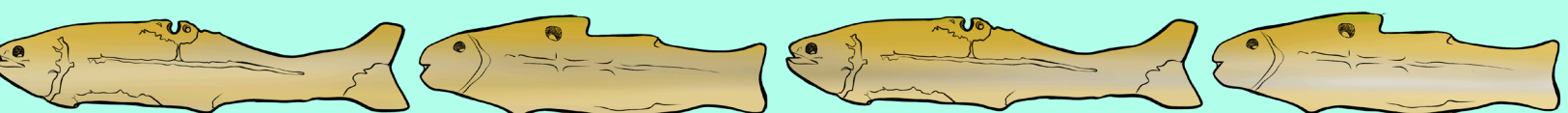


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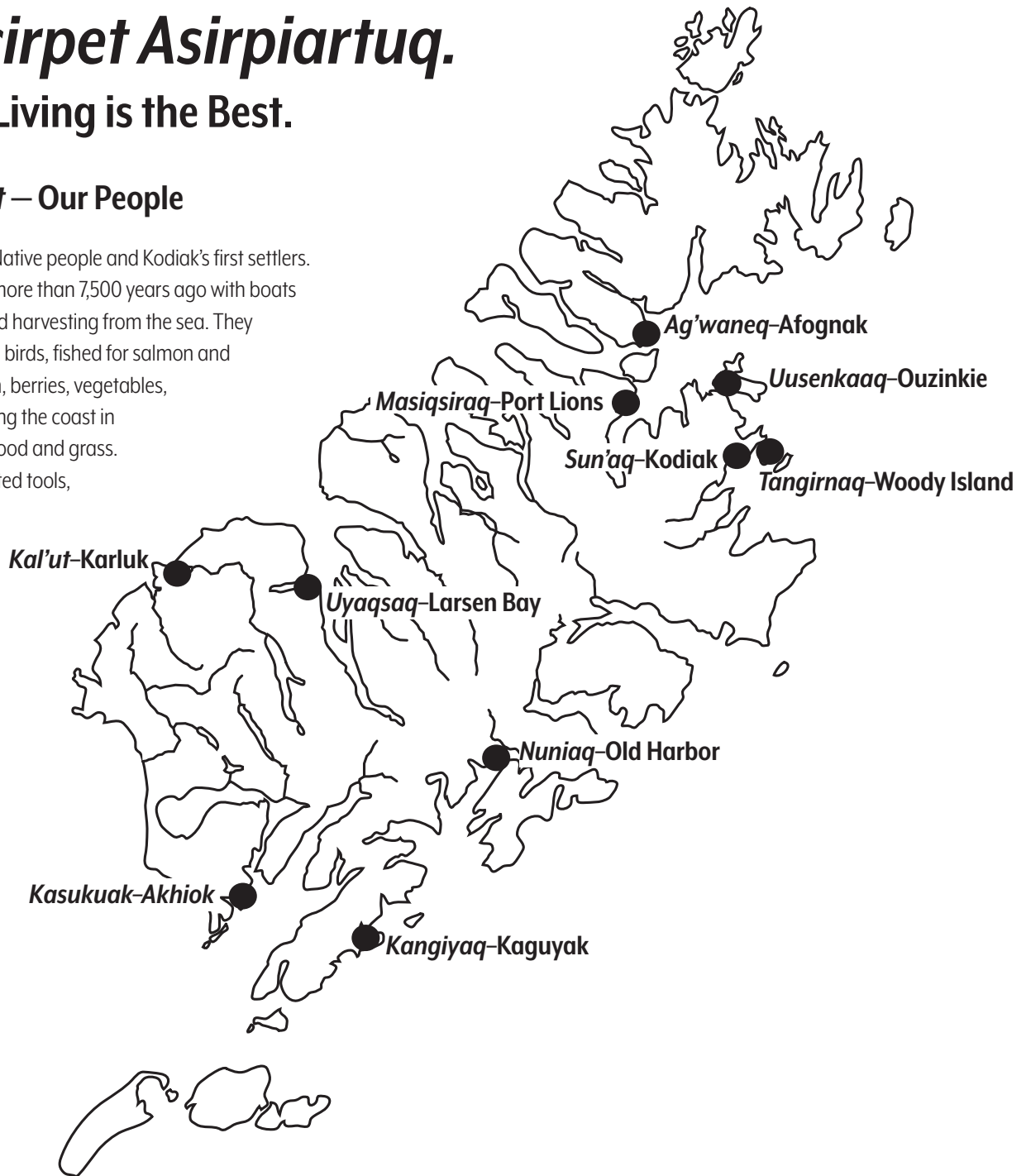
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Suumacirpet Asirpiartuq.

Our Way of Living is the Best.

***Suupet, Sulrupet* – Our People**

The Alutiiq are an Alaska Native people and Kodiak's first settlers. They came to the islands more than 7,500 years ago with boats and tools for gathering and harvesting from the sea. They hunted sea mammals and birds, fished for salmon and cod, and collected shellfish, berries, vegetables, and eggs. People lived along the coast in warm houses built from wood and grass. Here they made food, crafted tools, raised children, and celebrated. Today about 1,800 Alutiiq people live on Kodiak, where they continue to harvest wild foods, practice Alutiiq arts, dance, and speak in the Alutiiq language.



***Suumacirpet* – Our Way of Life**

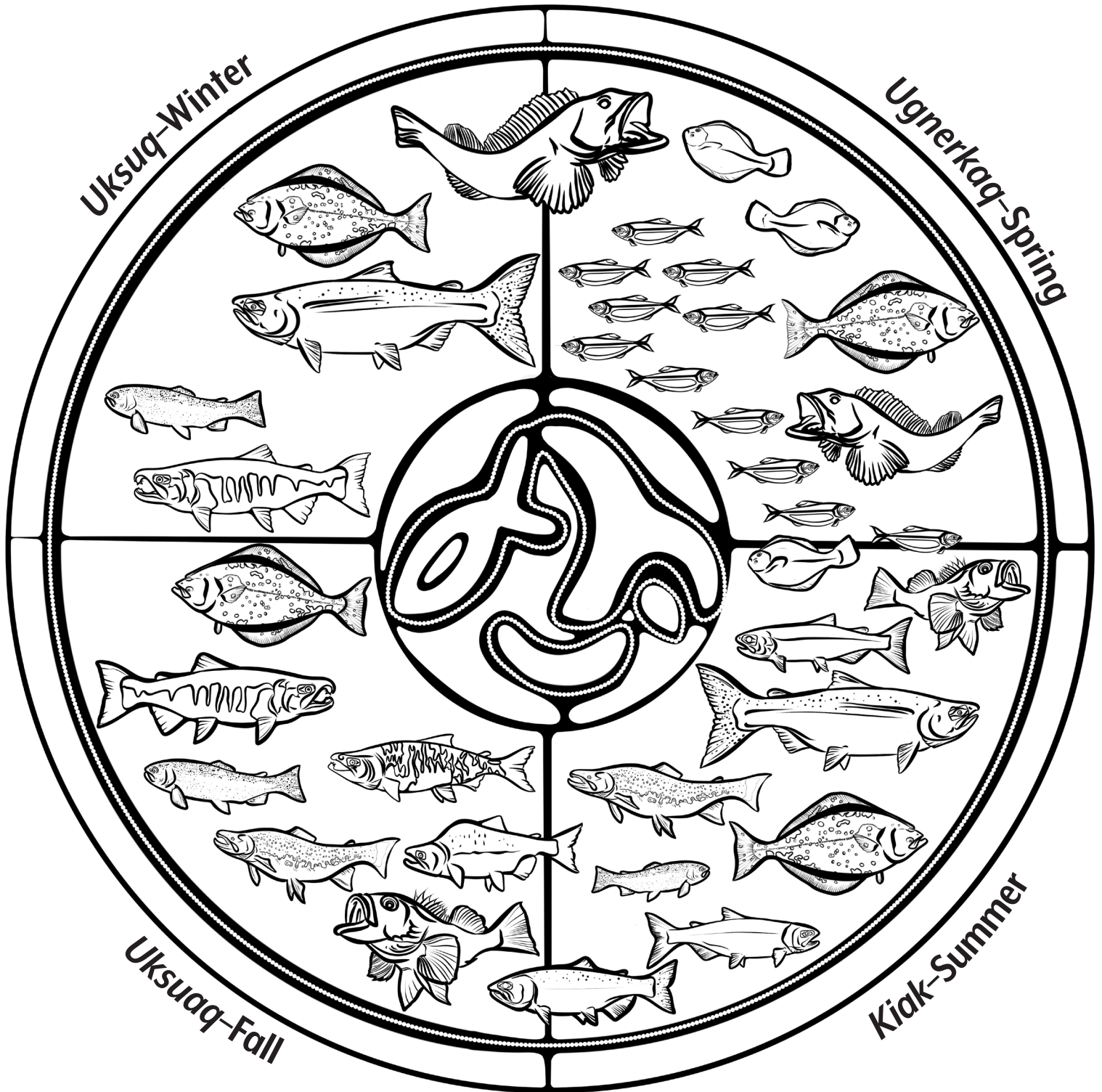
Traditional harvesting, including hunting and fishing, is called subsistence. For the Alutiiq, this way of life connects people to the natural world. Their knowledge of animals reflects thousands of years of learning by watching, harvesting, sharing skills, and storytelling. Alutiiq people are closely connected to the land and sea, both physically and spiritually.

***Iqallugsucirpet* – Our Way of Fishing**

Fishing has been a central part of Alutiiq subsistence for thousands of years and it remains a part of everyday life. Fishing tools, traditions, values, and words connect Alutiiq people across time. Alutiiq fishermen in the past used handmade hooks, lures, spears, nets, weirs, traps, and harpoons to catch many different fish. These included herring, rockfish, sculpin, salmon, starry flounder, Pacific cod, and the giant Pacific halibut. Today, salmon, cod, and herring are the most important species. Families harvest these fish for food and work in commercial fishing.

Cami Iqallugsurtaartukut

When We Fish

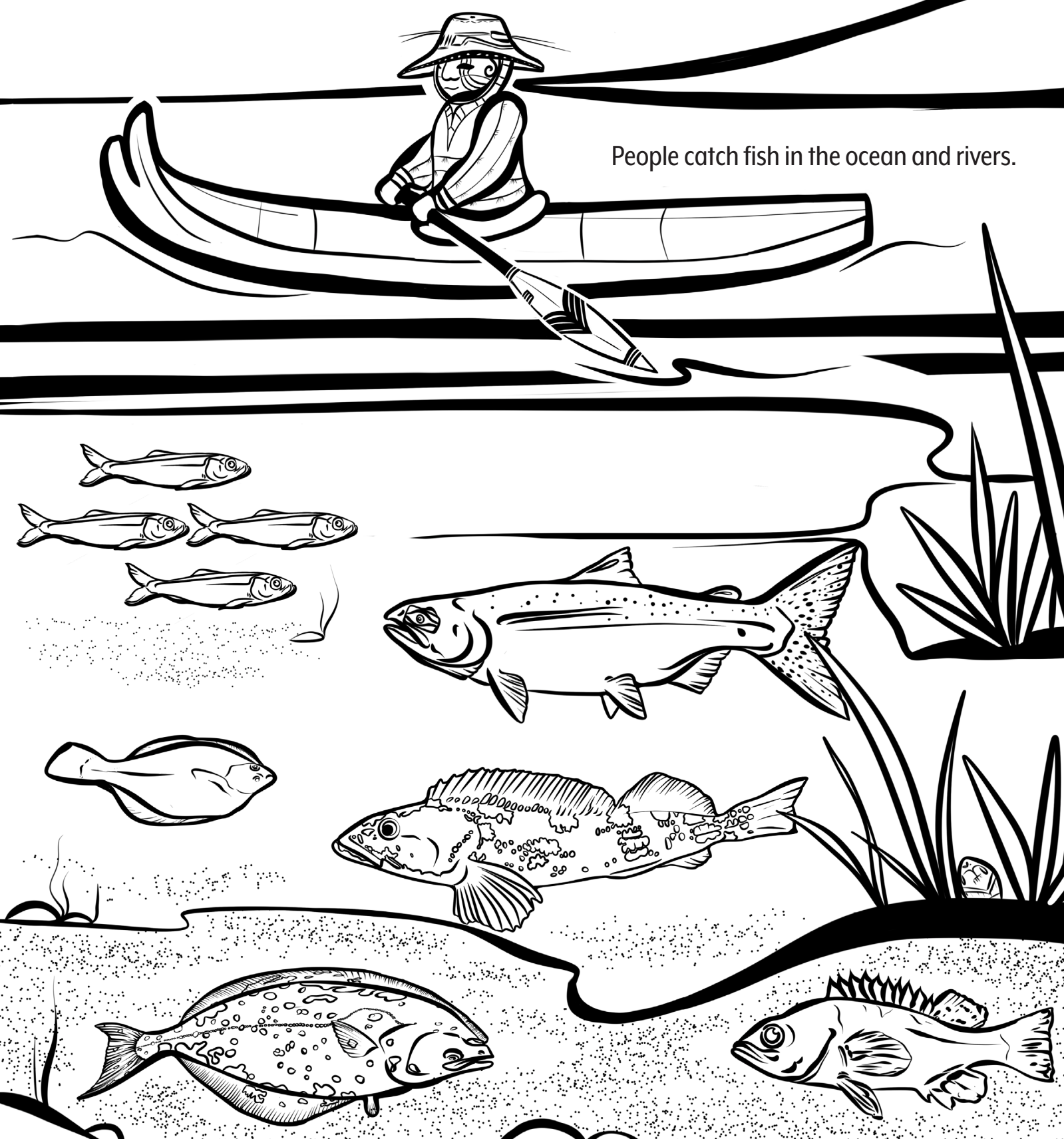


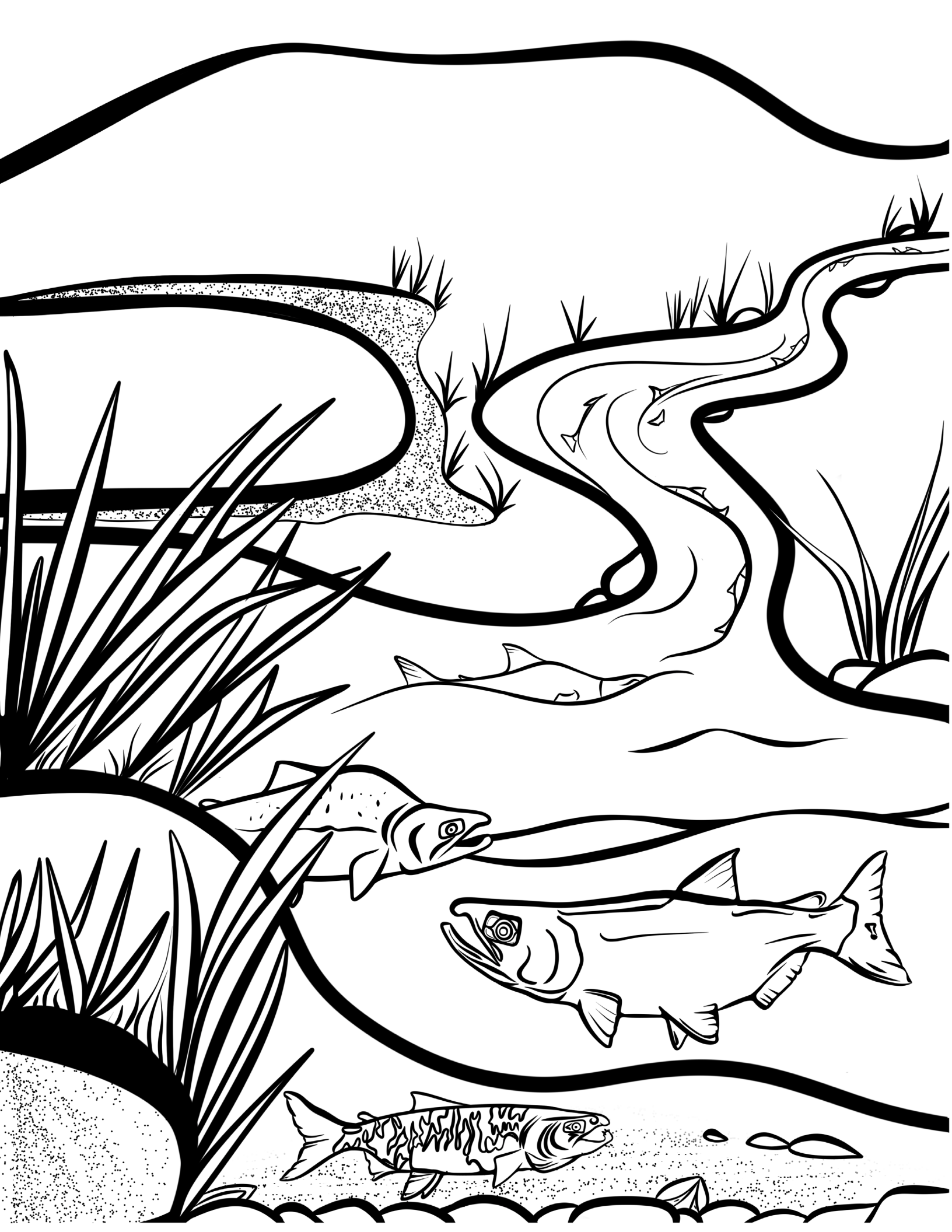
Alutiiq people harvest fish in winter, spring, summer, and fall.

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Fish in Kodiak

People catch fish in the ocean and rivers.



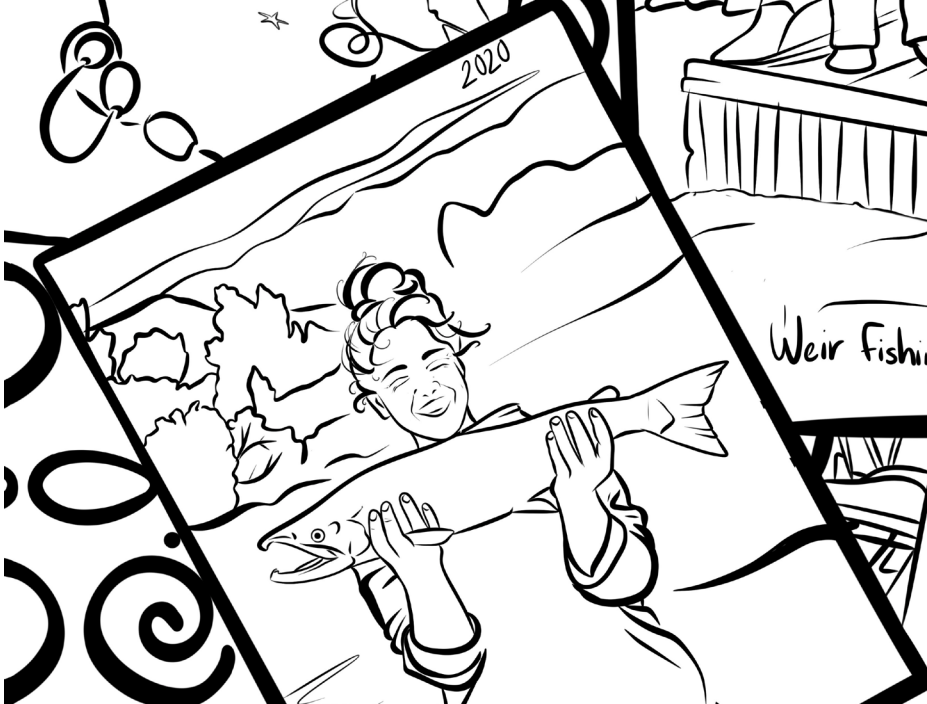


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Fishing in Summer

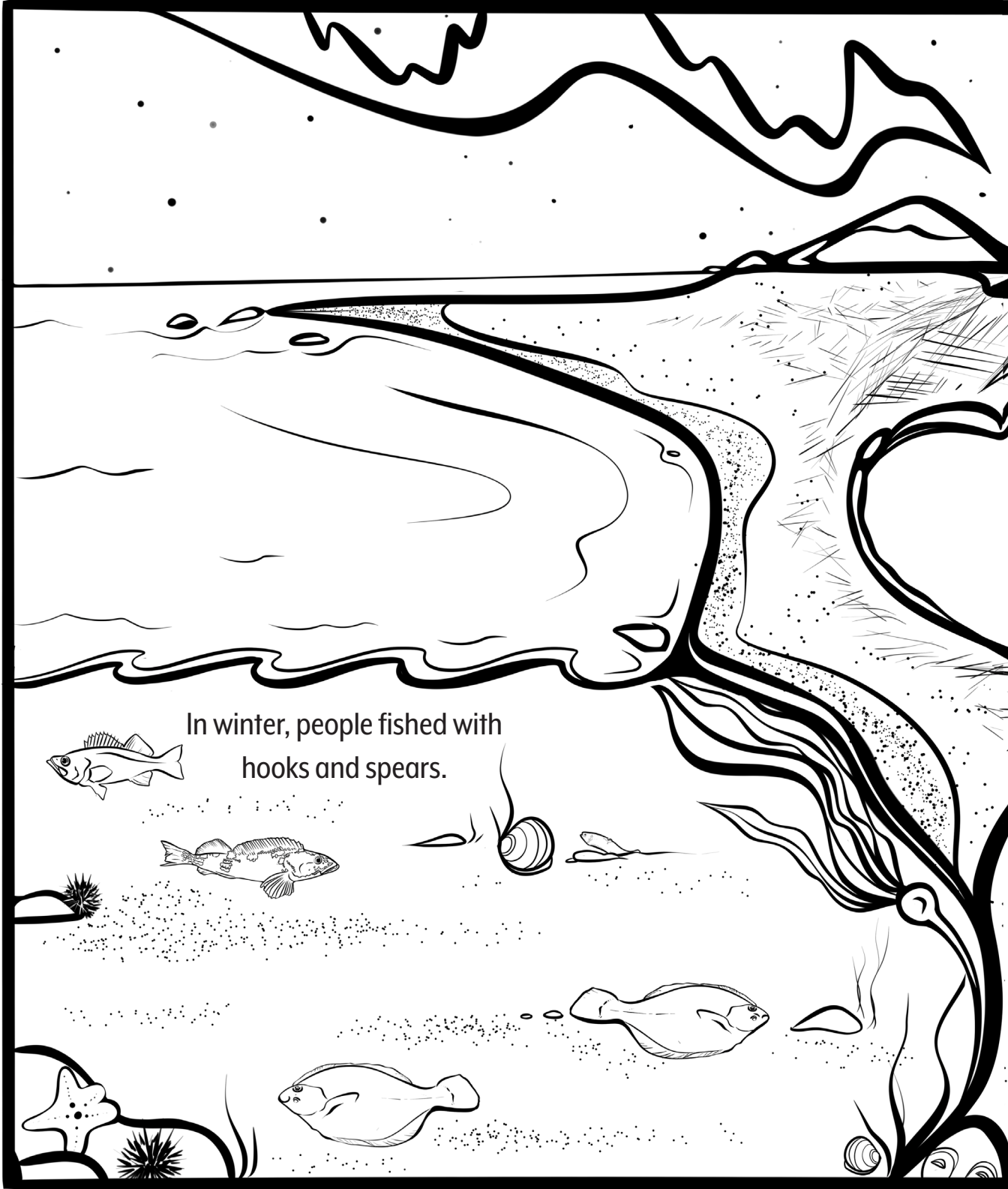


Alutiiq ancestors caught fish with weirs, nets, and spears.



Uksumi Iqallugsurluni

Fishing in Winter



In winter, people fished with
hooks and spears.



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Fishing on the Ice

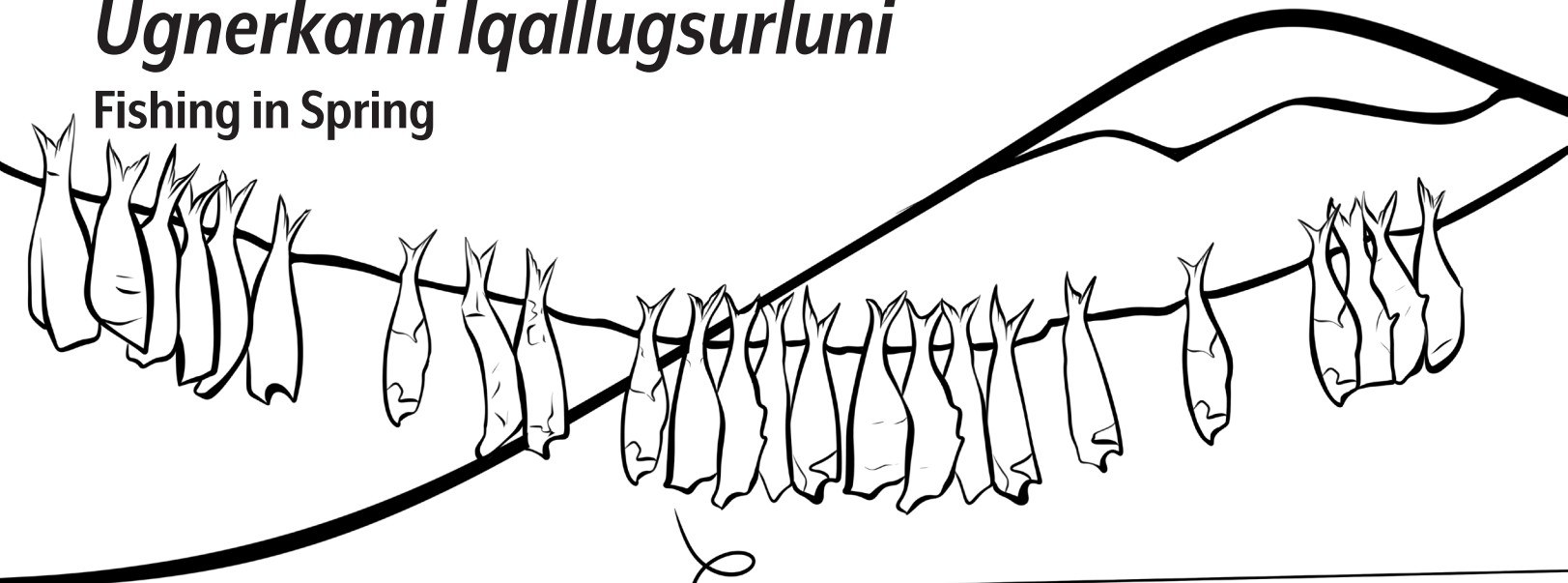


People fished in rivers through
holes cut in the ice.

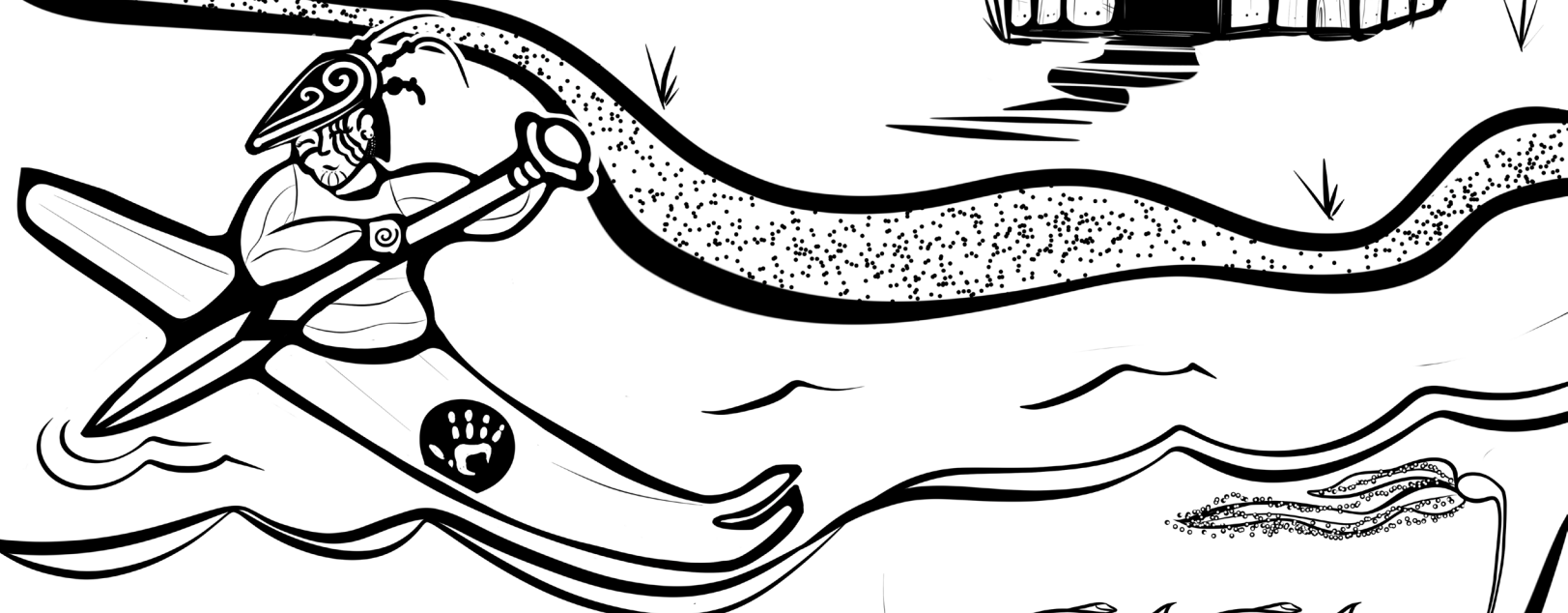


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Fishing in Spring



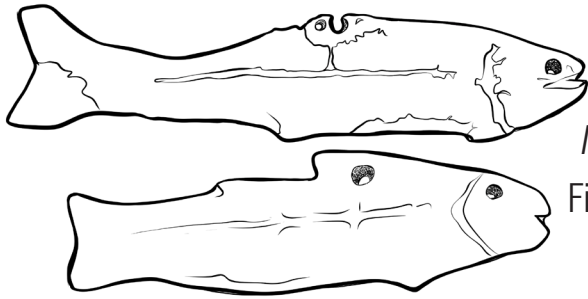
People harvested halibut, herring, and herring eggs in the spring with hooks, nets and spears.



Iqallugsursuutet

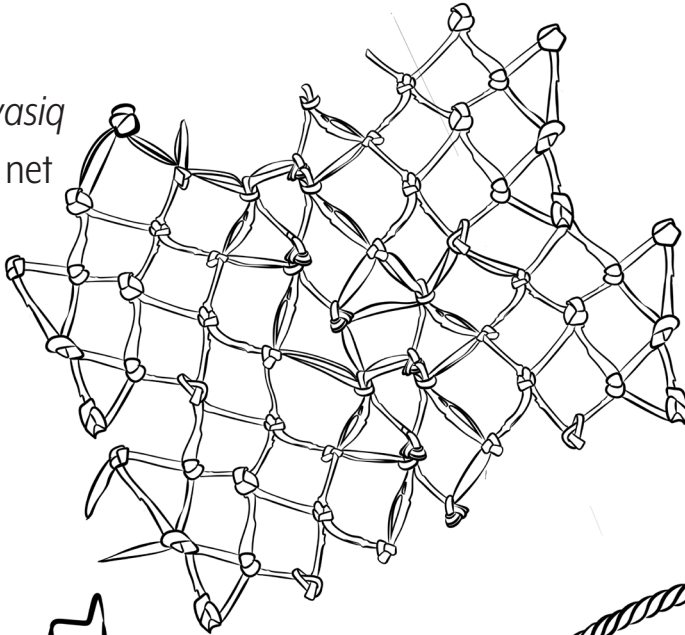
Fishing Gear

Tools for fishing were made from bone, wood, ivory, and kelp.

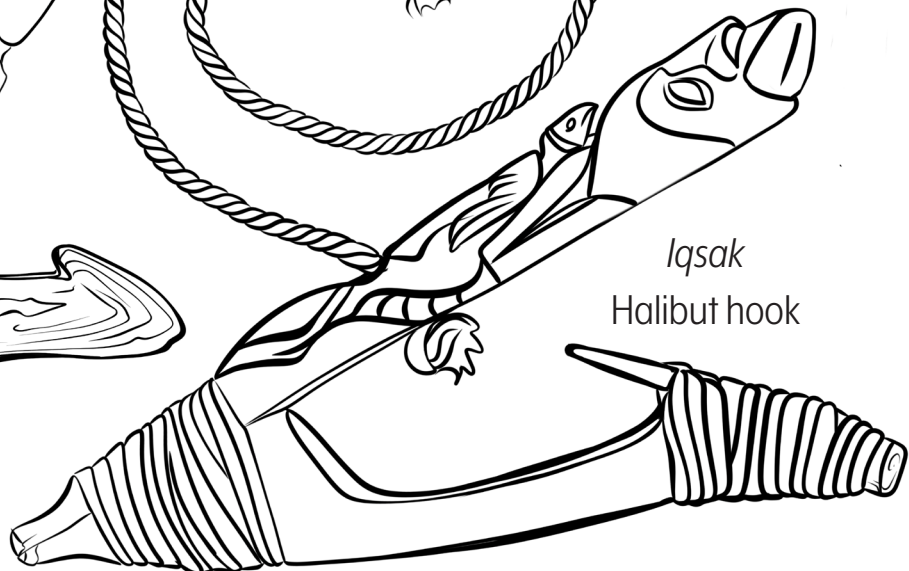
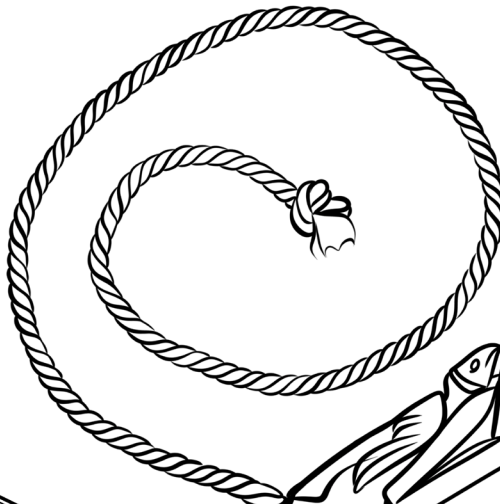
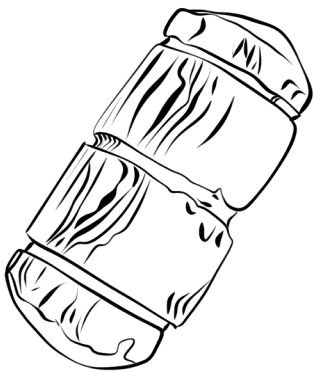


Iqsaguaq
Fishing lure

Kugyasiq
Fish net

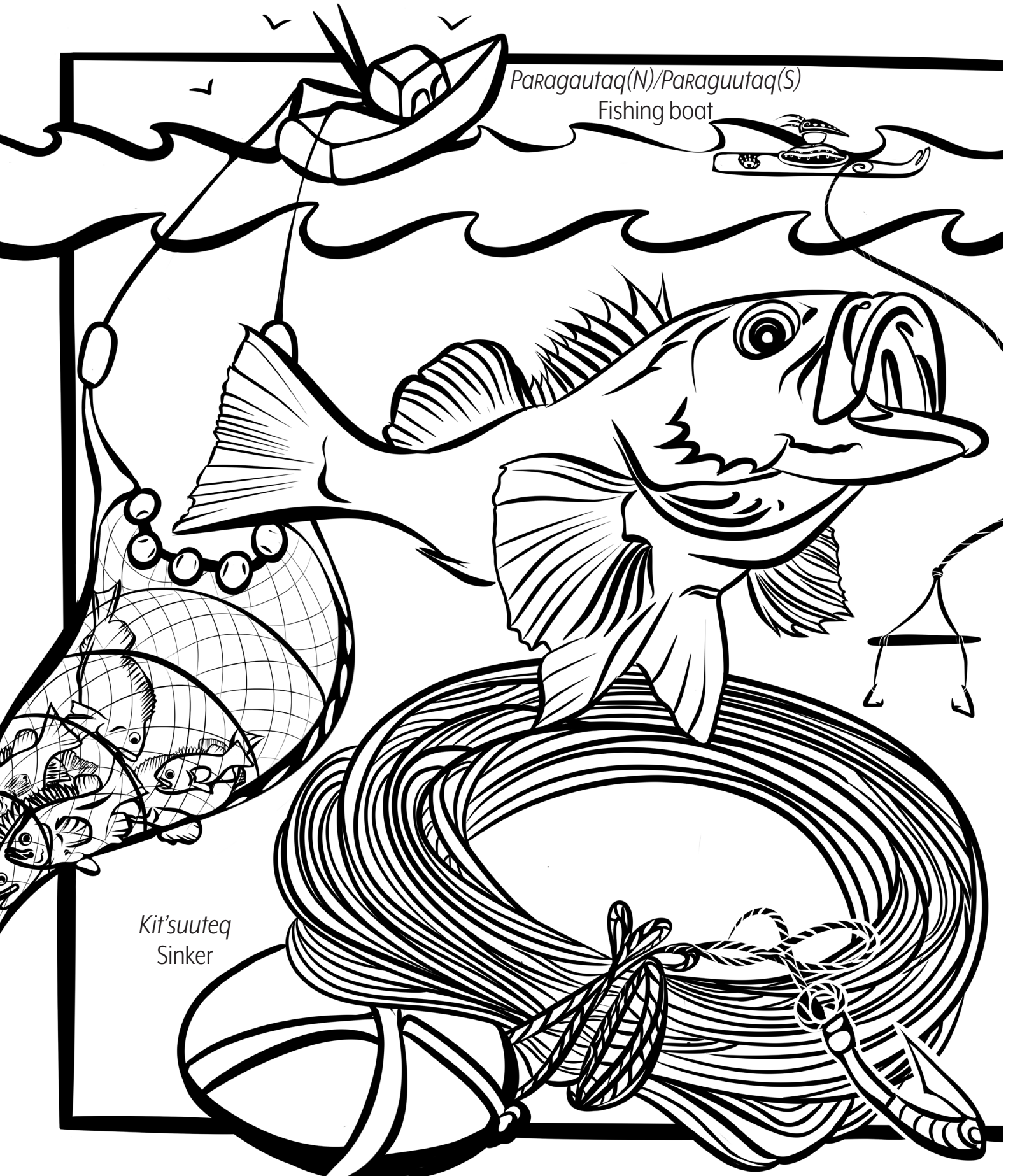


Ayaquq
Fish harpoon



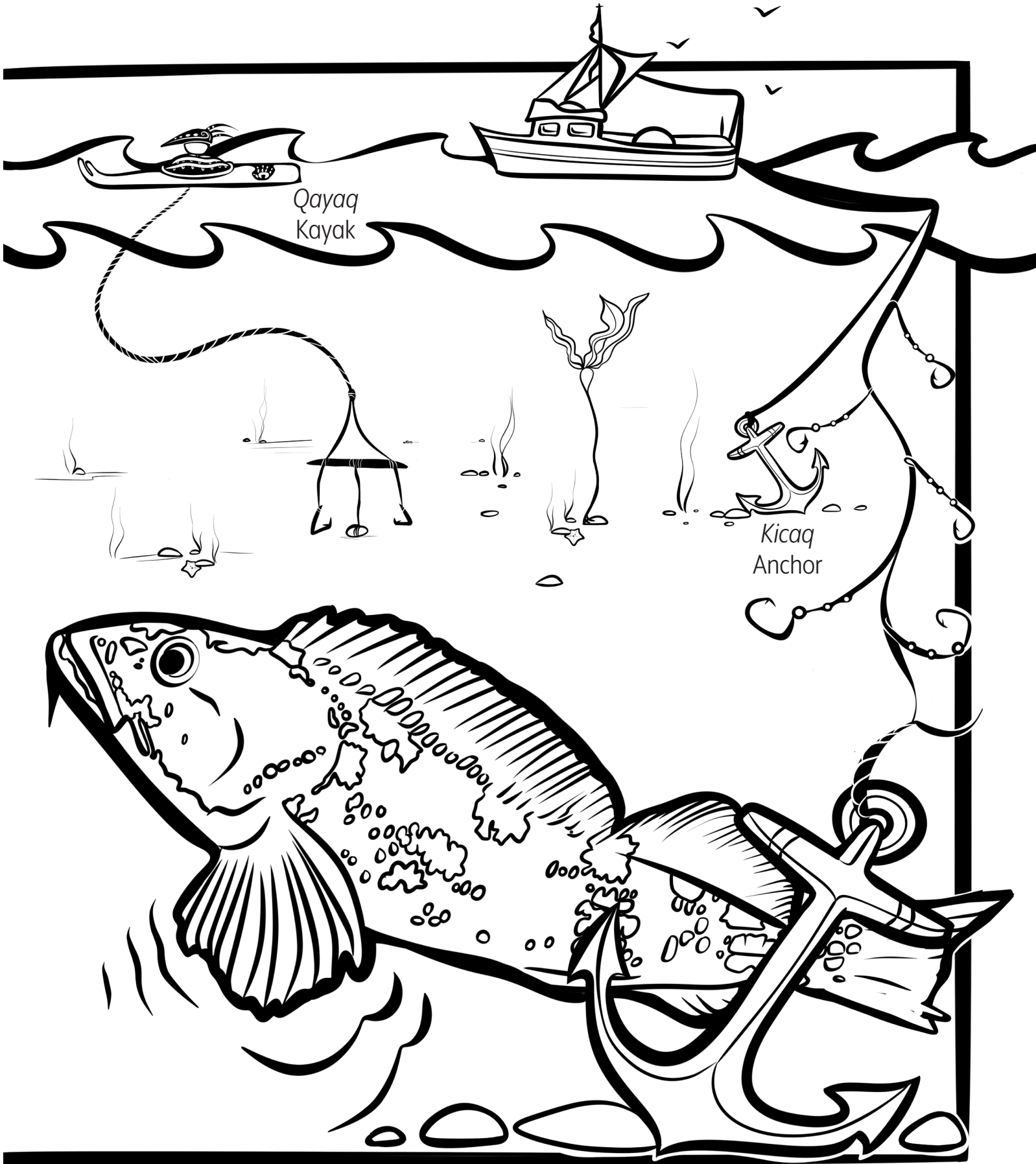
Iqsak
Halibut hook

Fishing Tools Used in the Past and the Present



Paragautaq(N)/Paraguutaq(S)
Fishing boat

Kit'suuteq
Sinker



Qayaq
Kayak

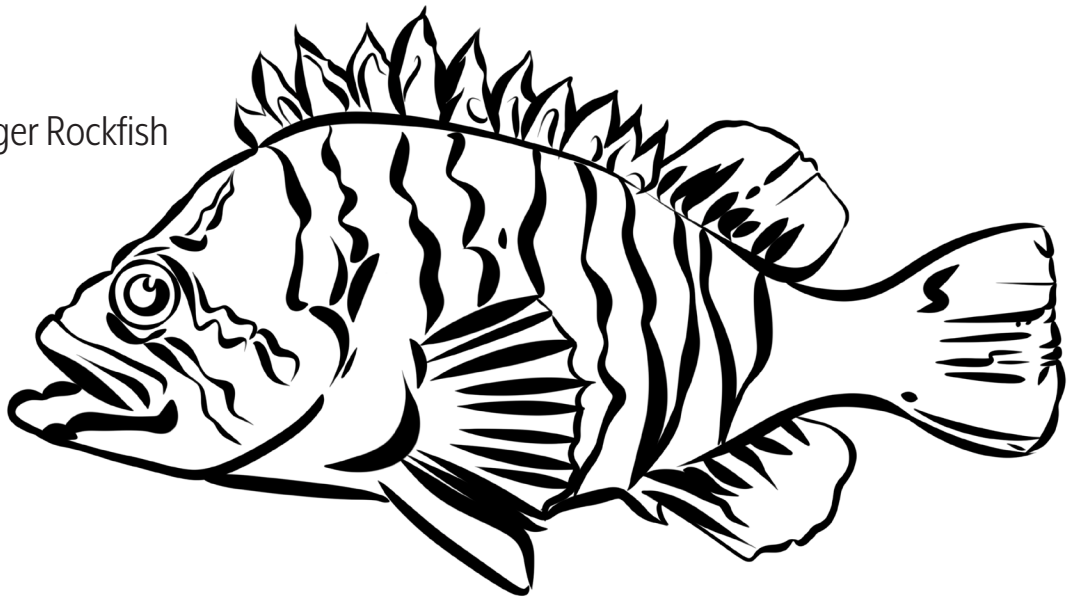
Kicag
Anchor

CiRupuugēt/Cilupuugēt

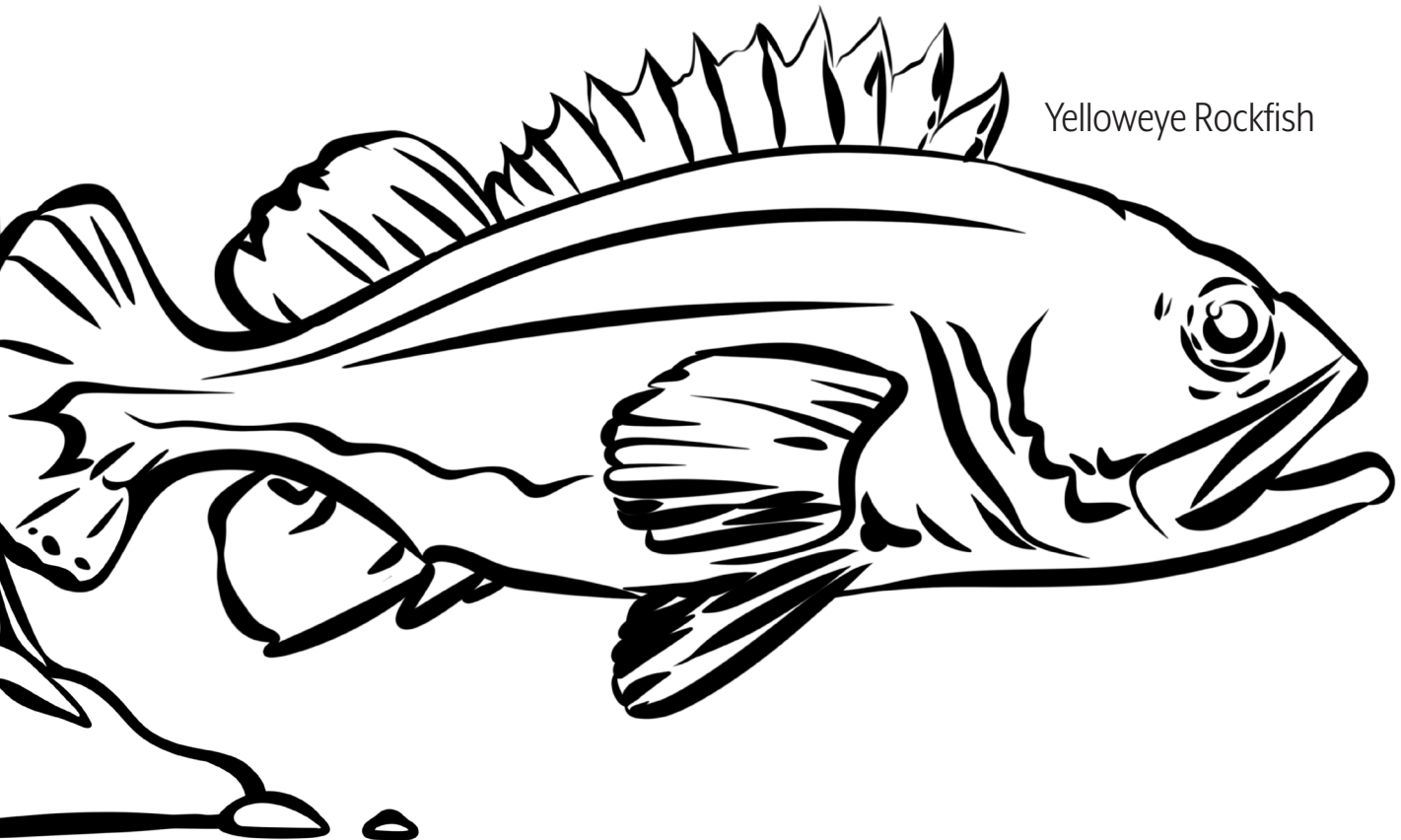
Rockfish

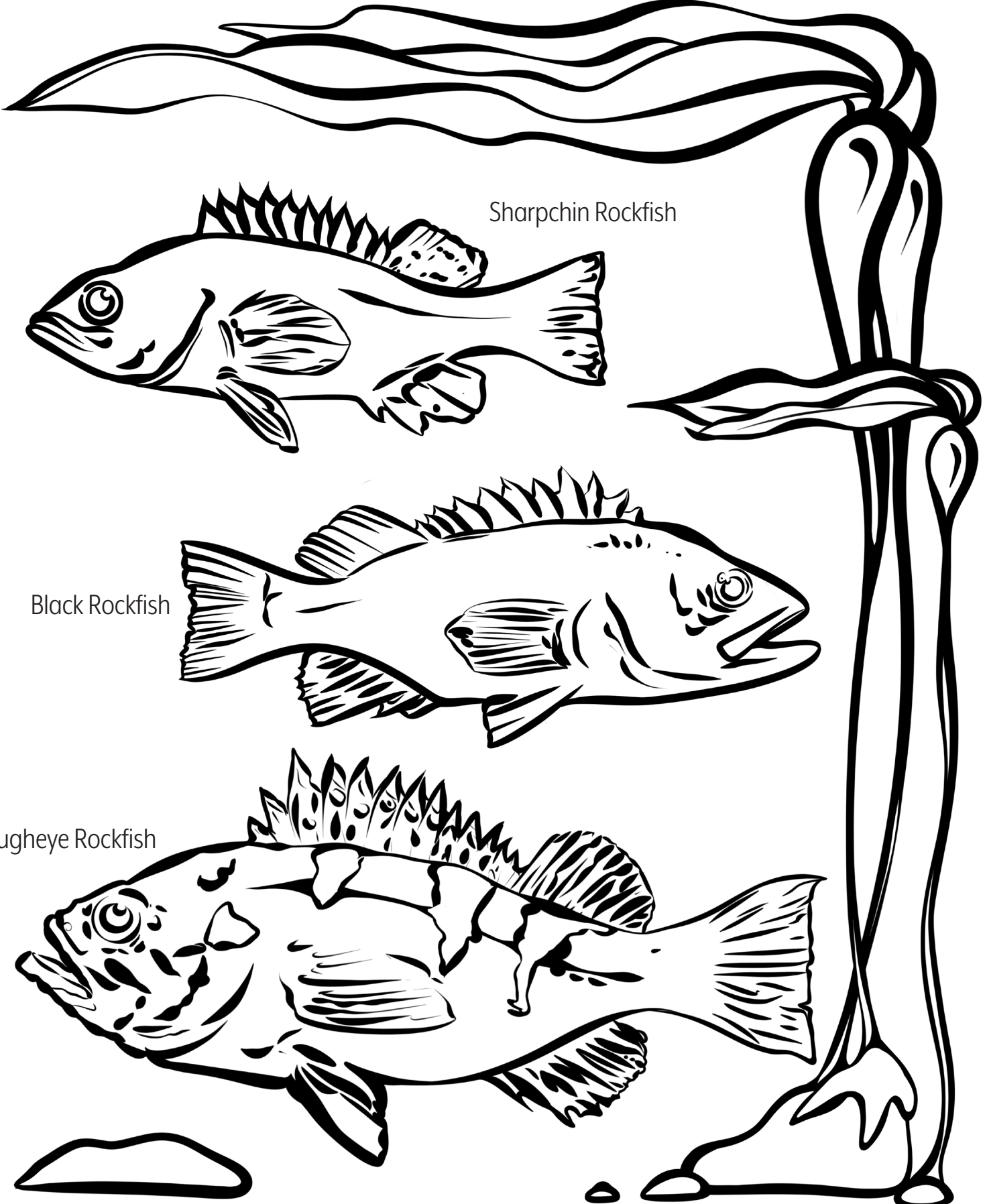
Rockfish are very colorful.

Tiger Rockfish



Yelloweye Rockfish





Sharpchin Rockfish

Black Rockfish

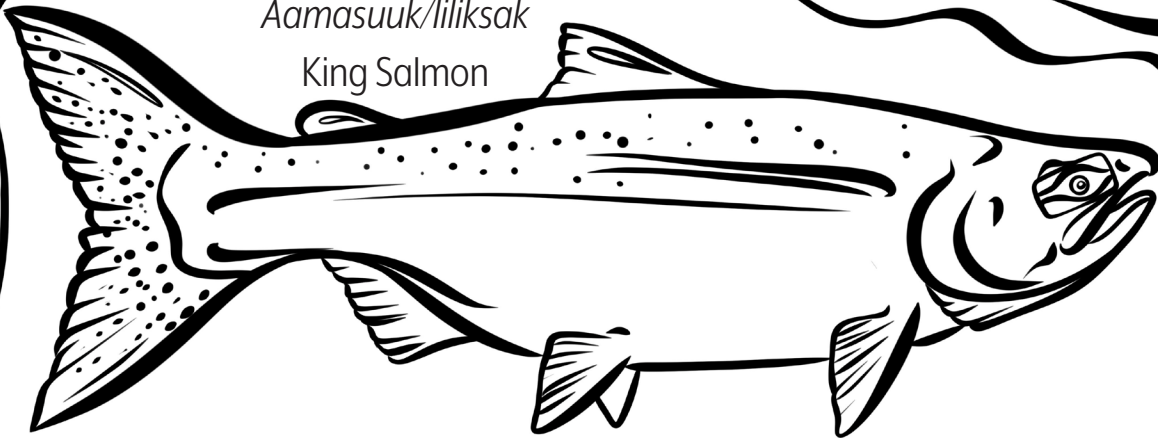
Rougheyeye Rockfish

Iqalluut

Salmon

There are five species of salmon in the ocean.

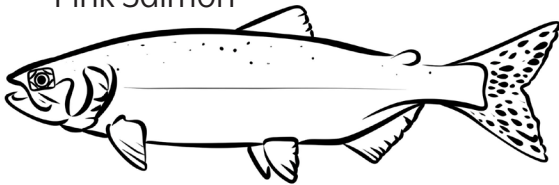
Aamasuuk/liliksak
King Salmon



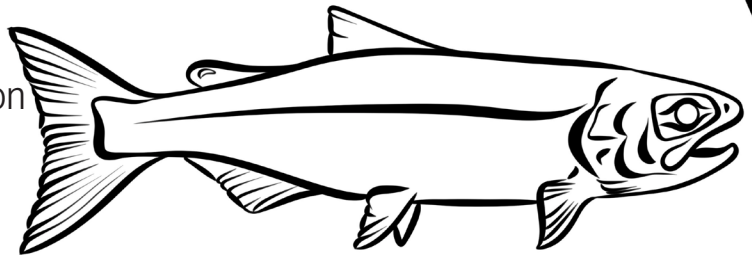
Qakiiyaq
Silver Salmon



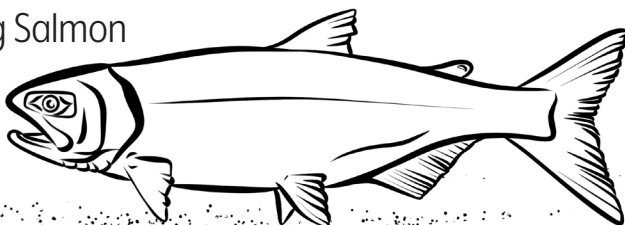
Amartuq/Amaqaayak
Pink Salmon



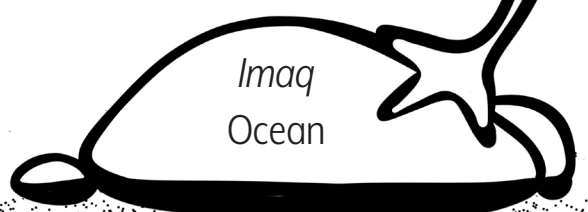
Niklliq
Red Salmon



Alimaq
Dog Salmon

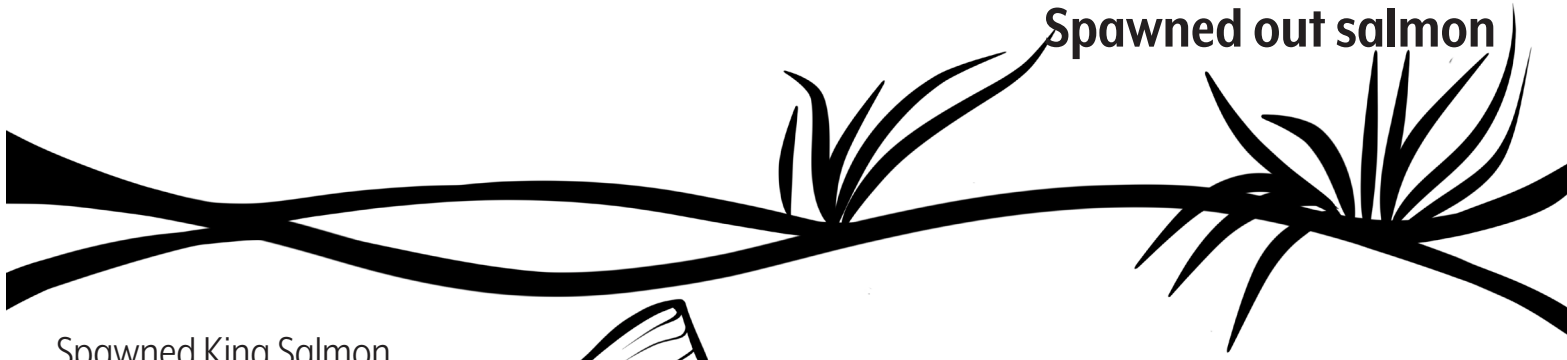


Imaq
Ocean

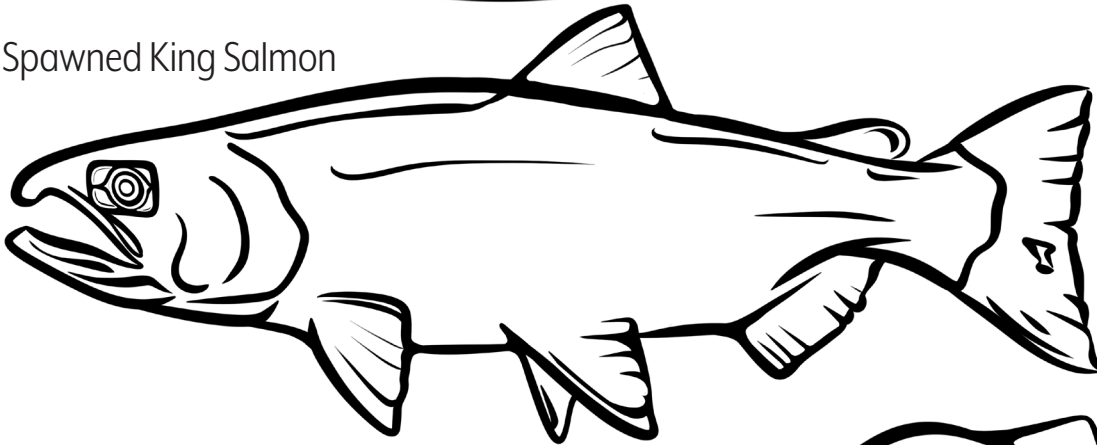


Aakanat

Spawned out salmon

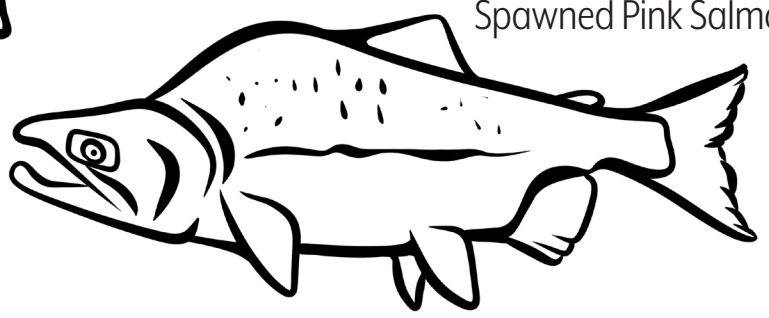


Spawned King Salmon

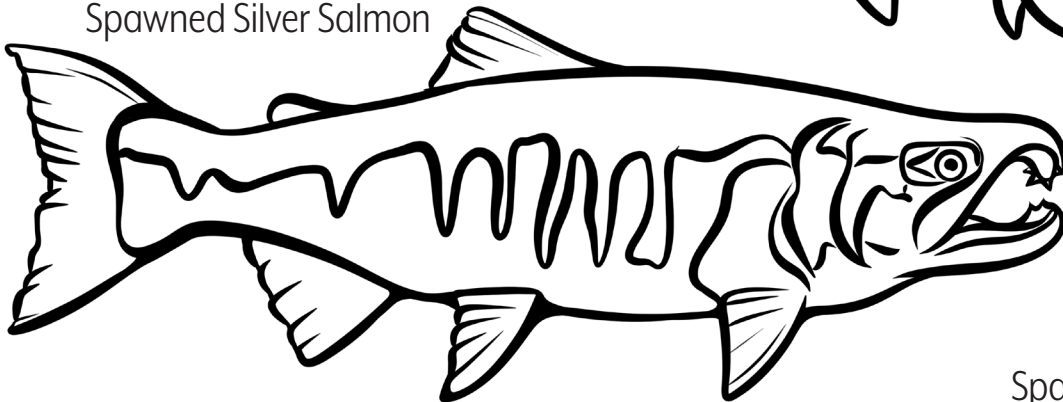


Salmon turn red when they enter fresh water.

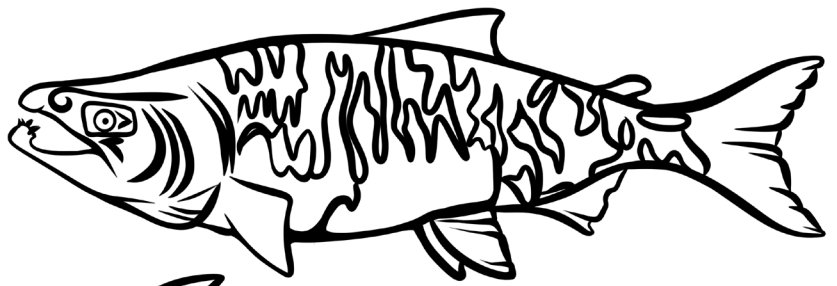
Spawned Pink Salmon



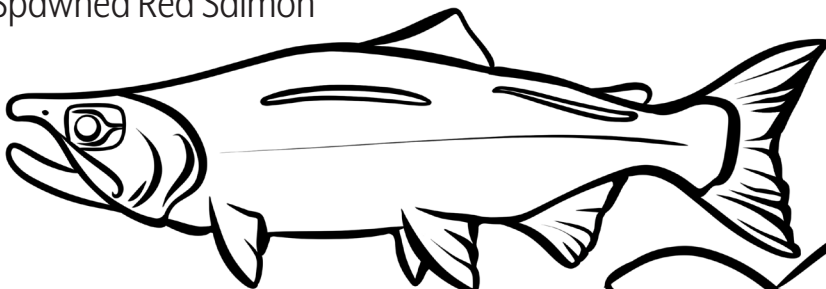
Spawned Silver Salmon



Spawned Dog Salmon



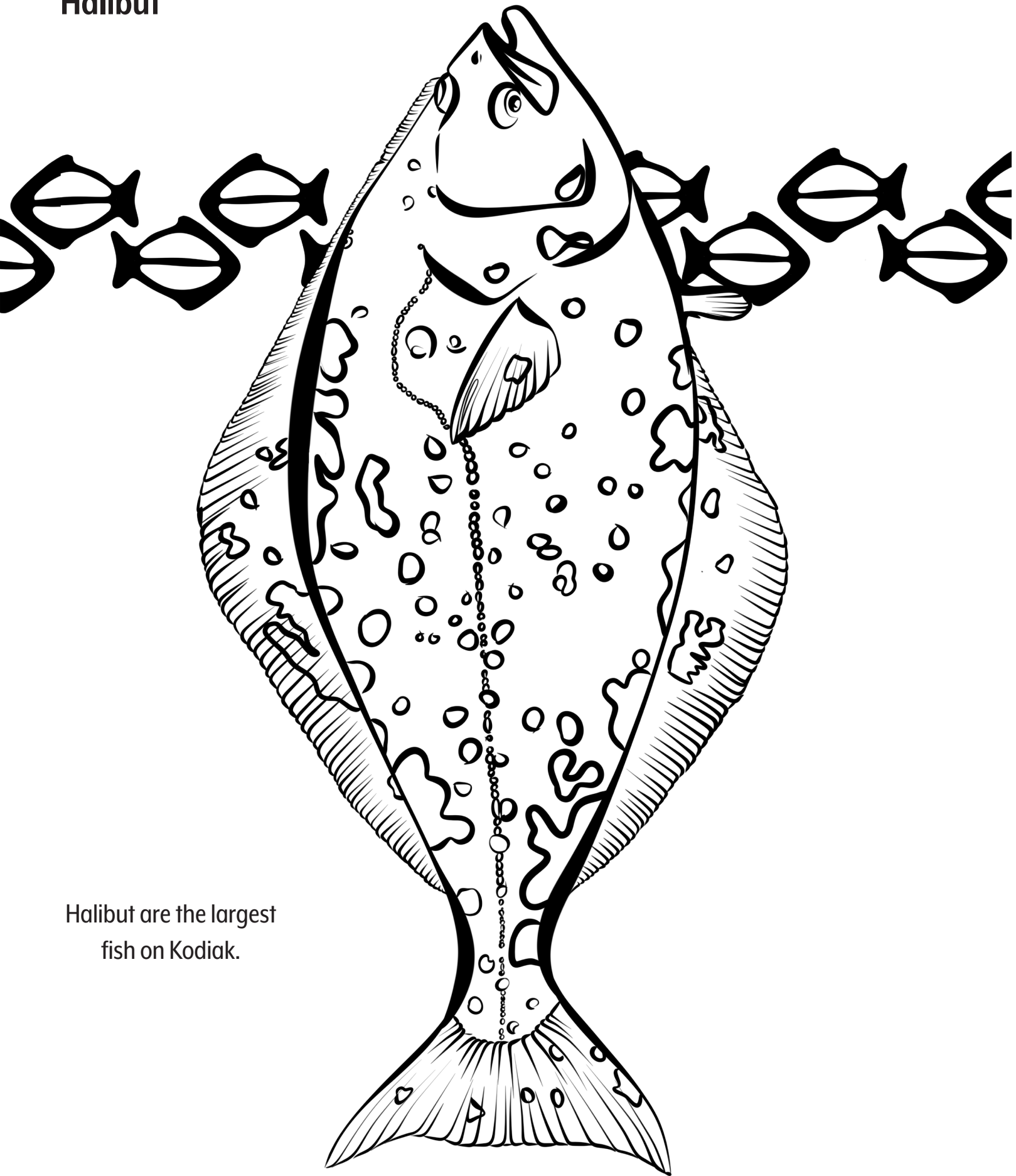
Spawned Red Salmon



Kuik
River

Sagiq

Halibut

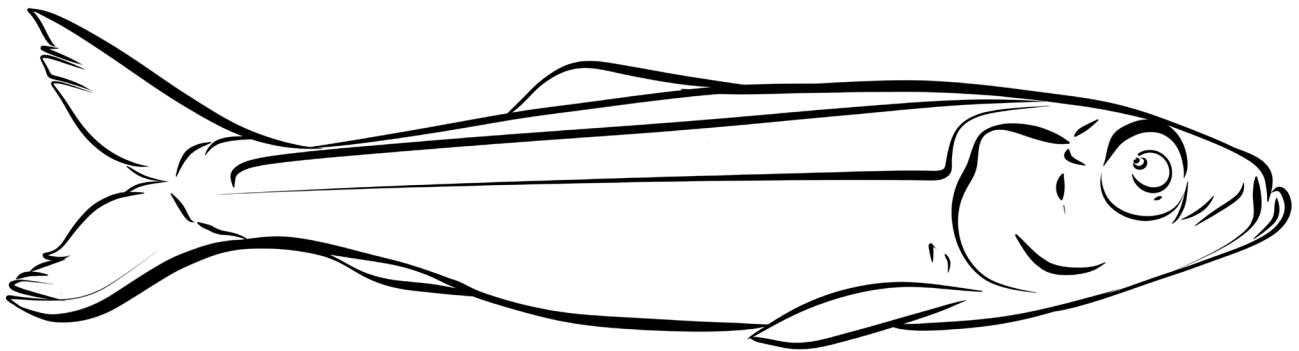
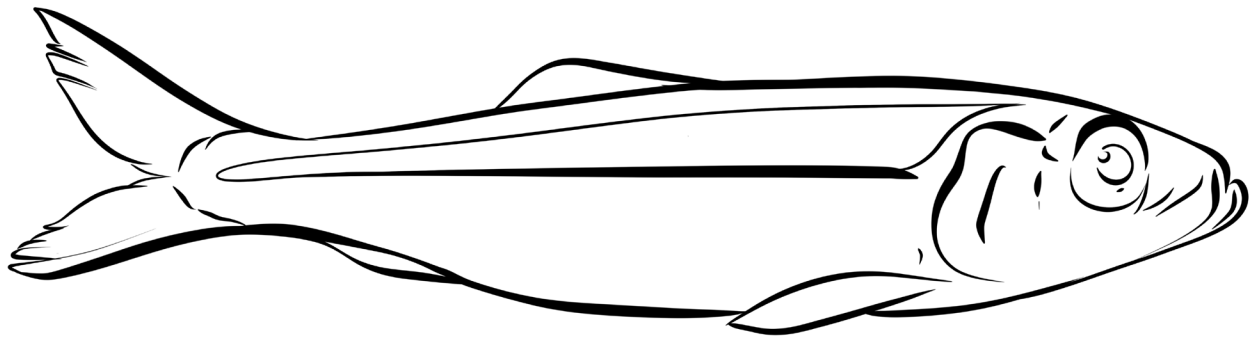
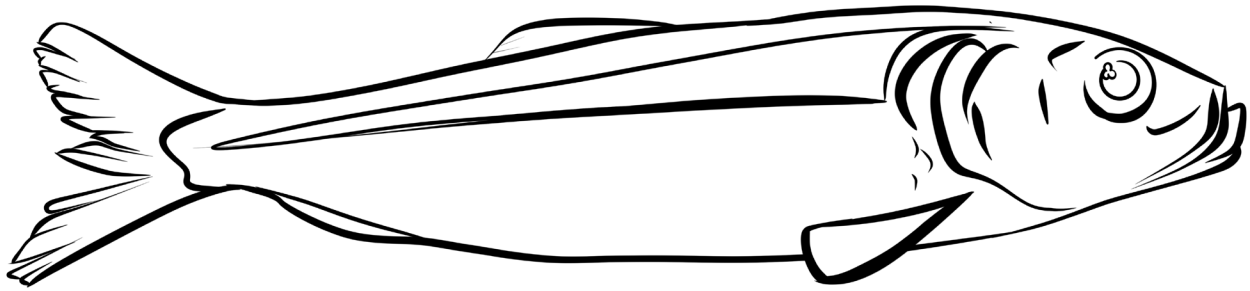


Halibut are the largest
fish on Kodiak.

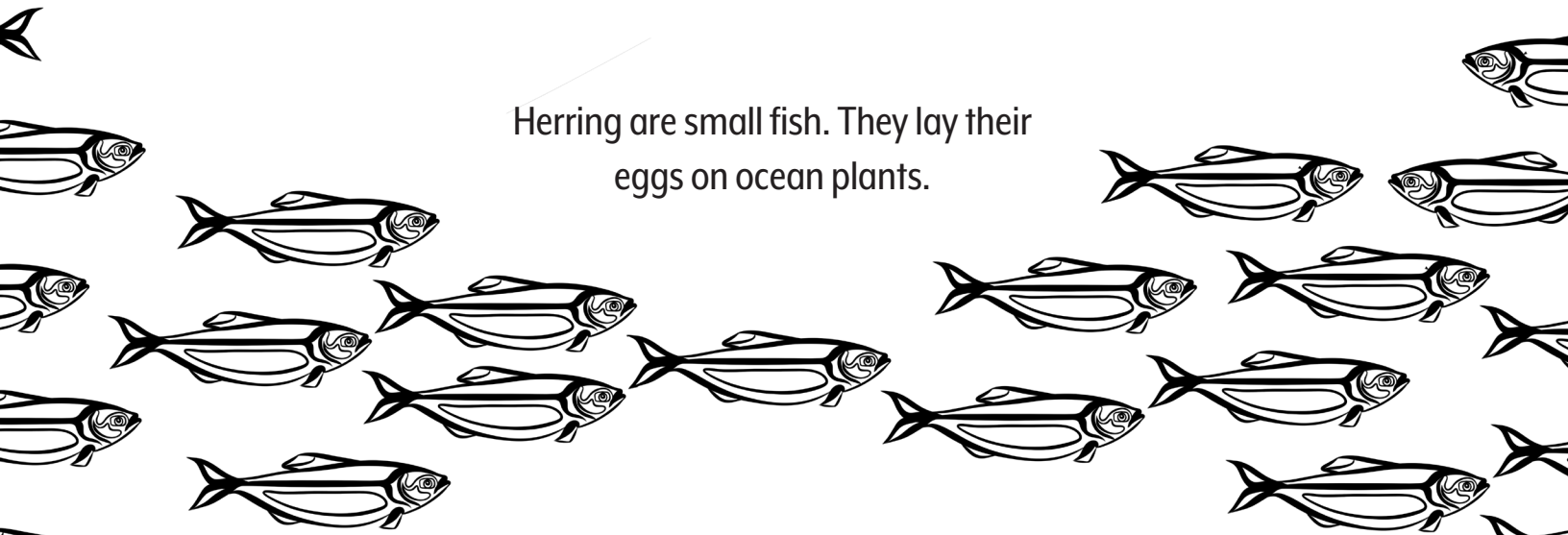


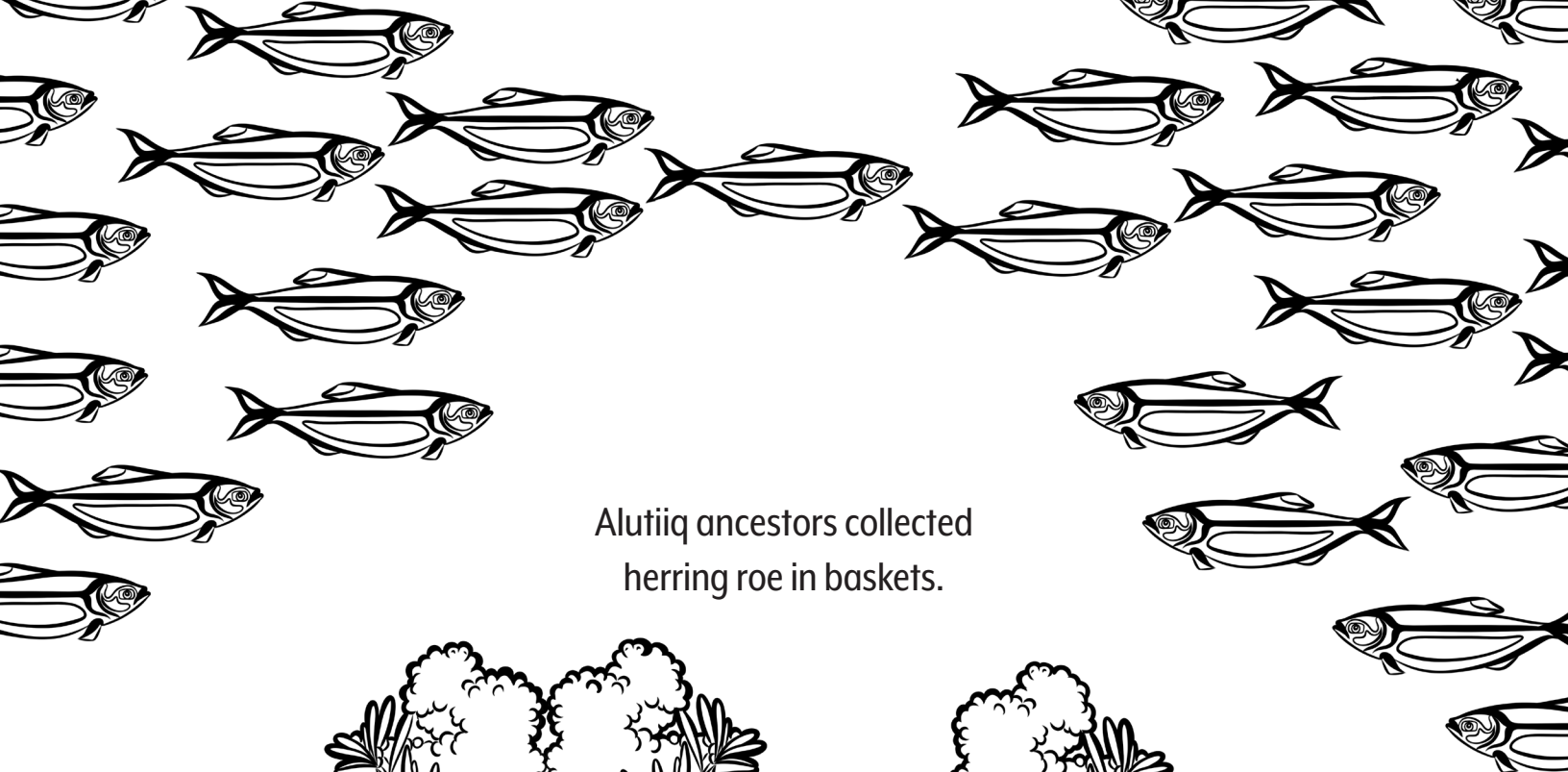
Iqalluarpak

Herring

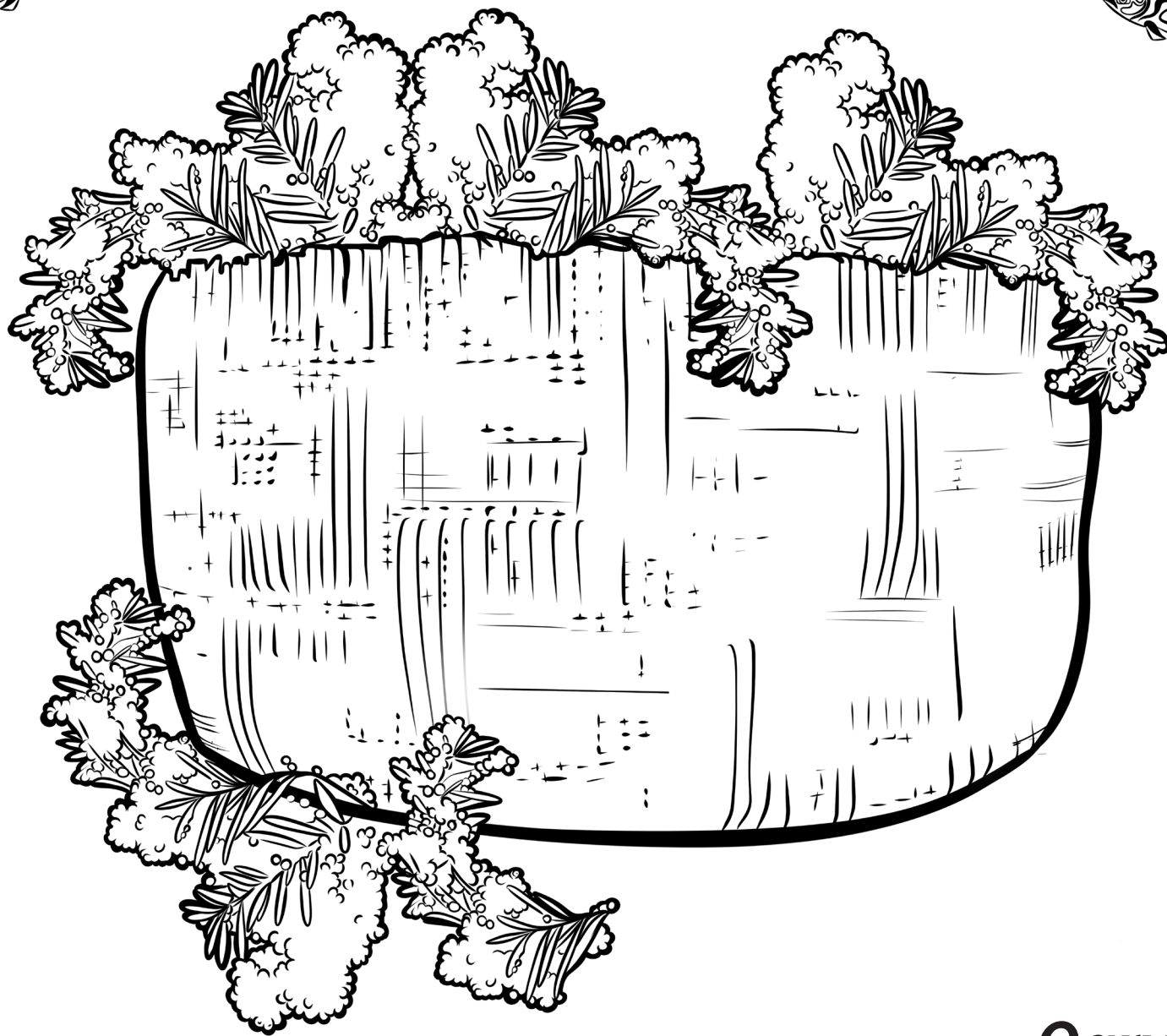


Herring are small fish. They lay their eggs on ocean plants.





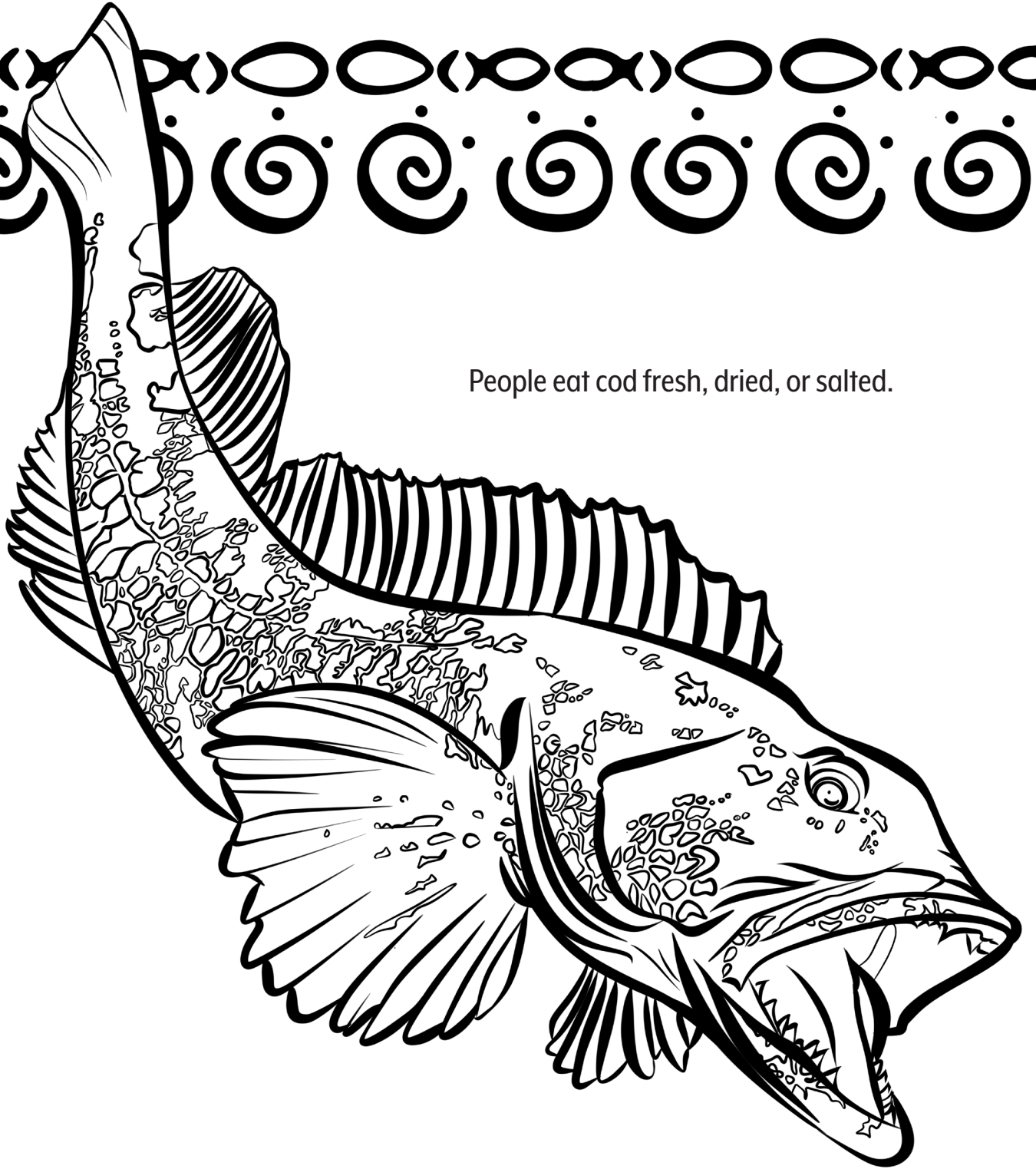
Alutiiq ancestors collected
herring roe in baskets.



Qaryat
Herring roe

Amutaq

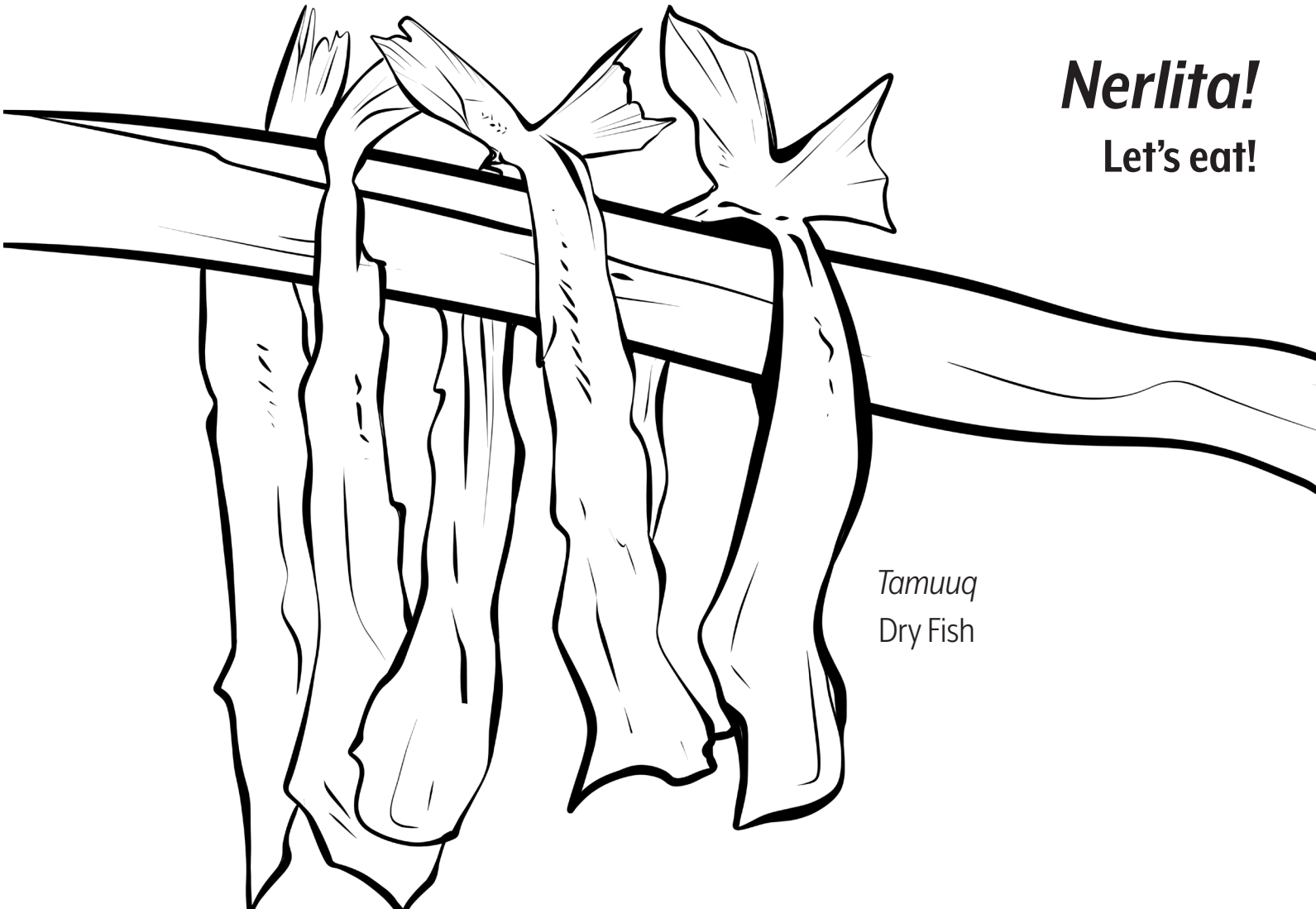
Cod



People eat cod fresh, dried, or salted.

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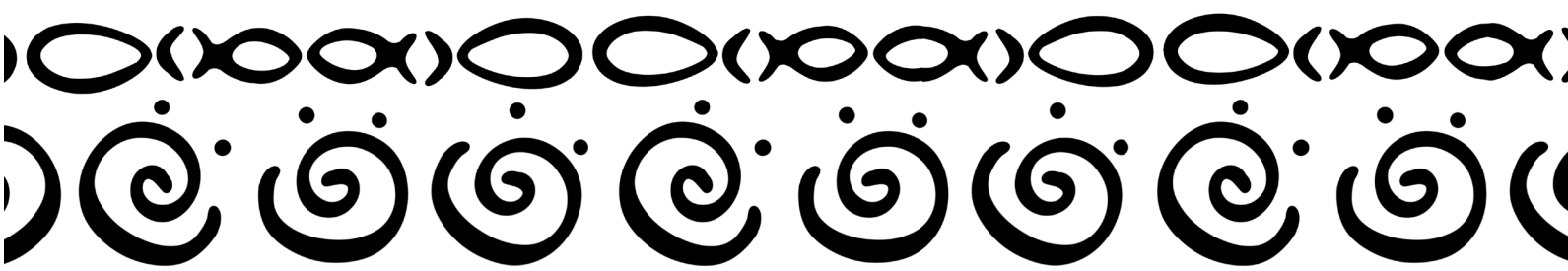
Let's eat!



Tamuuq
Dry Fish

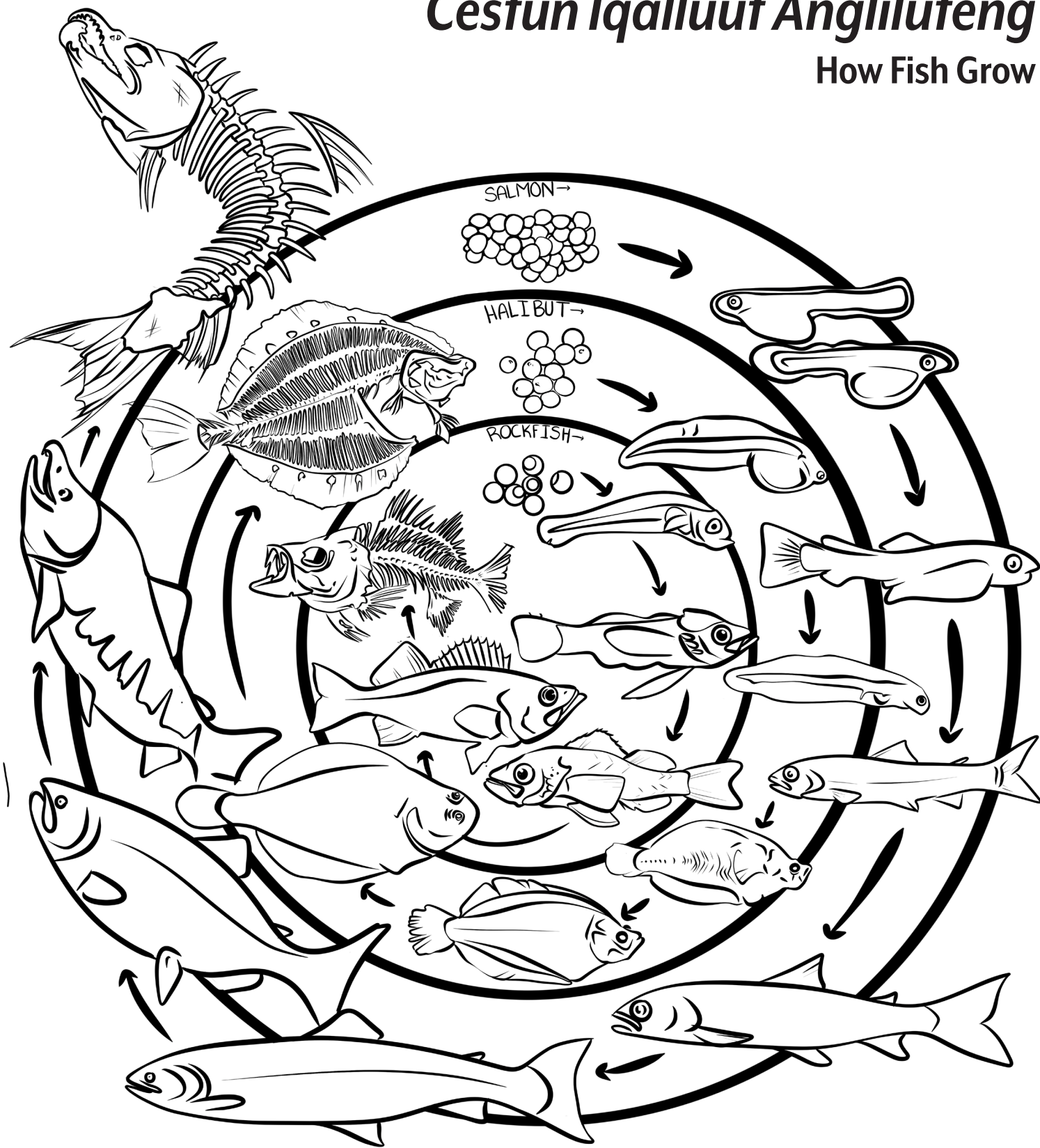


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Cod and Potatoes

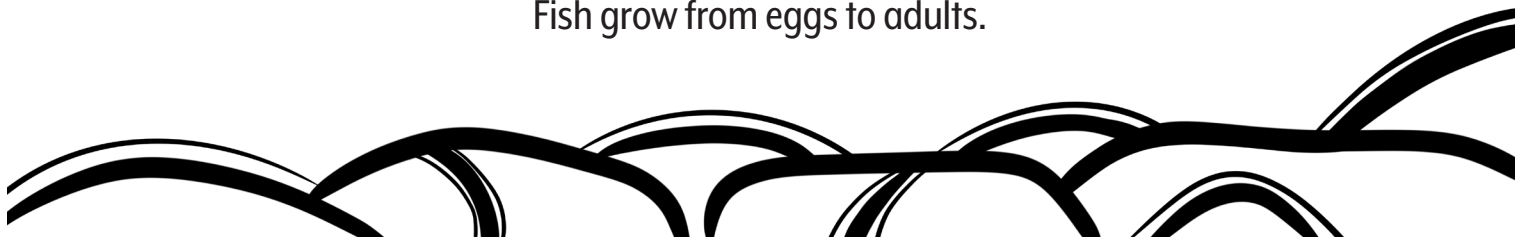


Cestun Iqalluut Angliluteng

How Fish Grow



Fish grow from eggs to adults.



Munarta'ista

The Artist

Hanna Agasuuq Sholl was born to Sophie Frets (Hansen) and Bruce Burns in Kodiak, Alaska. Her maternal grandparents were Walter and Edna Hansen. Walt was from Karluk, and Edna from Chignik. The pair met in Kodiak, where they lived for most of their lives together. Her paternal grandparents are Suzanne Burns and the late Robert Burns.

Since childhood, Hanna has been drawn to art. In 2006, she returned to Kodiak and began exploring Alutiiq arts. She started her journey under the mentorship of Alaska Native artist Flossie Spencer. Since then, Hanna has been developing her craft and running a business. Her exploration has led to many opportunities for learning from Native artists, culture bearers, and ancestral objects.

In 2012, Hanna married Jonathan “Gage” Sholl, who plays a significant role in supporting her artistic life. They have been blessed with four children. Fueled by the support of her family, Hanna dedicates her days to learning and sharing Alutiiq arts, language, and dance.



“With everything I do, I hope to honor the resistance and creativity of our ancestors while combining traditional practices with present-day methods. Diligently and with intention, I am venturing to continuously learn and share the complex and beautiful culture of the Sugpiaq/Alutiiq people.”

-Hanna Agasuuq Sholl

Cali Liici — Learn More

Many of the drawings in this book are inspired by ancestral Alutiiq objects stored in museums around the world. Learn more in the following publications.

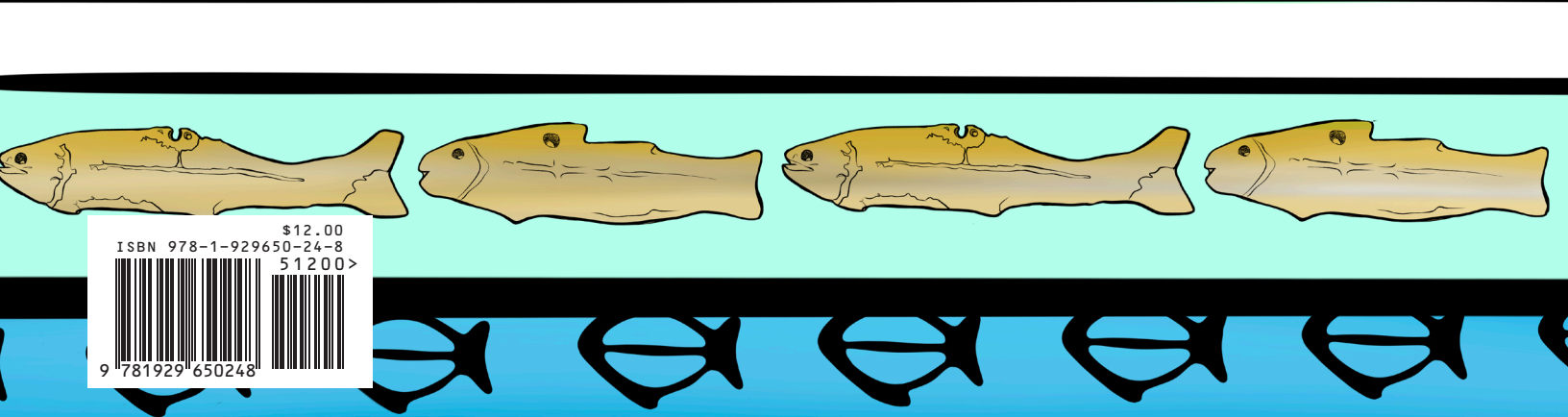
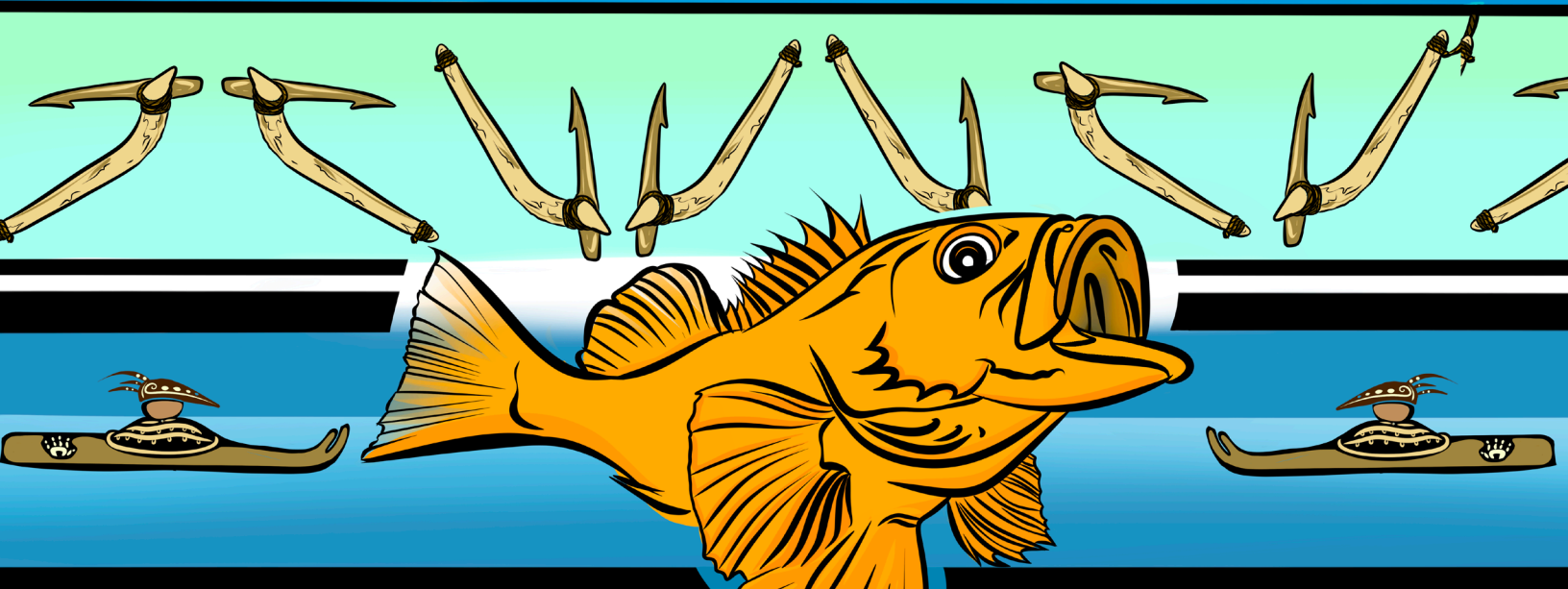
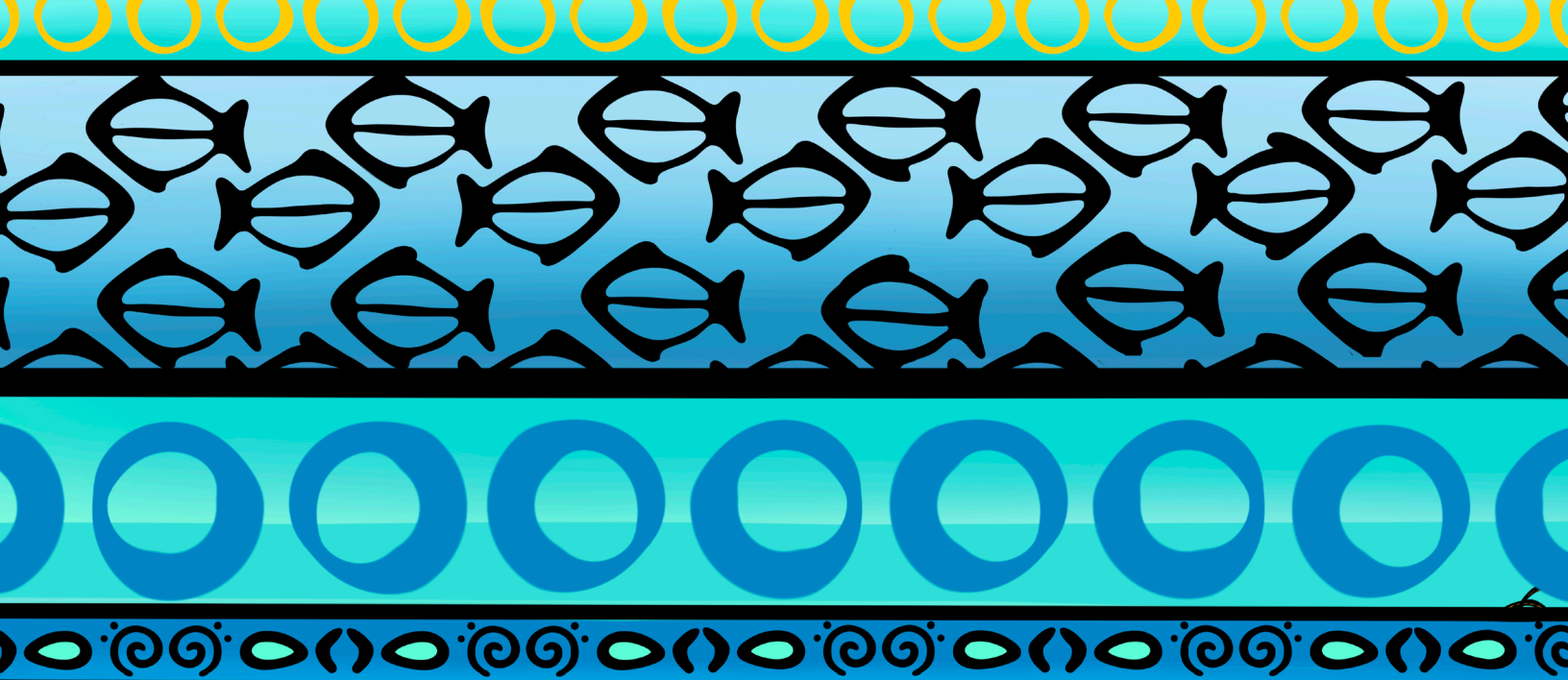
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