

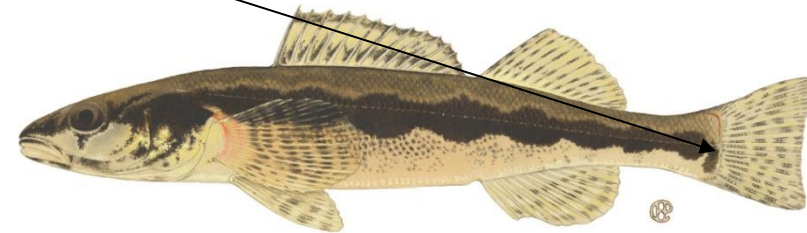


<http://www.fish.state.pa.us/endangered/endange8.htm>

## Longhead Darter *Percina macrocephala*

### Characteristics

- midline of belly w/ row of specialized spiny scales - “scutes”; (not in *Etheostoma*)
- large darter w/ long snout & sickle-shaped teardrop curved back & down
- 9-15 fused black blotches along sides w/ 10-15 saddles
- olive to yellow below; black bar below caudal spot



### Ecology and Distribution

- clean, fast, rocky riffles, or clear pools in medium current below riffles
- scattered distribution in French Creek main stem & tributaries

**Conservation** – French Creek & Allegheny River populations critical for conservation efforts; this species has declined across its range