

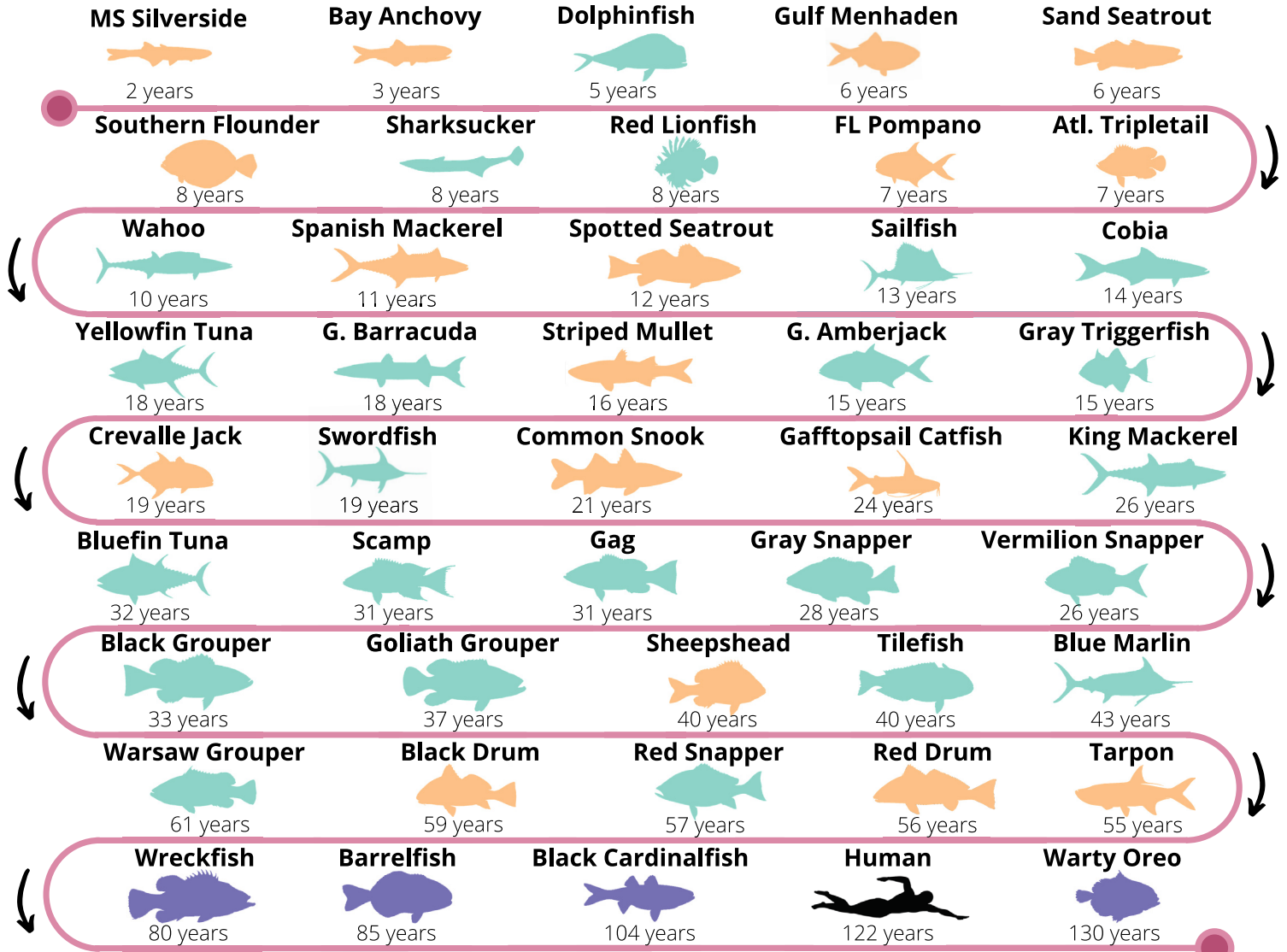
Are You Older Than a Fish?

Maximum Ages of Gulf of Mexico Bony Fishes

● Coastal

● Offshore

● Deep Sea

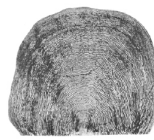


So How Do You Age Them?



otolith

Otoliths have natural growth rings that can be counted to determine the number of years a fish has been alive.



scale

Natural growth rings can also be counted on fish scales and spines, as reliable aging techniques vary by species.



spine