

A-SHOP Flatfish Species Identification Form

Observer: _____	Cruise: _____	Permit: _____
Species common name: _____		Haul #: _____
Fork length: _____	Weight: _____	
Take photo!	Specimen collected? _____	

Right-eyed or Left-eyed?

Right

Left

Pelvic fins symmetrical around abdominal ridge? Yes



No



Describe the lateral line, including presence/absence of ADB, length of ADB, and shape of lateral line over the pectoral fin: _____

Can the dorsal eye be seen from the blind side? Yes

No

Describe the color of the blind side: _____

Where does the maxilla end relative to the orbit of the lower (ventral) eye?

- _____ 1 - forward
- _____ 2 - anterior
- _____ 3 - below mid-orbit
- _____ 4 - posterior
- _____ 5 - beyond the orbit



The posterior margin of the preopercle is:

Angled

Rounded

Is the anal spine present?

Yes

No

Gill rakers on first arch:

Eyed side

Blind side

_____ Upper

_____ Upper

_____ Lower

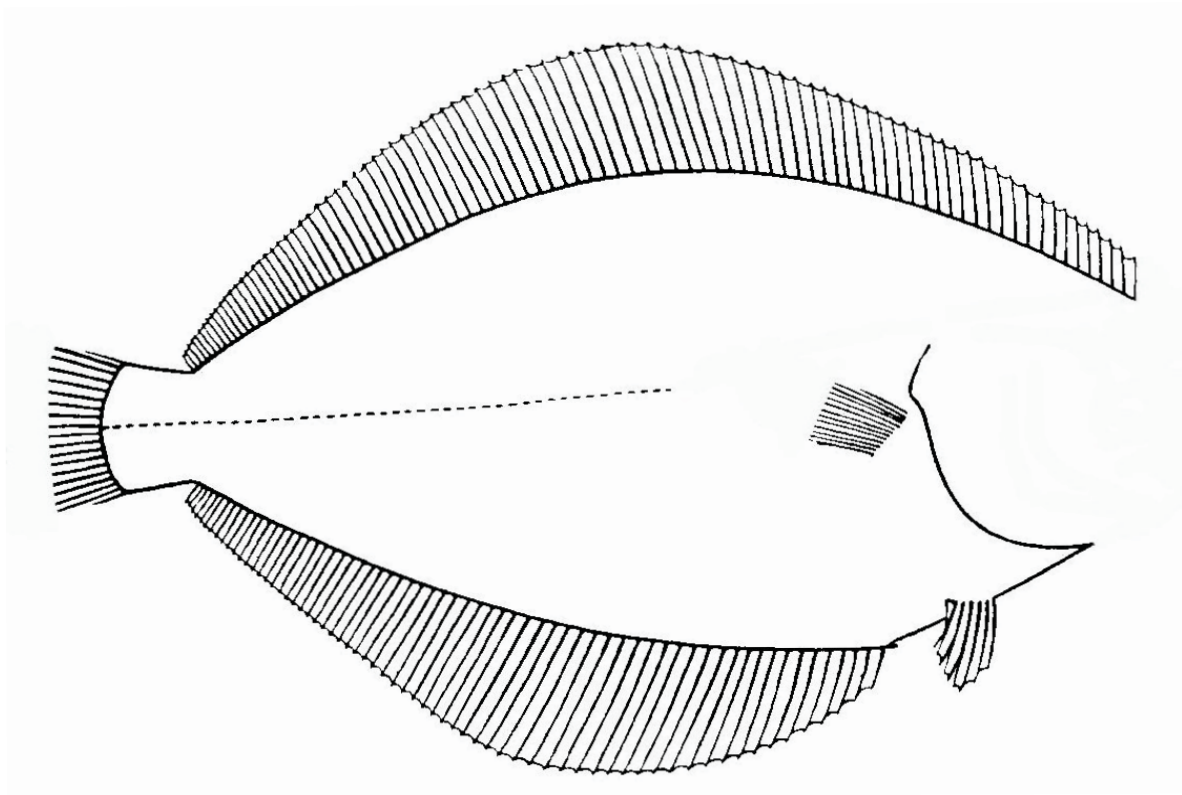
_____ Lower

_____ Total

_____ Total

Draw the characteristics used to identify this fish to species - use checklist:

- Mouth - size, shape, position
- Preopercle and caudal fin shape
- Eyes - size and position
- Lateral line shape
- ADB size
- Distinctive markings or structures (spots, distinctive scales, etc.)



Describe field characteristics used to identify this fish to species: _____
