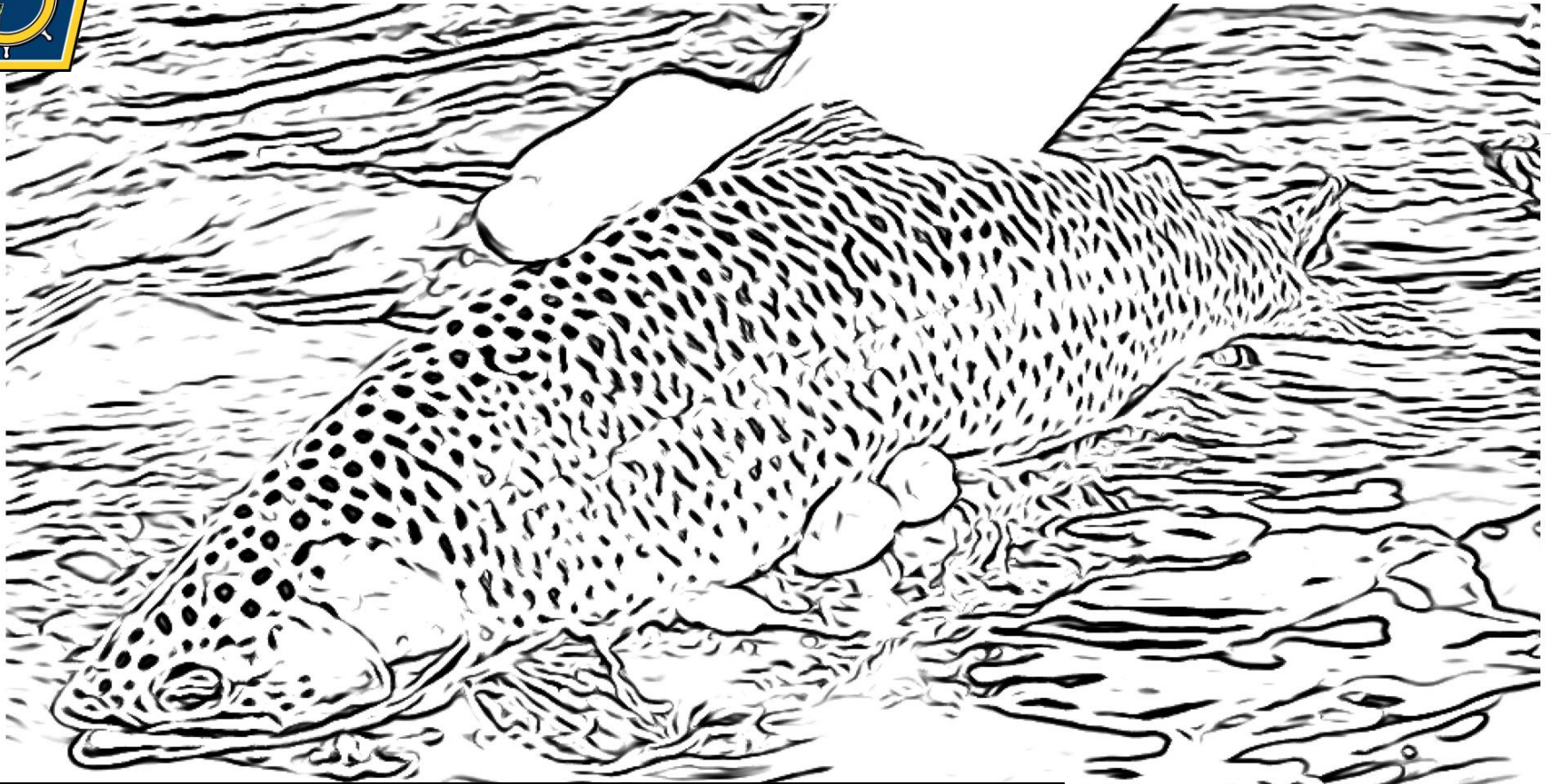




RAINBOW TROUT

Oncorhynchus mykiss



Rainbow Trout are a western North American species, native to the Pacific slope from California to Alaska. In a turn-of-the-century Rainbows were introduced throughout the state. As stocked, hatchery-reared fish, Rainbows are found throughout Pennsylvania's watersheds.

The genus name "*Oncorhynchus*" means "hooked snout," referring to the hooked lower jaw of big, breeding males.

Rainbow Trout are silvery-gray to dark-green on the back and sides. Running from their gill cover to their tail, they have a pink/reddish lateral stripe. The caudal/tail fin has rows of small dark spots. There are more small black spots sprinkled on the head, sides, the dorsal (top fin) and adipose fin. The belly is whitish. The lower fins are pale-pink without spots.

