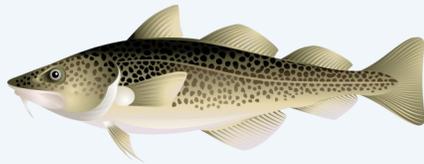




ATLANTIC COD

What do they look like?

- Atlantic cod have dark gray bodies and white stomachs.
- They also have brownish-red spots on their backs.



Where do they live?

Cod are found in the Atlantic Ocean. They live in large groups, called shoals.

Why are they important to New Hampshire history?

Atlantic cod were very important to early European settlers. In fact, many early settlers were part of cod-catching businesses. They caught as much cod as they could and sold the cod in Europe, where it was a popular food.



Cod was dried and salted, which preserved it. Because there was so much of it, cod was also pretty inexpensive so lots of people could afford to eat it.

How many cod were there?

At one time, there were millions of cod in the Atlantic Ocean. In fact, early explorers thought they would never run out of cod to catch. The ocean off the New England coast was thick with them.



Fun Fact

The Isles of Shoals was named after the large groups of cod that lived off the coast of Portsmouth.

