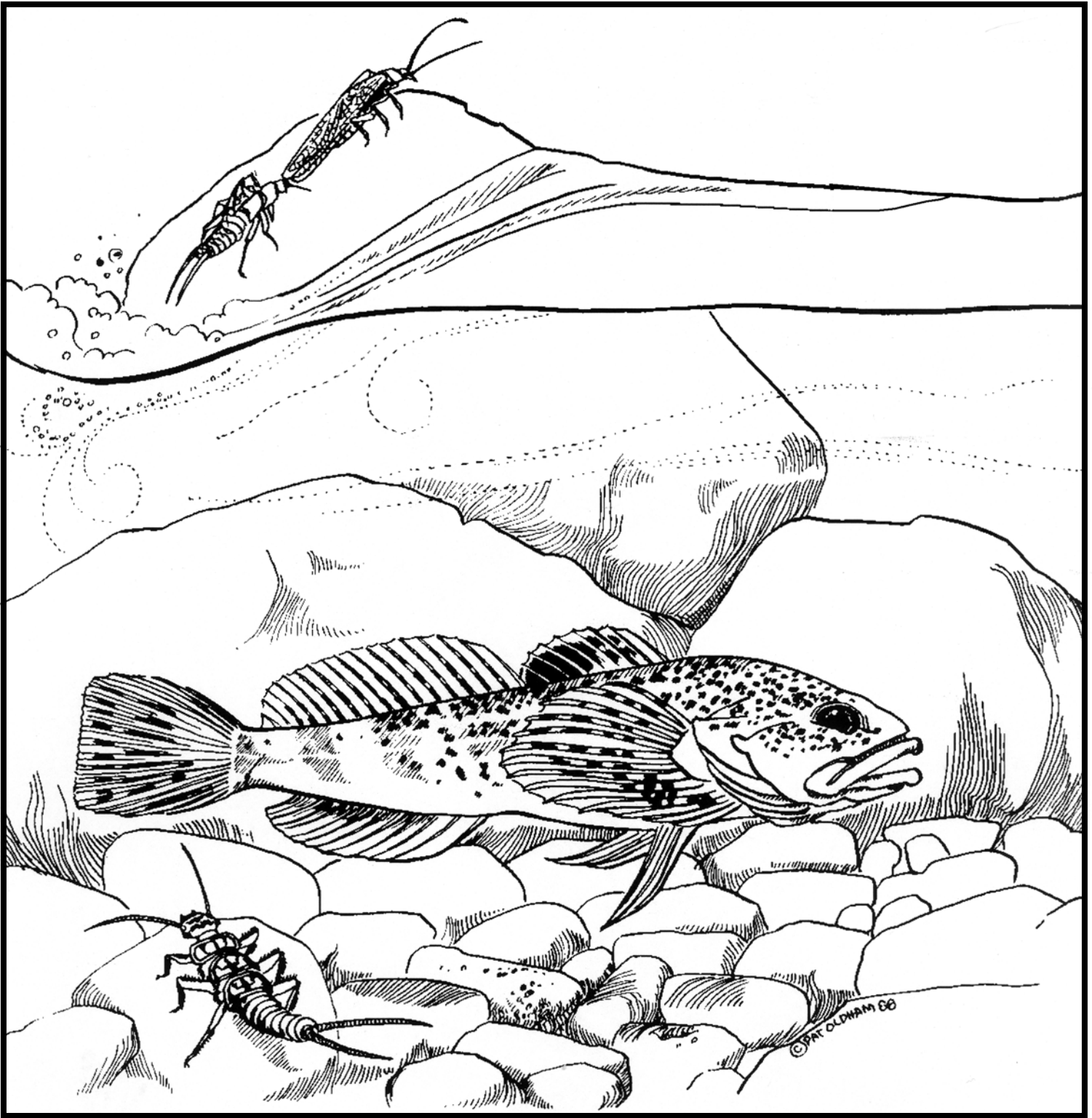




Mottled Scuplin

This unusual-looking fish spends much of its time on the bottom of cool streams and lakes. The sculpin feeds at night among the rocks at the bottom, searching for insects, invertebrates and plant material. During spawning, sculpins lay their eggs in nests made among the gravel at the bottom. Male sculpins are known to be cannibalistic, sometimes eating smaller females of their same species. Beneath the sculpin shown above is a stonefly nymph, an important food source for fish and an indicator of good water quality.