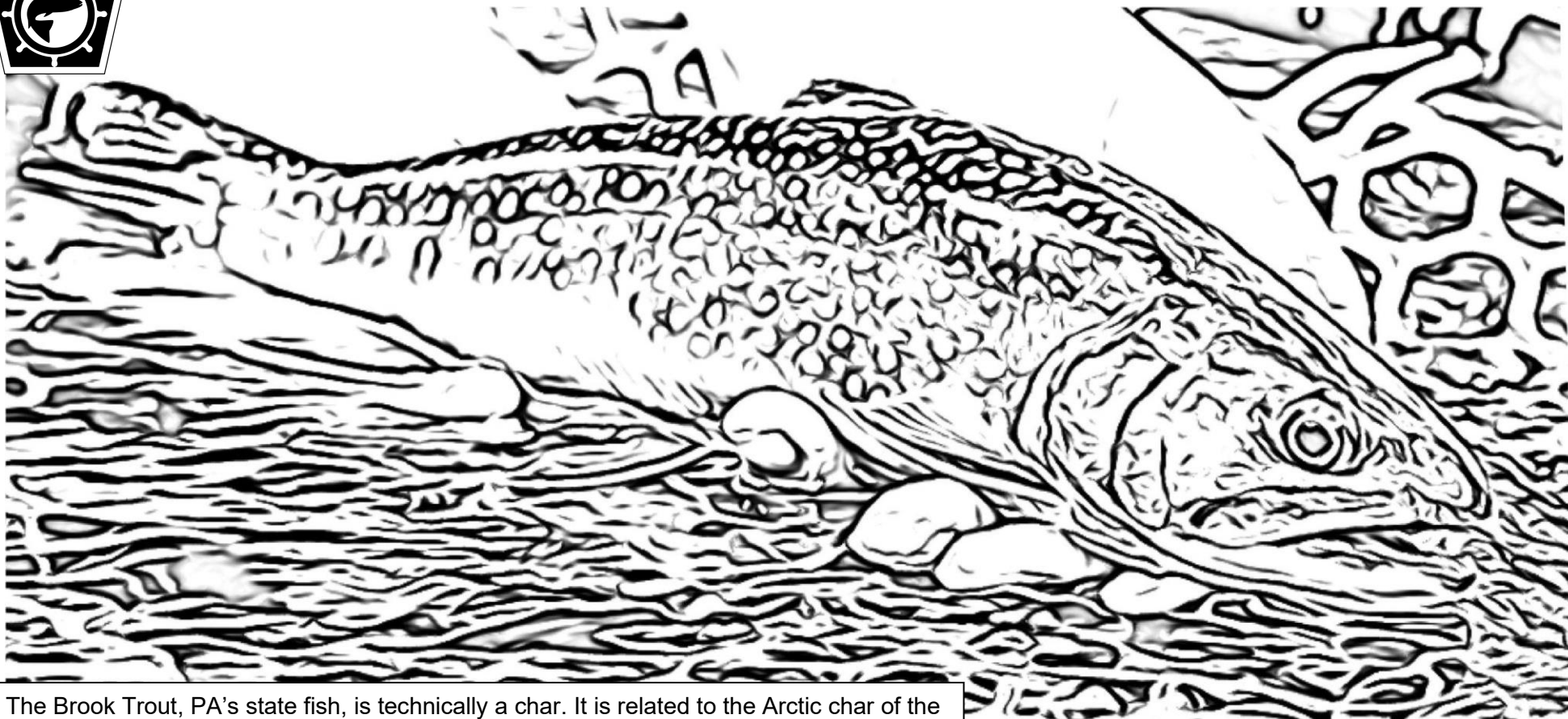




Brook Trout

Salvelinus fontinalis



The Brook Trout, PA's state fish, is technically a char. It is related to the Arctic char of the Far North, the Dolly Varden, Bull Trout of the West, and the Lake Trout.

It is the only stream trout, native to PA. The genus name "*Salvelinus*" is derived from an old name for char. The species name "*fontinalis*" means "of springs." Brook Trout are sometimes called speckled trout, squaretails or just "brookies."

Their body color is dark-green. It's back is dark to olive-green or gray-green, mottled with light, squiggly/wormlike markings from head to tail. The sides and belly shade lighter, sometimes with green, gray/lavendar tones and additional irregular marks. The sides also have scattered red dots surrounded by bright-blue halos. The belly is pale yellow-orange, with a blackish or gray streak down the middle. The pectoral, pelvic and anal fins are pale to bright-orange with a white leading edge followed by a black stripe. There are dark blotches on the dorsal fin and caudal/tail fin.

