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Arctic char

Salvelinus alpinus

The Arctic char is a cold-water fish species found in Arctic and sub-Arctic lakes and coastal waters. It displays remarkable variation in color, ranging from brilliant red to silvery hues, particular...

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.
- Arctic char can live entirely in freshwater or migrate between the sea and rivers, a behavior known as anadromy. Their coloration can shift dramatica...

What I learned
