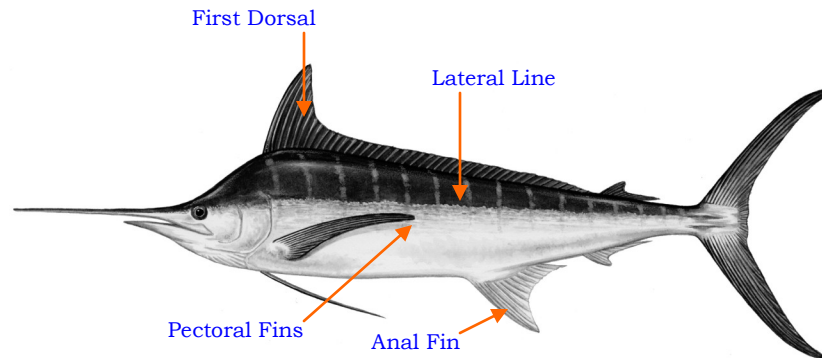
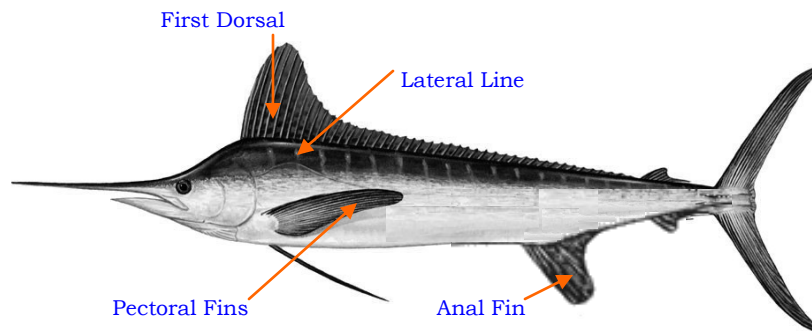


MARLIN IDENTIFICATION



Blue Marlin—*Makaira nigricans*

- **First anal, first dorsal, and pectoral fins generally pointed at tips.**
- Most of first dorsal fin is low.
- Pelvic fins are short
- First dorsal fin blue-black, lacking fin spots; other than fins brown to black
- Lateral line chainlike over entire body surface



White Marlin—*Tetrapturus albidus*

- **First anal, first dorsal, and pectoral fins blount or rounded at tips. First anal fin is the most consistant characteristic.**
- Most of first dorsal fin is low.
- First dorsal fin blue-black with small dark spots; other fins brown to black
- Lateral line single (not chainlike), arched over pectoral fins, then almost straight to caudal fin