**Bull-rout**

*Myoxocephalus scorpius*

Order: *[Scorpaeniformes](https://animaldiversity.org/accounts/Scorpaeniformes/classification/" \l "Scorpaeniformes)*

Family: *Cottidae*

External appearance

Unlike other similar fish, the bull-rout has three spines on its head. When spawning, males have a reddish belly, whereas females have a reddish-yellow belly with white spots. The fish is 20–30 centimetres long.

Distribution

Found in the seas of northern Europe.

Diet

Eats crustaceans, worms, small fish and juveniles of other fish.

Development

Spawns from December to March. It deposits its eggs in clumps on rocks.

Fishing

This species is of minor importance to both commercial fishing and anglers.

Interesting facts

The male guards the eggs after spawning.