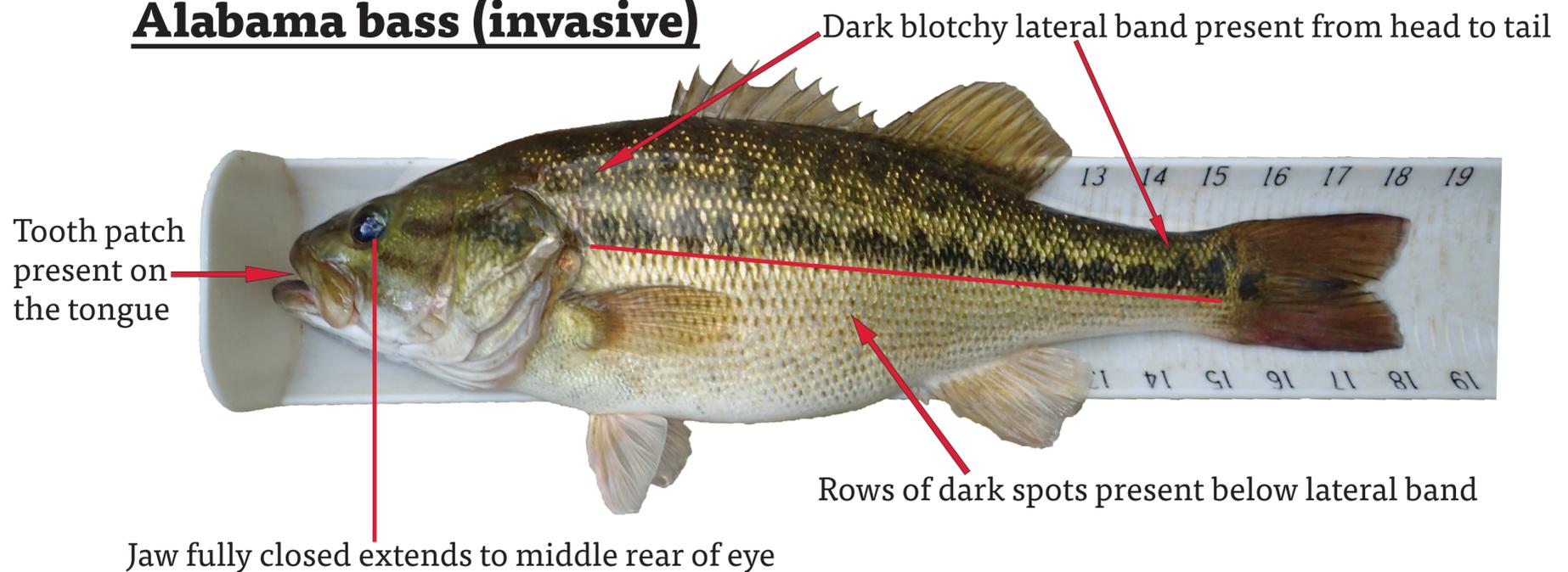
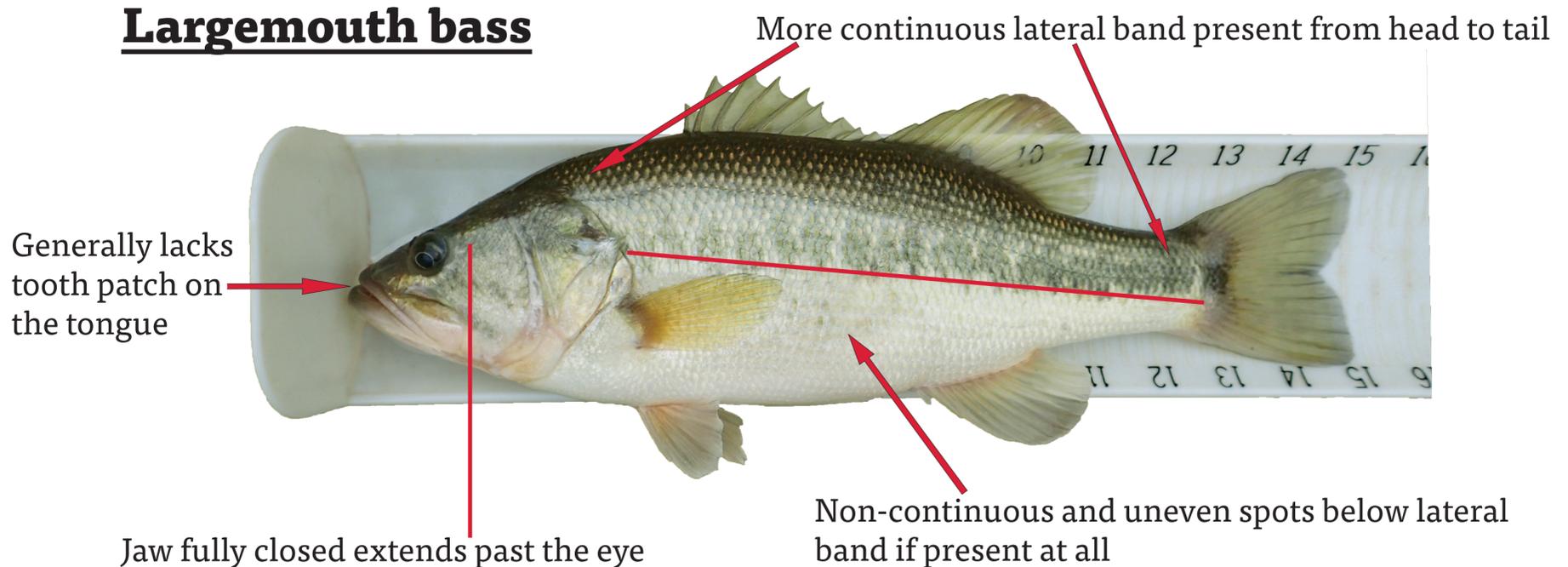


# DO YOU KNOW THE DIFFERENCE?

## Alabama bass (invasive)



## Largemouth bass



● Anglers are reminded that the introduction of novel predators can have unforeseen impacts on native or established ecosystems.

● The introduction of Alabama bass is illegal in Virginia. Alabama bass have been scientifically shown to out-compete established populations of largemouth bass and hybridize with small-mouth bass.

● Invasive species cause negative ecological and/or economic harm.

● Anglers who suspect they have captured an Alabama bass should take a picture of the fish, clip off a thumbnail-sized portion of one of the pelvic fins, and store the fin clip dry in an envelope. The pelvic fins are located on the bottom of the fish, just under the head. They should then either contact the Department of Wildlife Resources at: [fisheries@dwr.virginia.gov](mailto:fisheries@dwr.virginia.gov) or 804-367-1293.



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