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Animal Fact Sheet

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Arctic char

Salvelinus alpinus

The Arctic char is the northernmost freshwater fish in the world, living in lakes above 80 degrees north where the ice never entirely leaves and the growing season is a few weeks long. It is also one…

Quick facts

Classification: Fish
Family: Salmonidae
Habitat: Cold freshwater and coastal marine environments
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 20–40 years
Weight: 0.5–10 kg (1–22 lbs)
Scientific name: Salvelinus alpinus

Did you know?

- Arctic char is the only fish species found as far north as Ellesmere Island, one of the most northerly landmasses on Earth.
- Char in some High Arctic lakes have been recorded as effectively the only fish species present, so the population must split into different feeding r…

What I learned

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