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Animal Fact Sheet

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Muskellunge

Esox masquinongy

The Muskellunge, often called 'muskie,' is the largest member of the pike family and is renowned for its elongated body, pointed snout, and sharp teeth. It is a top predator in its freshwater habitat…

Quick facts

Classification: Fish
Family: Esocidae
Habitat: Freshwater lakes and rivers with clear water and abundant vegetation
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 15-20 years
Weight: 6–16 kg (13–35 lbs), occasionally up to 30 kg (66 lbs)
Scientific name: Esox masquinongy

Did you know?

- Unlike many other fish, muskellunge can live in relatively low-oxygen waters, allowing them to thrive in environments where other predators might str…
- Muskellunge are sometimes called the 'fish of 10,000 casts' due to their elusive nature. They can grow over 1.8 meters (6 feet) in length. Muskellung…

What I learned

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