



Esox lucius x masquinongy

Tiger muskellunge

General

1. A natural and artificial hybrid: hybridization occurs in nature where two species' (*E. Lucius* (Northern pike) and *E. masquinongy* (Muskellunge) ranges overlap, in the northeastern and western Great Lakes regions
2. Males always sterile, females often fertile; capable of back crossing

Geography and Habitat

1. Native: Laurentian Great Lakes
2. Habitats
 - Intersection of parent species' native range

Invasion Pathways

1. Intentionally stocked for sport fishing
2. "Natural" occurrence after stocking of northern pike in native muskellunge waters

Sources

1. <http://nas.er.usgs.gov/queries/FactSheet.aspx?SpeciesID=677>



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