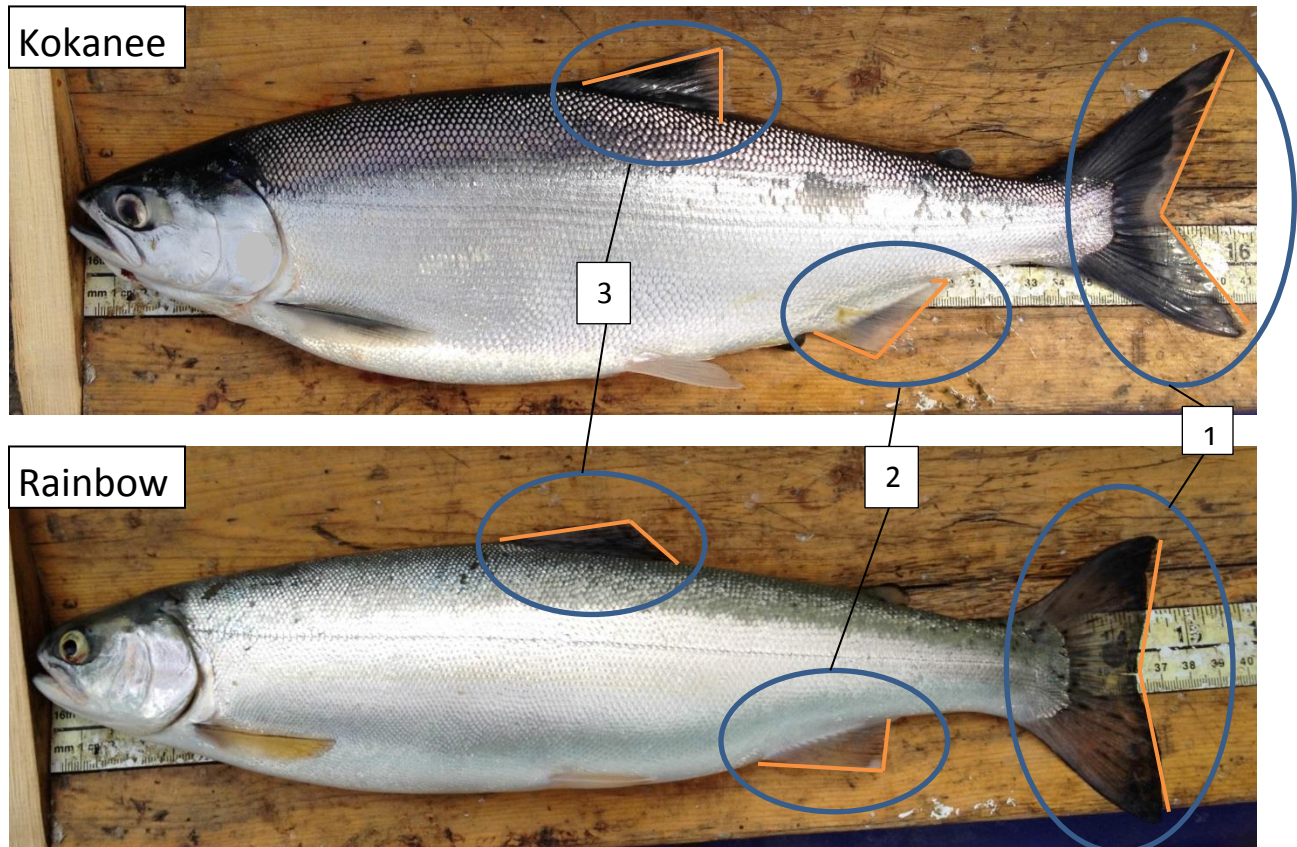
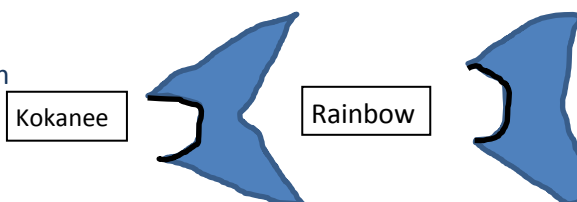


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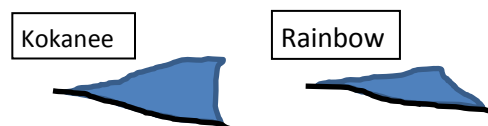
1. **Caudal fin (tail):** Kokanee have a much deeper fork and pointier tips.



2. **Anal fin:** Rainbow trout have a triangle shape, where the tip of the leading fin ray extends back to the rear insertion of the fin when folded down. Kokanee have rectangular shape, more rays (13 or more), and the leading fin ray tip is not close to the rear end of the fin.



3. **Dorsal fin:** This is basically the opposite of the anal fin, but less obvious: Kokanee have the more triangle shaped dorsal fin, where the leading fin ray tip is almost directly above the rear fin ray tip. Rainbow is slightly more rectangular and the tip of the leading ray is ahead of the the more posterior rays.



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