**Largemouth Bass**

- Deep notch between dorsal fins
- Scales on cheeks about as large as scales on body
- Upper jaw extends behind eye

**Spotted Bass**

- Shallow notch between dorsal fins
- Scales on cheeks much smaller than scales on body
- Upper jaw extends to the eye
- Dark spots in rows

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Keep Them Alive

Follow These Tips

- Land fish as quickly as possible
- Do not let fish flop on any surface
- Unhook and release fish in the water or livewell ASAP
- Cut the line and leave the hooks that are deep in the stomach
- Add 1/3 cup of non-iodized salt per 5 gallons of water
- Exchange half of the water in the livewell with fresh water every four hours
- Add one, 8-pound block of ice every four hours to livewell when water temperature is 80°F or above
- Fill livewell and run it continuously (recirculating) when water temperature is 80°F or above
- When going to weigh-in, put plenty of water in bag
- Keep a fish out of the water only for as long as you can hold your breath