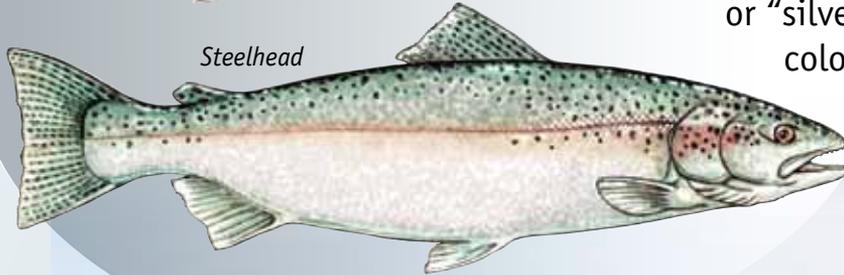


Profiling Erie's "Silver Bullet"



Rainbow Trout



Steelhead

Steelhead are rainbow trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*). They look similar to rainbow trout, but they are larger, live longer and are more silver in color. They are nicknamed "chromers" or "silver bullets" because of their color. Steelhead travel from the depths of Lake Erie to spawn in nearby tributary streams.

Steelhead Facts

- ✓ A faint pink or red band runs from their gills to their tail.
- ✓ Average adult weight is 6 to 11 pounds.
- ✓ Average adult length is 24 inches long.
- ✓ Life span is 8 years.
- ✓ Trophy steelhead weigh over 10 pounds and measure over 30 inches long.
- ✓ The current state record is 20 pounds.
- ✓ The best opportunity to catch a steelhead is when the stream waters rise or fall.
- ✓ Steelhead are more active near dawn and dusk.

