

Why choose a Replica?

Fish replicas are an excellent alternative for a fish mount for many reasons. In some cases, replicas are the only way to go.

- * **Catch and release fisherman** ~ Now you can have a visible reminder of the BIG one you caught and let swim away
- * **Decorating your house and cabin** ~ More durable, easier to clean and not affected by humidity or temperature fluctuations makes replicas the best choice for cabins, boathouses, bars & restaurants
- * **Gifts for Sportsman** ~ A beautiful fish reproduction makes a wonderful gift for the angler in your life
- * **Remembering the BIG one you caught & never mounted** ~ Fish replicas let you exchange a fading photo and a memory with a piece of wildlife art that has personal meaning.
- * **Replacements or Duplicates** ~ Maybe you got your big one mounted, but taxidermy even 15 years ago was not what it is today. Or you want to have a duplicate of your trophy fish to hang at your cabin or office. Replicas are the answer.
- * **Saltwater fish, catfish & sturgeon** ~ Many fish, like catfish, salmon, and most saltwater fish contain large amounts of grease in the skin and fins. Others, like sturgeon, paddlefish & sharks are almost impossible to mount with conventional methods and have a mount that will last . For these fish, reproductions are the only real solution.
- * **Faster completion time** ~ Reproductions are usually finished in 1 to 6 months, depending on my current backlog, the manufacturer and when you place your order.
- * **Vacation Trips** ~ Caught a big pike on a fly-in trip in Canada OR a sailfish while in Mexico? Sometimes, it's impossible to bring a trophy fish home for mounting. And getting a finished replica shipped from a foreign country can be VERY expensive.

For all of these reasons and more, fish reproductions are the perfect solution

Why order your replica from Simpson Taxidermy Studio?

Selection - By working with numerous manufacturers all across the country, I can select from thousands of replicas to find the closest match to your fish. Nobody has a greater selection of species and sizes for fresh or salt water fish.

Experience - I've operated a professional studio in Winneconne since 1987 and I've worked in taxidermy for over 30 years. I've painted thousands of fish and that knowledge goes into every replica I do. My experience is what can turn an average replica blank into a beautiful piece of custom wildlife art.

Individualized - Every replica I do is a one-of-a-kind created just for you - there is no such thing as an "assembly line" paint job. Using your photos or descriptions, each replica is painted as close as possible to look like your unique fish.

Craftsmanship - Not a word that used a lot anymore, but pride, craftsmanship and attention to detail is something I put into every piece of work I do, it's my signature.

My Guarantee - 100% satisfaction for all clients. If you are not completely pleased with a replica we do for you, we will give you a full refund. (shipping charges are excluded)

Experienced Shippers - We have been shipping fish mounts and replicas across the USA and Canada for the last 20+ years. We know how to get it there undamaged. And just in case, every mount is fully insured.

How to Order

Simply stop in during business hours, call the toll free number below or send an e-mail to get the process started. Tell me the species, length, girth and/or weight. We'll shop the listings of all our manufacturers and get back to you with a selection of replicas in different sizes and price ranges. Once you choose the replica you want, we need a deposit of 50% and any photographs you might have of the fish. The balance is due upon completion - cash, check or Visa/MasterCard.

Toll Free Order Only - 1-877-582-7005

What you should know

Answers to FAQ's and common misconceptions about replicas

All fish replicas are cast from actual fish.

Most are cast from molds made using freshly caught specimens, some are cast from molds of previously mounted fish. The replica "blank" is then made from some form of resin gel coat with fiber layers added for strength. There is NO such thing as a "graphite" replica. More information on the different types of replicas can be found on my website

Nearly every species of fresh and salt water fish is available as a replica.

However, there is a much bigger selection of some species and sizes than others. Very large specimens or species that are uncommon may **not** be available in some cases or selection very limited to just a couple choices.

A replica is not made to match the measurements of your fish.

Rather by shopping the inventory lists of many different manufacturers, I can usually find a match or near match to your fish.

The quality of a replica

is determined by the knowledge, experience, artistic ability and craftsmanship of the taxidermist. Defects in the molding and casting process must be repaired, fins attached and a mouth sculpted in. And of course, the replica must be painted to match YOUR fish. This is where ability of the taxidermy artist you chose is really apparent. Choose wisely.





WHAT TO DO IN THE FIELD

If you catch a fish that you want to release and would like to have a replica of it to hang on your wall, you need to get as much information as you can as quickly as possible.

1. **Length** - Measured from the nose to the tip of the tail, with the mouth closed and the tail spread out.
2. **Girth** - Measure the girth at the largest point around the fishes body
3. **Weight** - if possible on an accurate scale
4. **Sex** - Male or female in spawning color, swollen belly, special colors, etc. Does not always apply
5. **Photos** - Take several good color photos of the FISH (not you and the fish) from different angles. Use a 35 mm or a good digital camera set at high resolution. Try to get both sides as well as close-ups with some multi-colored objects in the background. This will help your camera and the developer get the right tints to the photos. Avoid flash photos or photos in direct sun (too much glare off the fish) or deep shadow and night pictures. The better the photo, the more accurately I can match the characteristics of your individual fish.



Reproduction Fish Prices

**Wholesale cost of the blank (incl/ shipping)
+ \$7.50 per inch Labor**
(Average total price starts at \$12.50 per inch)

WI sales tax and / or shipping the finished replica to you is NOT included

For many years, all replicas were made from fiberglass and the wholesale cost for a blank from most manufacturers was nearly the same. In the last few years, newer molding and casting techniques and new materials used by some companies have resulted in some really excellent replicas with thinner fins & greater scale detail. But they come at a much higher cost - sometimes as much as 50% more than the same size/species blank from older manufacturers. It takes years to build an inventory of sizes and species, so many of these new companies do not yet have the wide selection that many of the older replica manufacturers do. Because I shop ALL the available in order to find the closest match to your fish, a flat "per inch" price no longer works. I felt a more fair method of pricing was a "Time + Material" structure. This allows me to offer the newest replicas at a fair price and not over-charge my customers if they choose a blank from an older, less expensive company. Charging "per inch" for labor to prep and paint and charging only for the **cost of the blank**, allows me to offer you every replica available at a fair price. And my experience allows me to put the same quality into every replica I do, no matter what the cost of the blank.

Sturgeon Heads

These heads are molded and reproduced exclusively our studio

Each head is made from a special rigid latex material or plastic polymer and will last a lifetime. They are made to order in stock sizes or I will custom cast your sturgeon's head for an additional fee. They can be mounted on a panel or hung directly on the wall. Add a trophy plate with the length, weight date and other important information and you have a unique and lasting tribute to your pursuit of this ancient fish.

20 Sizes Currently Available

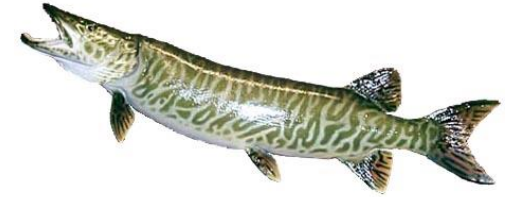
For a complete list of sizes and options – visit our website

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Monday - Thur - Noon to 6 pm
Mornings, Fri & Sat - appointment only
CLOSED every Sun. & Holidays

This is a 1 man operation and on occasion, I may have to close for personal reasons - so I suggest you call ahead before driving any distance, assuming that I will be open. I am also closed for several weeks every summer to take some vacation time. For safety and security reasons, I do not put that info on my answering machine or post it on the Internet.
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