



## Esox niger

### Chain pickerel

#### General

1. Freshwater fish growing to 99cm

#### Geography and Habitat

1. Native: Atlantic Slope from Nova Scotia (where introduced) to Southern Florida; Gulf Coast west to Sabine and Red drainages, Texas; Mississippi River basin north to Kentucky and Missouri
2. Habitats
  - Freshwater vegetated lakes, swamps, and backwaters, and quiet pools of creeks and small to medium rivers; also found in deep cold water with little or no vegetation
  - Depth to 6m; temperature from 10°C—20°C



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<http://nas.er.usgs.gov/queries/FactSheet.aspx?SpeciesID=681>

#### Invasion Pathways

1. Intentionally stocked for sport fishing

#### Sources

1. <http://nas.er.usgs.gov/queries/FactSheet.aspx?SpeciesID=681>
2. <http://www.fishbase.org/Summary/SpeciesSummary.php?genusname=Esox&speciesname=niger>