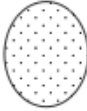
















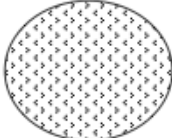



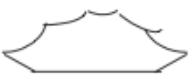

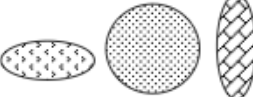



## Fish Body Forms (source: [www.marine.usf.edu](http://www.marine.usf.edu))

CROSS-SECTION BODY SHAPE	TYPE	EXAMPLE	FISH	CHARACTERISTICS
	fusiform		Tuna Jack- Crevelle Salmon	Fast swimming, ultra-streamlined, open water fishes
	compressed		Angelfish Filefish	Not constantly moving, require bursts of speed, large eyes
	 depressed		Skates, Rays Angel Shark Flounder	Flight-like swimming, may live near or on the bottom.
	leptocephalii		larval eels, plankton	weak swimmer, ribbon-like, continuous body
	eel-like (anguilliform)		American Eel	Adults live in fresh-water, spawn at sea, lack pelvic fins, scaleless
	thread-like (filiform)		Snipe Eel	Long, thin body, moves like a wavy ribbon
	ribbon-like (taeniform)		Pricklebacks Gunnels	small, elongate, brightly colored, dorsal fin composed of spines
	arrow-like (sagittiform)		Pikes Gars Needlefish	Arrow-like body shape, elongated fragile beak, surface dwellers
	combination of shapes (globiform)		Lumpsuckers Frogfish	smooth or warty skin, tadpole shaped body, deep water dwellers, pelvic fins united to form sucker
	combination of shapes		Boxfish Cowfish Puffers	Body covered with bony armor, small mouth, slow-moving, live in seagrasses and coral reefs
	combination of shapes		Sea Horse Sea Moth	coiled tail, head bent downward, "armor plating", mouth is trap-doorlike
	combination of shapes		Bullhead	depressed head, very round body, compressed tail