PERCA marina, pinna dorsi divisa.

The Croker.

This Figure represents the common Size of the Fish, as they are found in most of the Rivers in Virginia, but in deeper Waters, as in the great Bay of Chesapeake they are taken sometimes three Feet in Length. It is covered with Scales of a reddish Umber Colour. The Iris of the Eye of a gold Colour; The Mouth wide, with Rows of very small sharp Teeth. It had six Fins, one on the middle of the Back of a triangular Form; one extending from that to the Tail of a red Colour, two behind the Gills, and two under the Belly. The Tail was red and notched.

This Fish is tolerable good Meat.

PERCA marina rubra.

The Squirrel.

These Fish are most commonly of the Size of this Figure, tho' some of them grow to four times the Bigness: The Eye is large; the Iris yellow; the Mouth rather small, with many small Teeth like those of a Perch: The whole Fish was red; having six Fins, one on the Back strengthened with many large pointed Bones, behind which and joining to it shoot forth a long pliant sharp pointed Finn, it had also a long Finn under the Abdomen, with another behind the Anus, guarded by a strong sharp Bone annexed to it by a thin Membrane. This is a good eating Fish.

Ces Poissons sont ordinairement de la grandeur de la Figure, quoique quelques-uns deviennent quatrefois plus gros; leurs yeux sont grands; l'Iris est jaune; la gueule petite, avec plusieurs petites dents, comme celles d'une Perche. Tout ce Poisson est rouge. Il a six nageoires, une sur le dos, fortifiée de plusieurs os piquants, elle est jointe par derrière à une autre nageoire longue & plane, & se terminant en pointe aigüe; il en a aussi une longue sous le ventre, & une autre derrière l'anus; elle est defendue par un os fort & pointu, auquel elle est attachée par une membrane fort mince. Ce Poisson est très bon à manger.