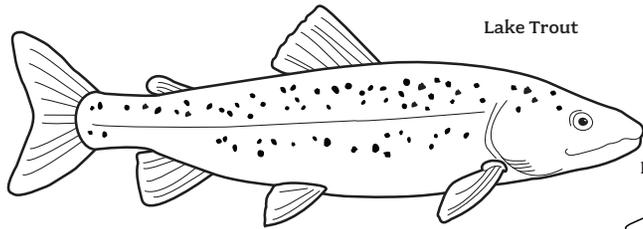


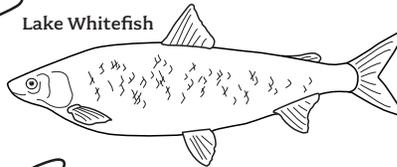
Some of the fish stocked using the Badger #1 and Badger #2 include fish shown here:

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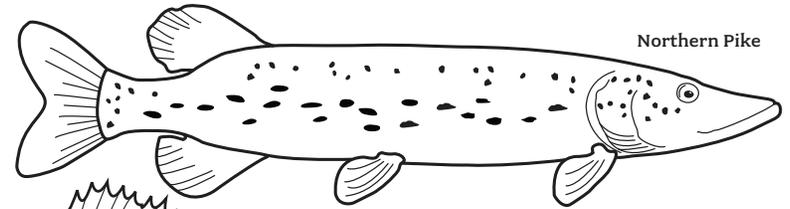
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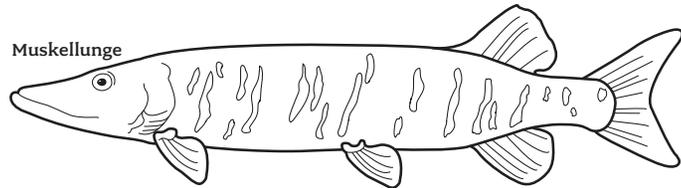
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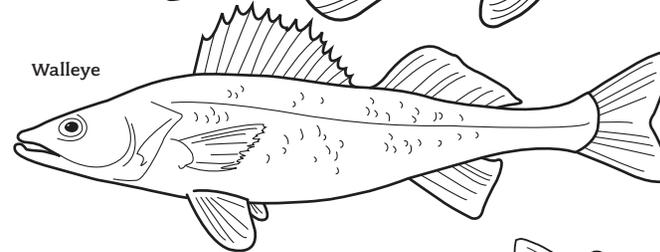
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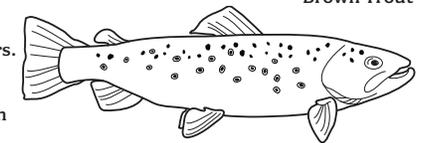
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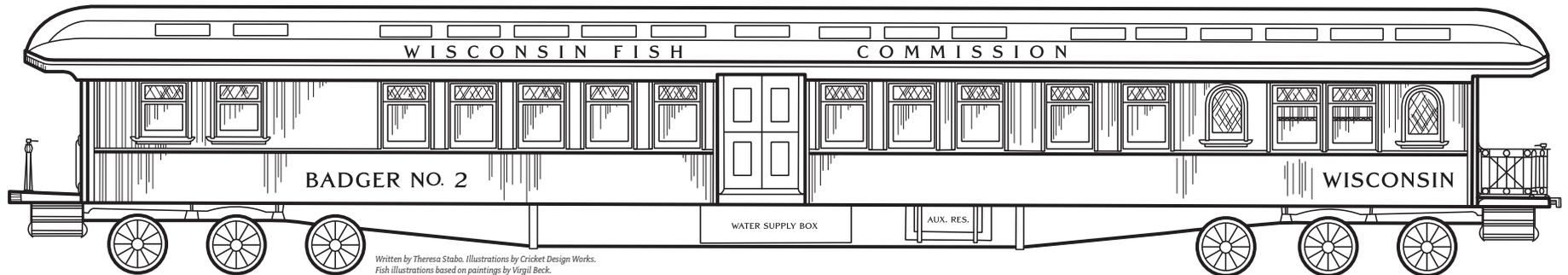
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Brown Trout

Badger #2 Survives!
At one time there were many fish cars around the nation. Today, the *Badger #2* is the last survivor of its kind. It was restored in 2009 and you can see it at the Mid-Century Railway Museum in North Freedom, WI.

Early Wisconsin factories polluted some lakes and rivers. Other waters were fished out. By 1879, Wisconsin Fisheries Commission decided to raise fish to stock in state waters. But they needed a way to get the fish from their hatcheries to lakes across the state.



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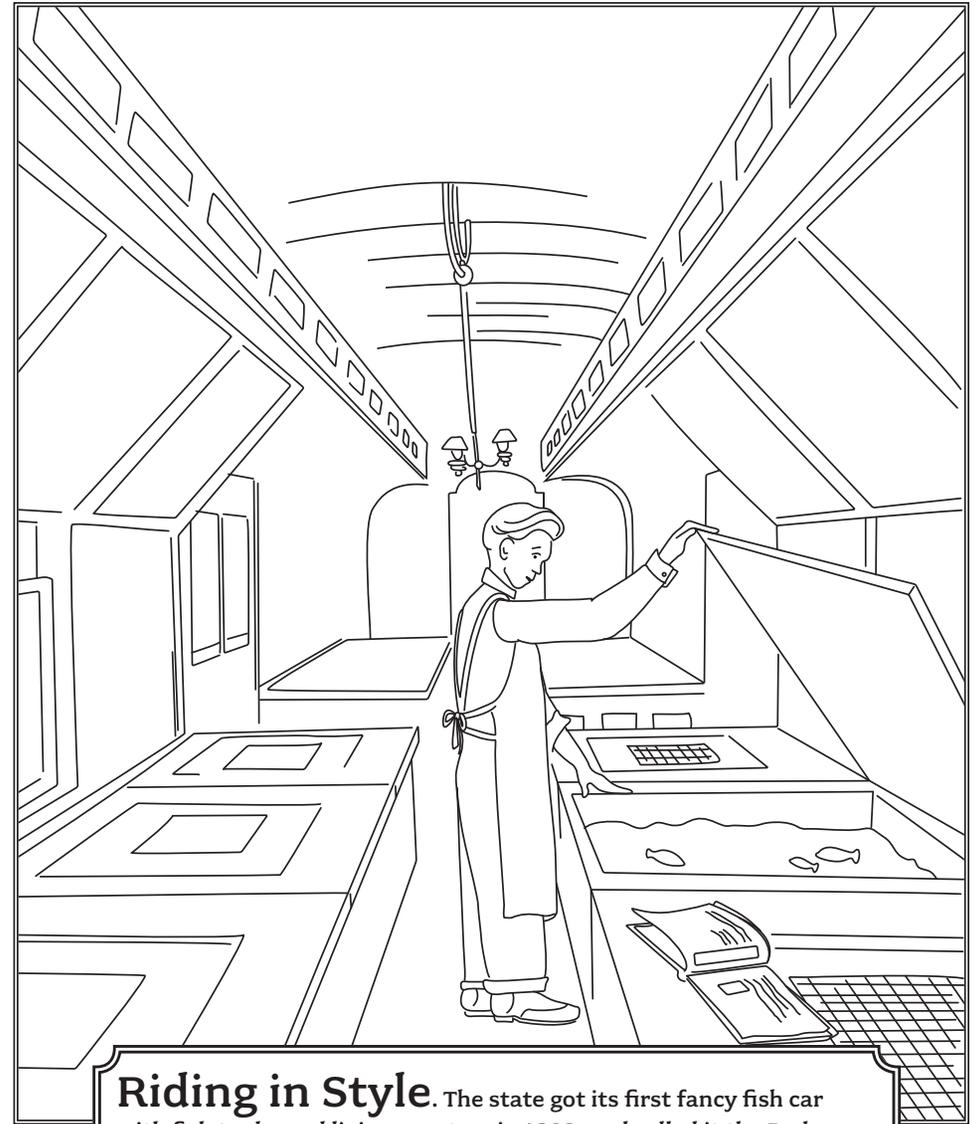
Trains came to the rescue...



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All Aboard! Baggage cars carried milk cans full of fish in the late 1800s for stocking. Space in the baggage car was tight and the crew often had to unload and reload the milk cans and supplies many times during the trip. They needed a better way to move the fish.



Riding in Style. The state got its first fancy fish car with fish tanks and living quarters in 1893, and called it the Badger. *The Badger #2* came along in 1912. These train cars made the job of moving fish much easier. Bunks hung above the fish tanks and were unfolded at night. Can you imagine sleeping with fish?