

# cisco

## *Coregonus artedi*

Kingdom: Animalia  
Phylum: Chordata  
Class: Actinopterygii  
Order: Salmoniformes  
Family: Salmonidae

### ILLINOIS STATUS

endangered, native

### FEATURES

The upper lip of the cisco reaches to behind the front edge of its eye. This fish has a long, slender body with an adipose fin. The pelvic fins are located about even with the dorsal fin. The back is blue-green. The sides are silver. A cisco adult averages about nine to 12 inches in length and about one pound in weight.

### BEHAVIORS

This species travels in schools. Spawning occurs in fall and winter. It is a fish of shallow water that eats tiny crustaceans, plankton, insects and some small fishes. It is not tolerant of warm temperatures.

### ILLINOIS RANGE





### **Aquatic Habitats**

Lake Michigan, occasionally the origin of the Illinois River

### **Woodland Habitats**

none

### **Prairie and Edge Habitats**

none