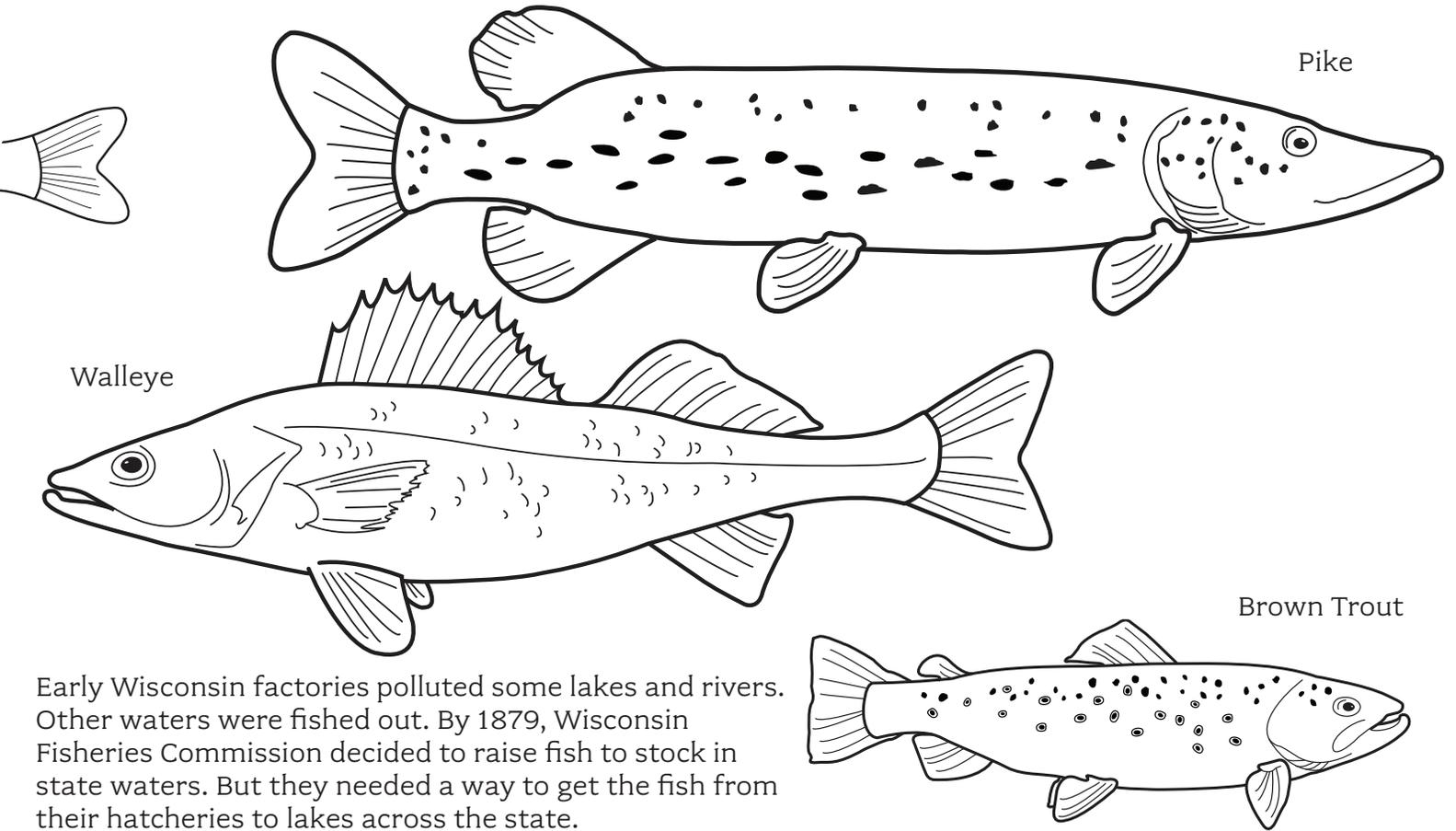
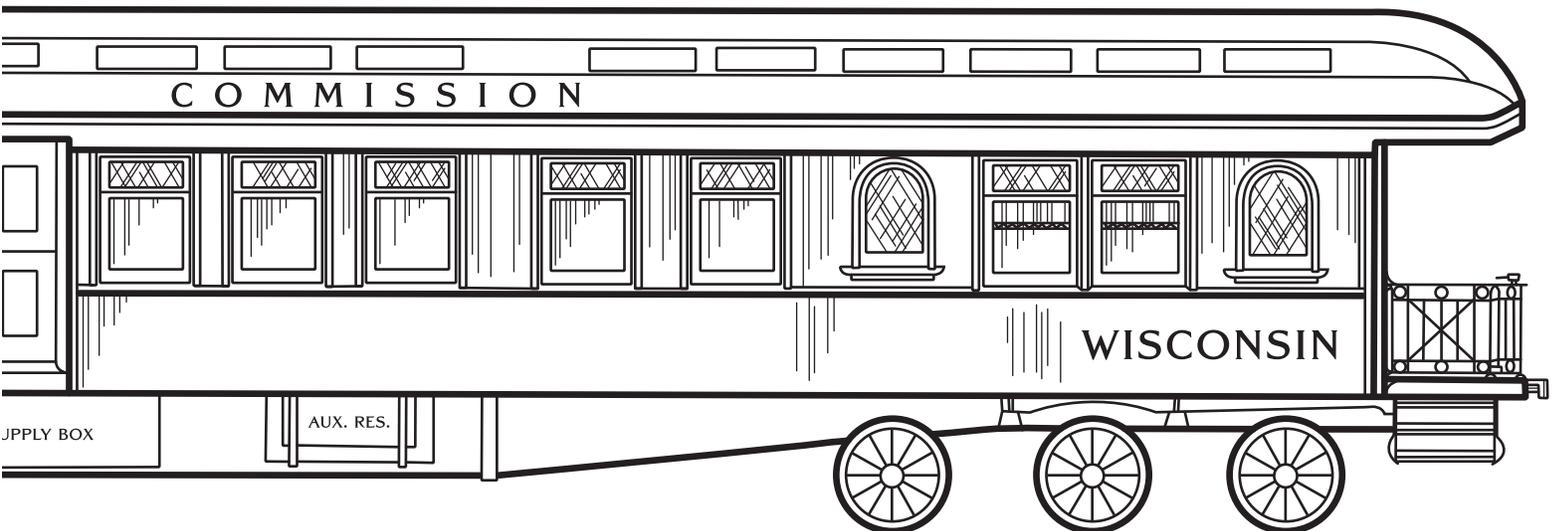


SCALES ON RAILS

A WISCONSIN FISH STORY



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.



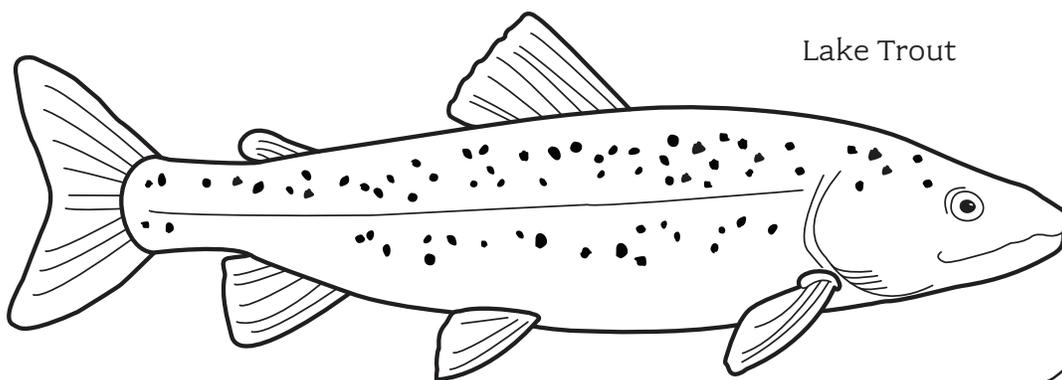
Trains came to the rescue...



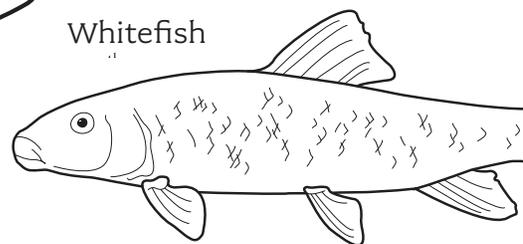
All Aboard!

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.

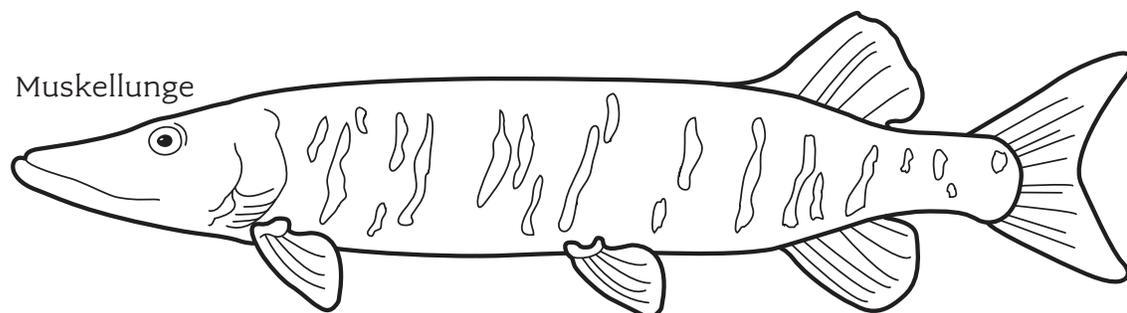
Some of the fish stocked using the *Badger #1* and *Badger #2* include fish shown here:



Lake Trout



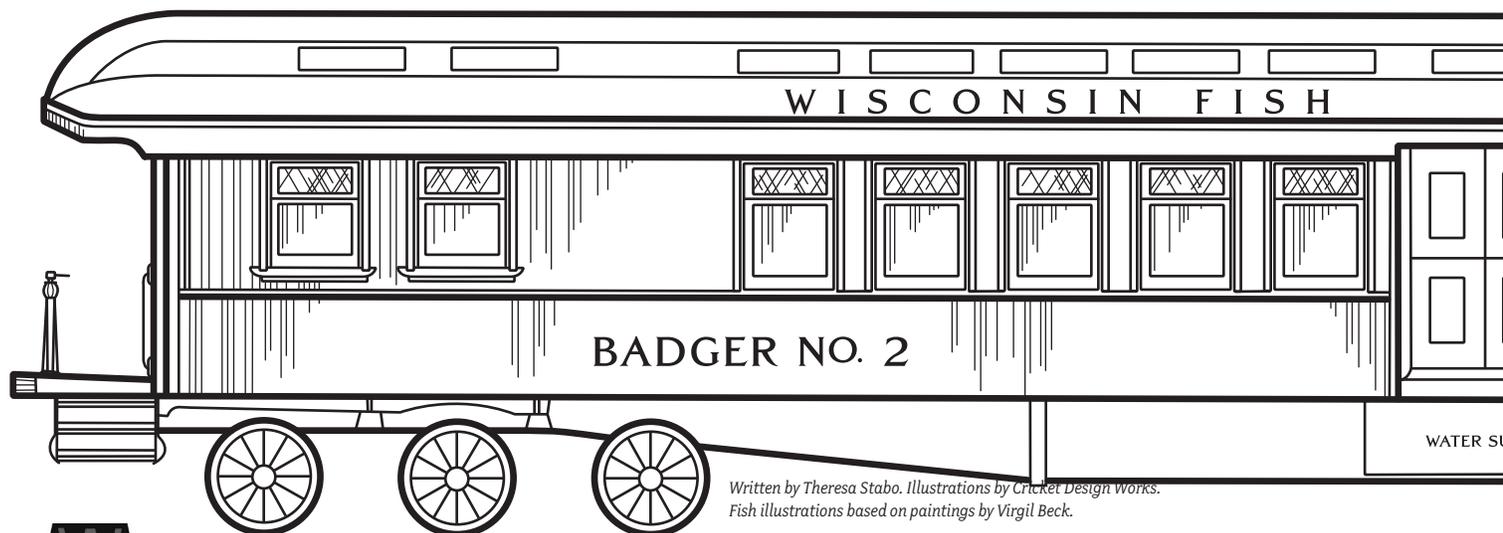
Whitefish



Muskellunge

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. You can see it at the Mid-Continent Railway Museum in North Freedom, WI where it waits to be restored.



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