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Pearl Dace

Margariscus margarita
(*Semotilus margarita*)

Characteristics

- dorsal fin with fewer than 11 soft rays
- first dorsal ray a thin splint, attached to second ray w/ membrane
- sides of body mottled w/ irregular patterns of pigmented scales
- head short, nose rounded

Ecology and Distribution

- rare in streams of FCW
- often in cool, boggy waters of lakes & ponds & in cold headwater streams
- often associated w/ brook trout in eastern headwaters of FCW



<http://i.imgur.com/F11b6.jpg>