Fleet Fish

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Zones supporting particular fish communities:

Ferrybridge entrance/exit – tide-swept sand and riprap stone Bridging Camp Narrows - weedy rocks and gravel Open water - mudflats Open water - eelgrass and seaweed meadows







Fish use the zones within the Fleet in different ways for:

Migrating, Feeding, Breeding and Nursery areas

The Fleet is designated to protect vulnerable fish stocks and control exploitation. Angling is discouraged and commercial fishing is limited by the Ilchester Estate licencing system.

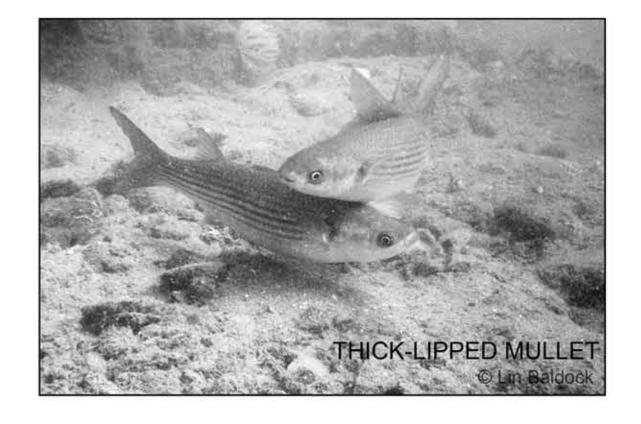


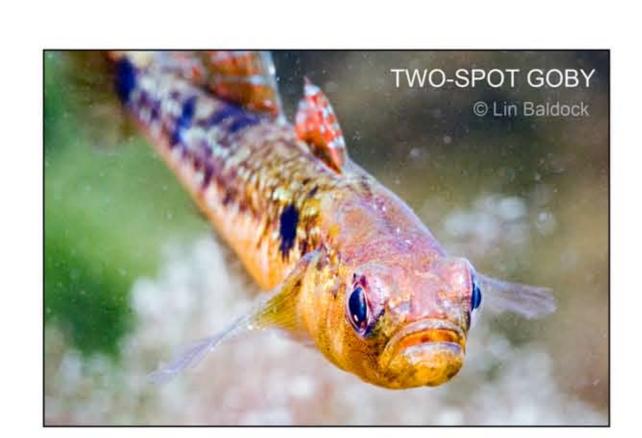
Activities of common fish within the Fleet

Activities: Migrating, Feeding, Breeding, Nursery area

Zones:	Ferry	Bridging	Mud	Weed
	Bridge	Camp	Flats	Meadows
Examples:				
Eel	M	M	F	F
Bass	MF	MF	FN	FN
Thick-lipped Mullet	M	M	FN	FN
Golden Mullet	M	M	FN	FN
Sand Smelt	MF	MFB	FN	FN
Corkwing Wrasse	M	FB	-	FBN
Flounder	M	MF	FN	=
Common Goby	M	M	FBN	4
Two-spot Goby	MF	MF	_	FBN
Rock Goby	MFB	MFB	-	-
Broad-nosed Pipefish	n M	M	-	FBN
Fifteen-spined				
Stickleback	M	M	-	FBN
Three-spined				
Stickleback	-	· -		FBN











Nationally rare fish are occasionally recorded in the Fleet these include:

Black-faced Blenny (or Triple-fin) Spiney Seahorse Couch's Goby



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