Draw a Striped Bass: Body, Fins, and Lateral Stripes

Topic reference / ordinary illustration



Ordinary topic reference. Hypothetical dimensions in the four tasks are supplied in their own text; this illustration is not their measured answer.

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Worked example / complete source key

Draw a striped bass with an 18 cm body length, 4.5 cm depth, two dorsal sections, a forked caudal fin, and seven lateral stripe rows. Describe the construction and stripe placement.

Answer: Draw an 18 cm centerline. Mark the deepest point at 6 cm with 2.25 cm above and below the centerline. Draw smooth top and belly curves tapering to a 1.5 cm peduncle. Place the first dorsal base from 6–9 cm and the second from 10–13 cm with a small notch. Place the anal fin below the second dorsal from 11–13 cm and pelvic fins from 7–9 cm. Draw a forked caudal fin with a 1.5 cm base and 3 cm lobes. Add pectoral fins at 4 cm. Draw a lateral-line guide slightly above the centerline and mark seven rows: three above, the lateral line row, and three below. Use broken bands about 0.45 cm thick with equal gaps, stopping before fin bases.