



Yellow Perch

Scientific Name: *Perca flavescens*

**CAN YOU DRAW A YELLOW PERCH IN THE BLANK ABOVE?
OR TRY A WHITE PERCH (*MORONE AMERICANA*), THEY LIVE IN
THE BAY TOO.**

Did you know that Yellow Perch are a favorite catch of many anglers throughout Maryland's tidal rivers in the winter & spring? Yellow Perch are often caught with live and artificial baits and can make a great meal for those who choose to keep them. They can be caught from shore in many places throughout the Bay watershed and are also caught by boat and kayak anglers.

Yellow Perch are anadromous fish, meaning they migrate to spawn and lay eggs in the early spring in fresh flowing rivers before returning to deeper areas of the rivers and Bay for the remainder of the year. In past years CCA Maryland members lead stream surveys to count perch egg sacks and help stocking efforts to improve their populations. Unfortunately, Yellow Perch are directly impacted by run-off and impervious surfaces in a watershed, so some rivers have very low perch populations.

Maryland DNR tracks yellow perch populations, and CCA Maryland has worked for many years to ensure that rules exist to ensure a healthy population is maintained and recreational anglers have access to them.

