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A CATALOG OF INFORMATION, PRIMARILY ILLUSTRATIVE,  
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## INTRODUCTION

Pelagic larvae and juveniles of the speciose genus Sebastes are abundant constituents of ichthyoplankton samples from the northeast Pacific Ocean. Members of this genus are also ecologically and economically important members of the adult fish community of the area. In spite of their importance, the specific identity of their larvae cannot generally be determined. This paper presents the currently available information on descriptions of larvae, and intra-generic systematics of Sebastes. This is done to show what is known, and what is not known about the subject and is preparatory to a study of the taxonomy of the larvae.

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Species	Preextrusion - newborn	Stage				Pelagic juvenile
		Yolk depleted	Flexion	Post flexion		
<i>S. aleutianus</i>	3,18					
<i>S. alutus</i>	2,3,18					
<i>S. atrovirens</i>						
<i>S. auriculatus</i>	2,4	11				
<i>S. babcocki</i>	2,3,18					
<i>S. borealis</i>						
<i>S. brevispinis</i>	2,3					
<i>S. carnatus</i>		9,11				
<i>S. caurinus</i>	2	11				
<i>S. chlorostictus</i>		9,11				
<i>S. chrysomelas</i>						
<i>S. ciliatus</i>	5					
<i>S. constellatus</i>		11				
<i>S. cortezi</i>		11	11	11		11
<i>S. crameri</i>	18			14		14
<i>S. dalli</i>	13	9,11	13	13		13
<i>S. diploproa</i>	2,19					
<i>S. elongatus</i>	19	9,11				
<i>S. emphaeus</i>						
<i>S. ensifer</i>		9,11				
<i>S. entomelas</i>	5			7		7
<i>S. eos</i>		9,11				
<i>S. exsul</i>						
<i>S. flavidus</i>	2			6		6
<i>S. gilli</i>		11				
<i>S. glaucus</i>						
<i>S. goodei</i>		8,11				
<i>S. helvomaculatus</i>	19			14		14
<i>S. hopkinsi</i>		9,11				
<i>S. jordani</i>		8,11	11	11		11
<i>S. lentiginosus</i>						
<i>S. levis</i>		9,11	11	11		11
<i>S. macdonaldi</i>		9,10,11	11	11		11
<i>S. maliger</i>	2,19					
<i>S. melanops</i>				6		6
<i>S. melanostictus</i>						
<i>S. melanostomus</i>		11,12	12	12		12
<i>S. miniatus</i>		11				
<i>S. mystinus</i>	3, 16					
<i>S. nebulosus</i>						
<i>S. nigrocinctus</i>						
<i>S. notius</i>						
<i>S. ovalis</i>		9,11				
<i>S. paucispinis</i>		8,9,11	1,11	1,11		11
<i>S. peduncularis</i>						
<i>S. phillipsi</i>						
<i>S. pinniger</i>	15	11,15		14		14
<i>S. polyspinis</i>						
<i>S. proriger</i>	19					
<i>S. rastrelliger</i>						
<i>S. reedi</i>	18					
<i>S. rosaceus</i>		9,11				
<i>S. rosenblatti</i>		11				
<i>S. ruberrimus</i>	2,5,19					
<i>S. rubrivinctus</i>						
<i>S. rufinanus</i>						
<i>S. rufus</i>		11				
<i>S. saxicola</i>	18	8,11				
<i>S. semicinctus</i>		11				
<i>S. serranoides</i>						
<i>S. serriceps</i>		11				
<i>S. simulator</i>						
<i>S. sinensis</i>						
<i>S. spinorbis</i>						
<i>S. umbrosus</i>		9,11				
<i>S. variegatus</i>	5					
<i>S. varispinis</i>						
<i>S. wilsoni</i>						
<i>S. zacentrus</i>	3,5,19			7		7



Pigment patterns of preextrusion larvae from 24 *Sebastes* species (Numerals are %; + = 100%, - = 0%).

	aleuticus		alutus		auriculatus		halbocki		brevipinnis		caurinus		ciliatus		crameri		diploproa		elongatus		entomelas		flavidus		goodii		helvomaculatus		jordanii		maliger		paucispinis		pinniger		poriger		reedi		ruberrimus		saxicola		variegatus		zacentrus	
Source <sup>a</sup>	1	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	3	3	1	2	3	4	1	1	1	2	2	1	3	1	1	1	3	1	1						
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stops short of anus	98	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+				
multiple or irregular	21	—	+	+	90	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+				
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stops short of anus	—	9	—	+	+	+	—	+	40	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	+	+	+	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
multiple or irregular	—	—	—	+	+	+	—	+	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	+	+	+	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
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Mean total length (mm)	4.9	6.3	5.3	5.8	5.4	5.0	4.0	5.5	5.8	5.7	4.4	5.0	4.8	5.0	4.5	5.7	4.1	6.8	5.5	5.0	6.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
No. of larvae	57	355	4	?	100	4	?	?	10	60	60	4	20	5	?	?	120	?	29	4	?	—	—	—	85	63	15	4	40	?	?	35	70	8	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7				
No. of females	7	52	1	?	9	1	?	?	2	7	6	1	3	1	?	?	17	?	4	1	?	—	—	—	12	7	2	1	4	?	?	7	8	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7				

<sup>a</sup>1, This study; 2, DeLacy et al. (1964); 3, Morris (1956); 4, Waldron (1972).

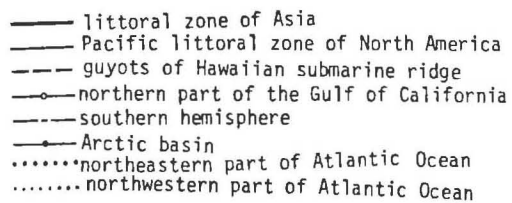
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The branches of the wheel are indicated [marked; noted] which [species] had, in a given cycle, possibly, a living space [habitat] not only on the Asiatic coast, but also along the Pacific coast of North America, or, vice versa, not only on the latter [coast], but also along the Asiatic coast. The letters beside the branches of the phylogentic tree indicate the depth distribution of the given ancestral species (S -- shallow-water species, M -- intermediate depth, D -- deep water), and they are utilized as the names of the branches. A branch contains in itself all descendants of a given species, for example: branch M -- all ancestral species of the 17 present day [extant] and of these latter, from S. serranoides to S. itinus; branch MS -- the same for its 12 species, from S. serranoides to S. ovalis; branch MSS -- for 5 [species], from S. serranoides to S. entomelas; branch MSSS -- for 2 species, S. serranoides and S. flavidus. The branches originating as a result of complete geographic isolation in addition to the three originating only from partial isolation are indicated by the symbol "+"; for example, the branch MDD<sup>+</sup> originated due to complete isolation on the Asiatic coast of the ancestor shared with branch MDD and [the ancestor] dispersed to there from the American coast. The legend of the branch is supplied in brackets if the set of branches is represented by extant species [only] partially, and therefore the bathymetric distribution of the branch is highly conjectural. In the text (but not in the figure) the branches of the subgenus Sebastodes are not emphasized, [those] of the subgenus Sebastes are emphasized. On the figure the genera and all other smaller subdivisions are arranged within the larger subdivisions in a clockwise fashion -- from shallow-water in origin to more deep-water. The cycles, during the course of which each ancestral species sympatrically split into not more than 3 descendant species, are designated by Roman numerals; the approximations of these cycles to geologic time are indicated.

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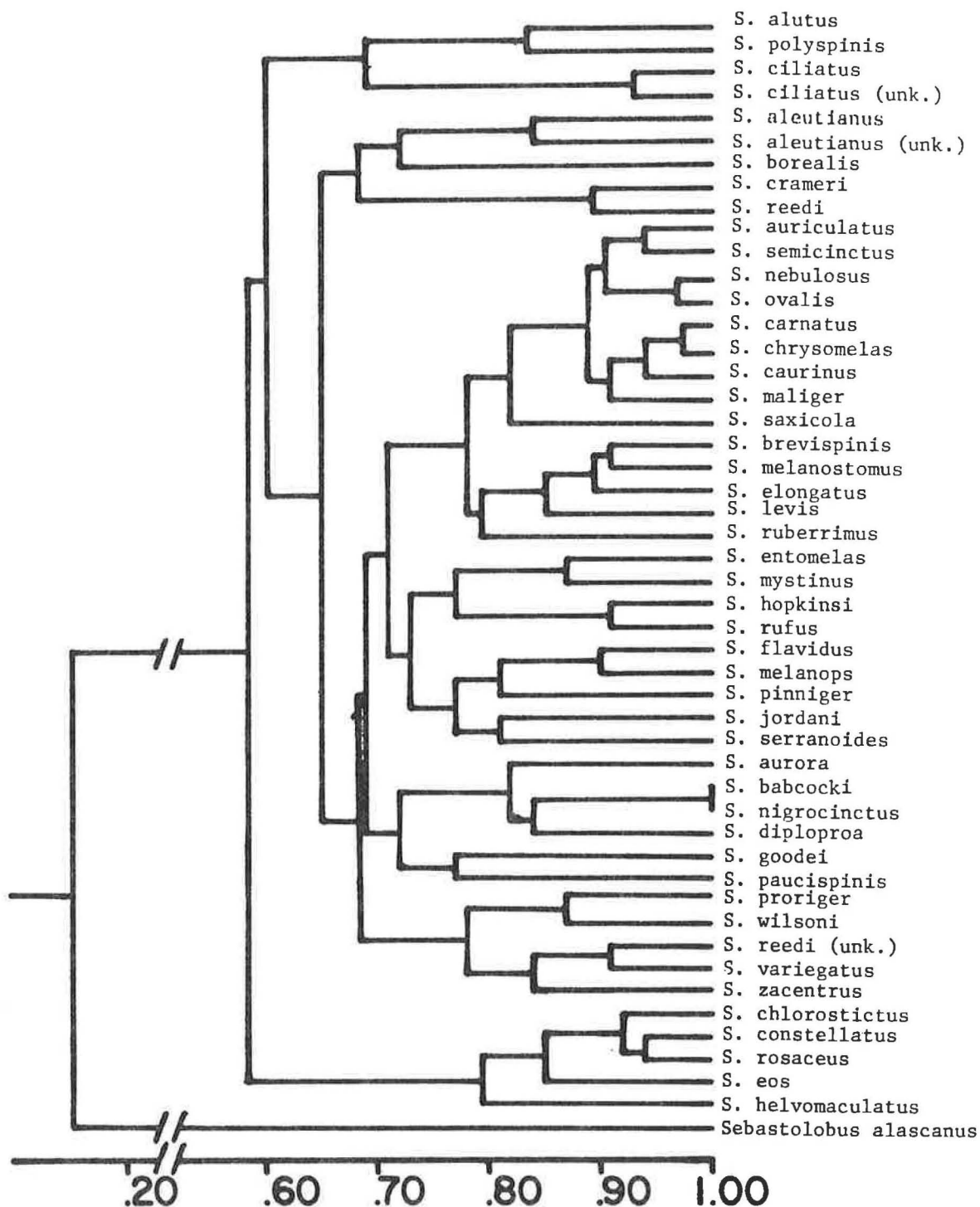


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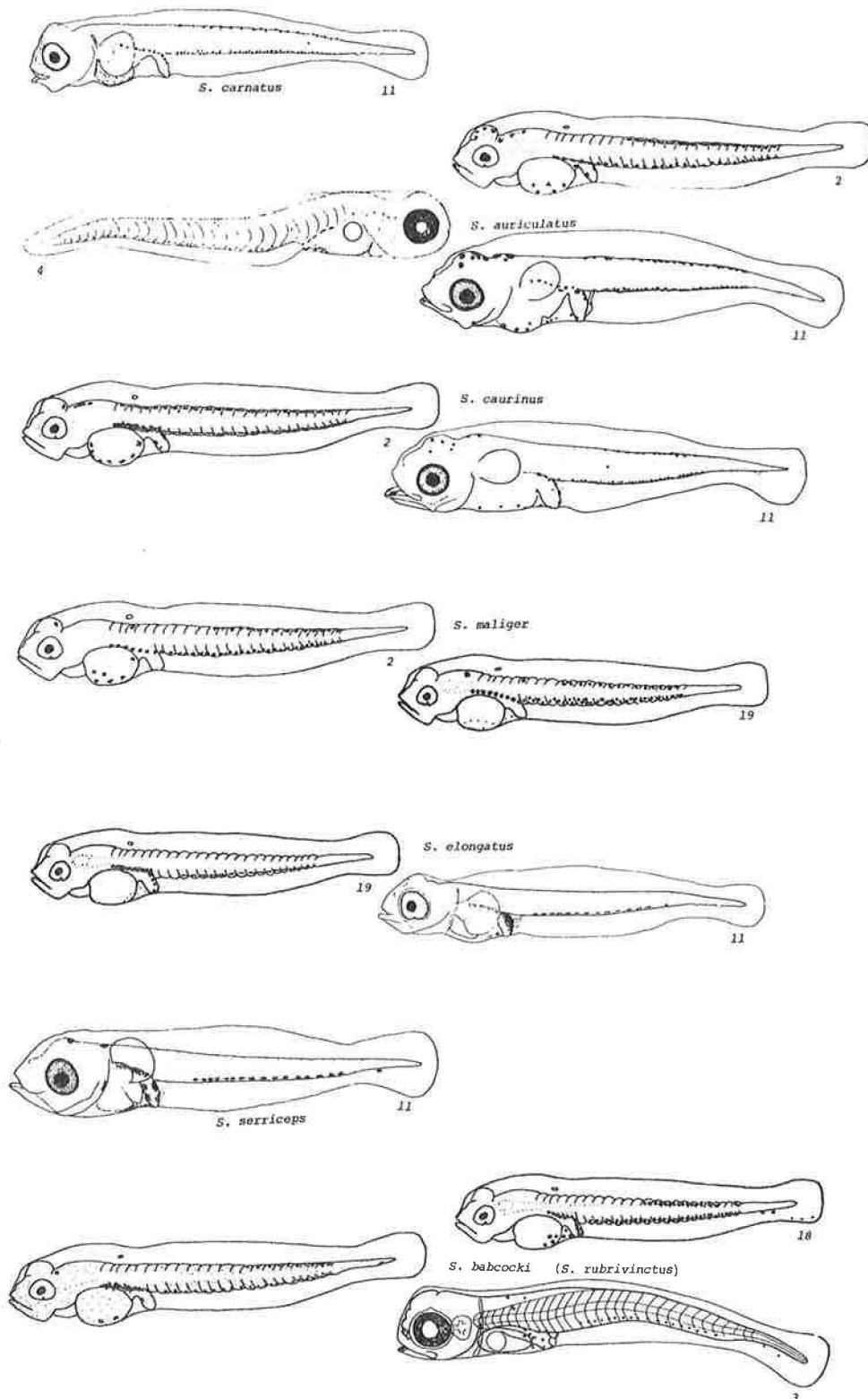


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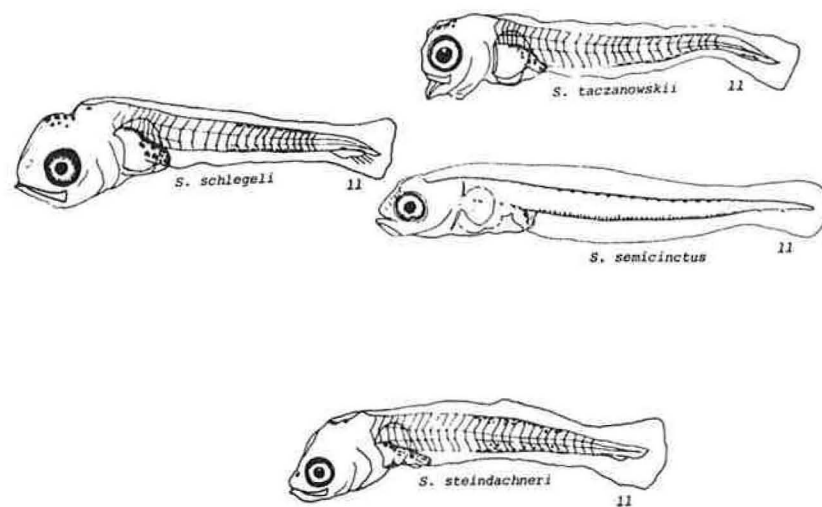


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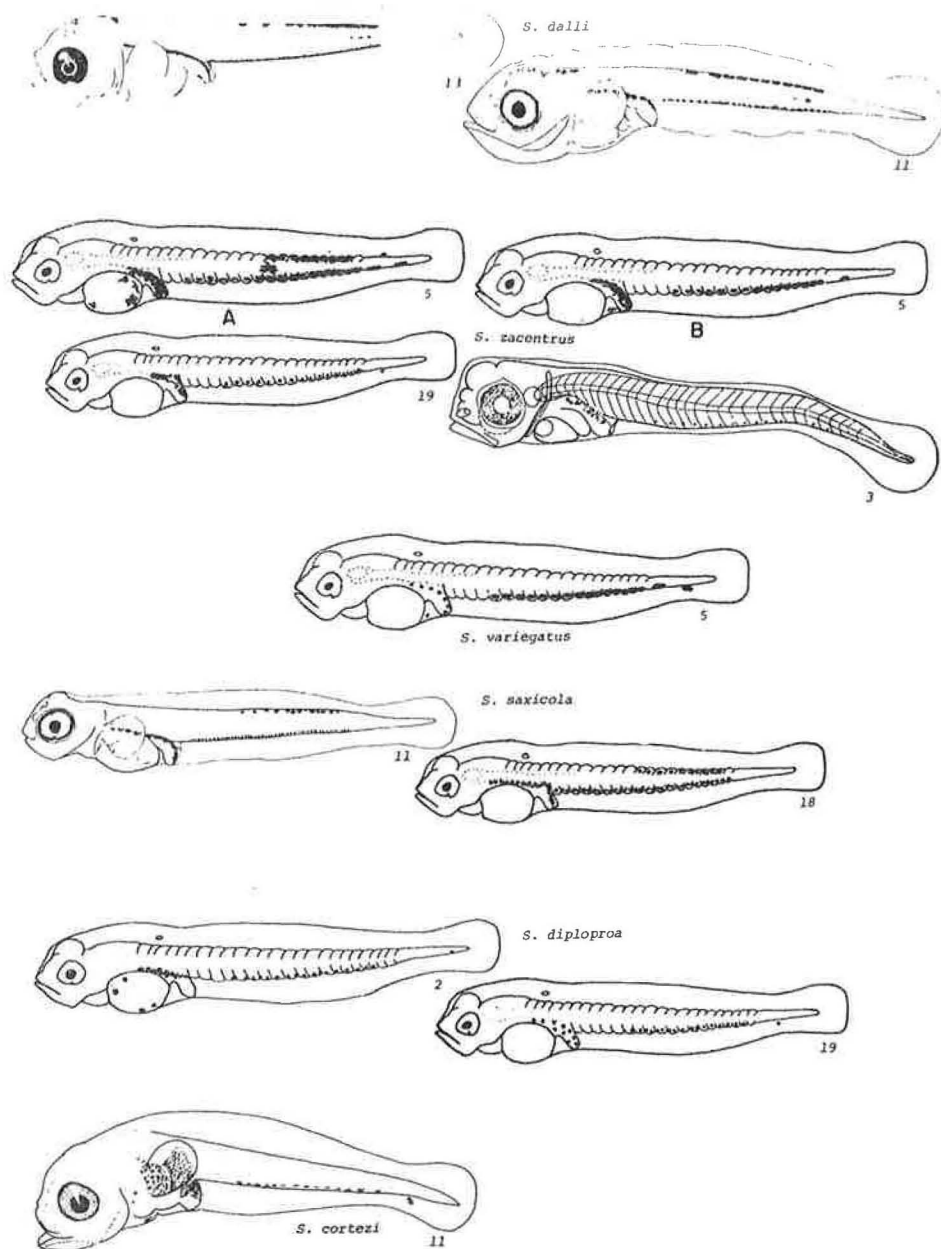


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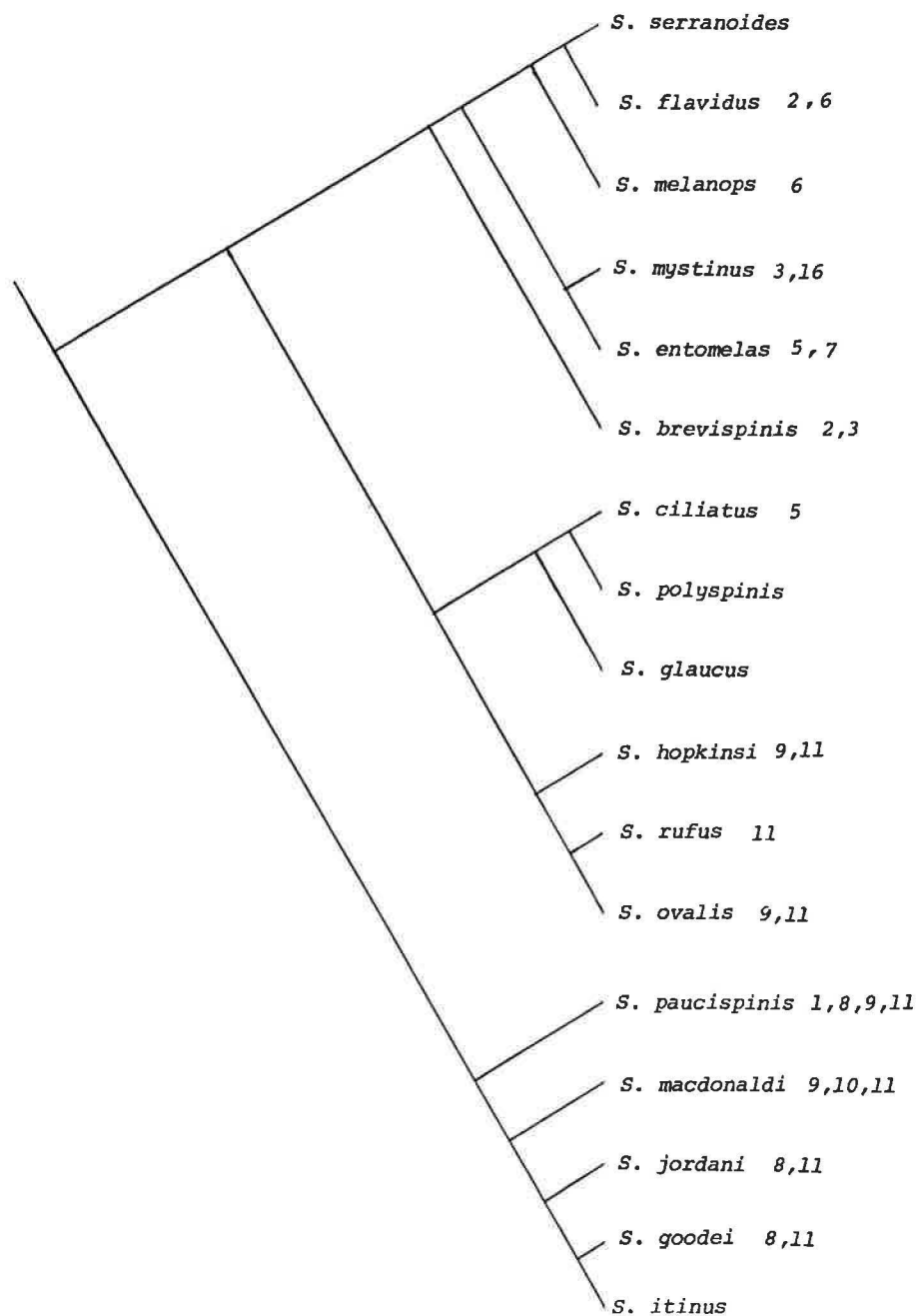


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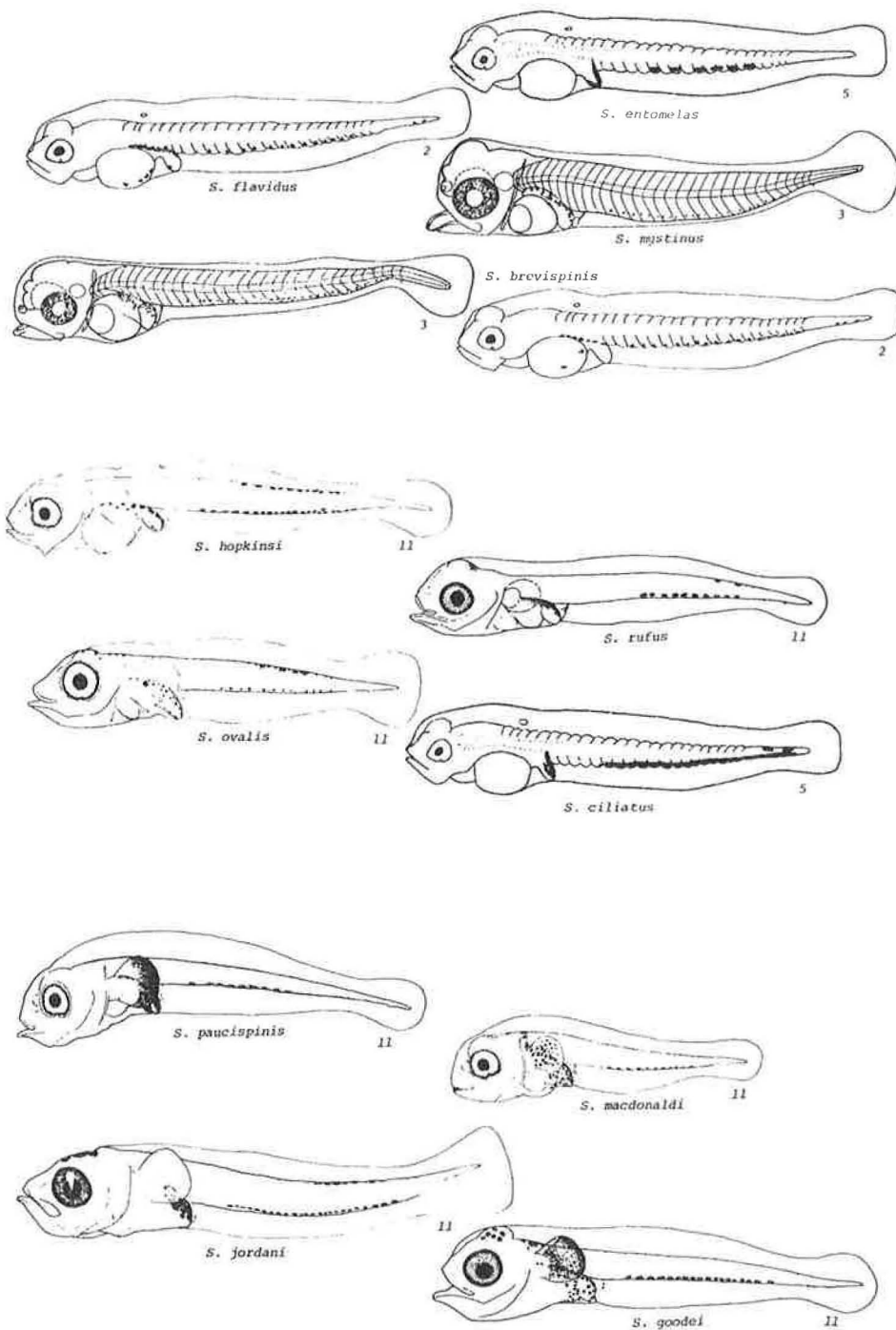


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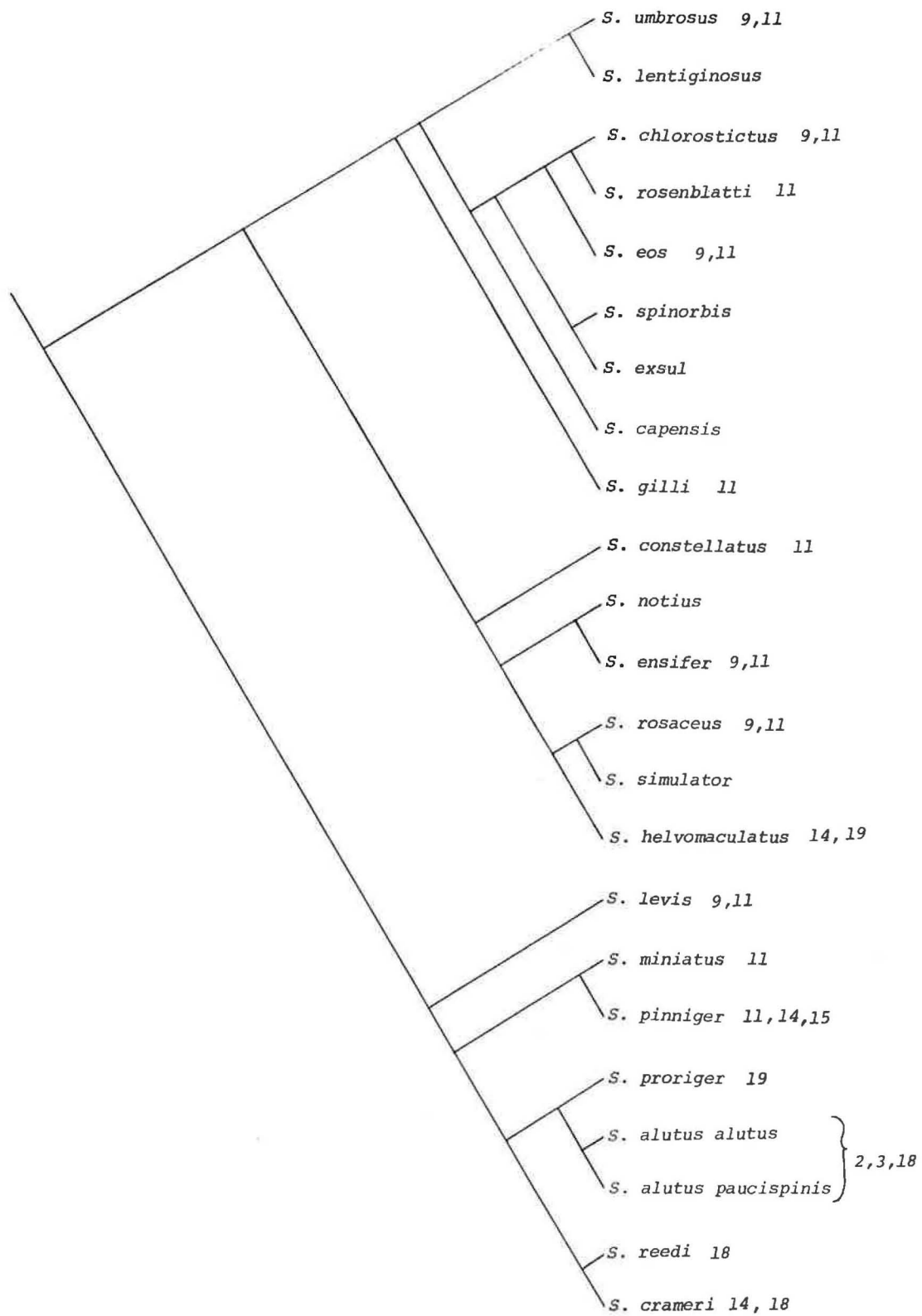


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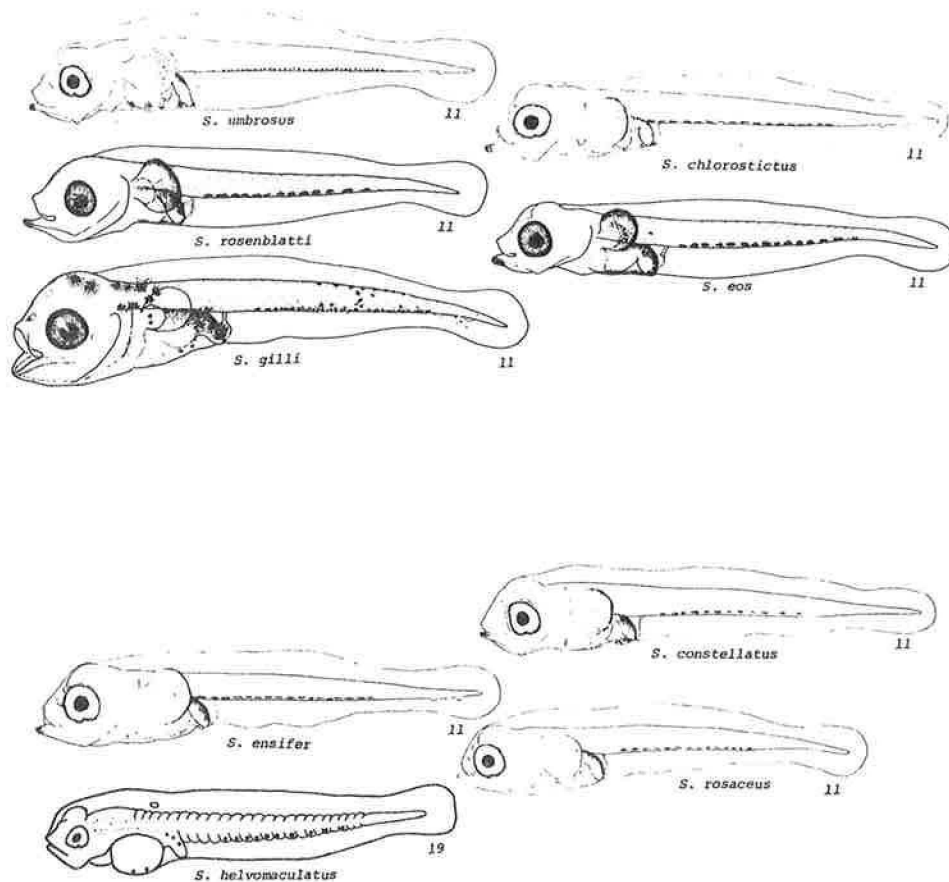


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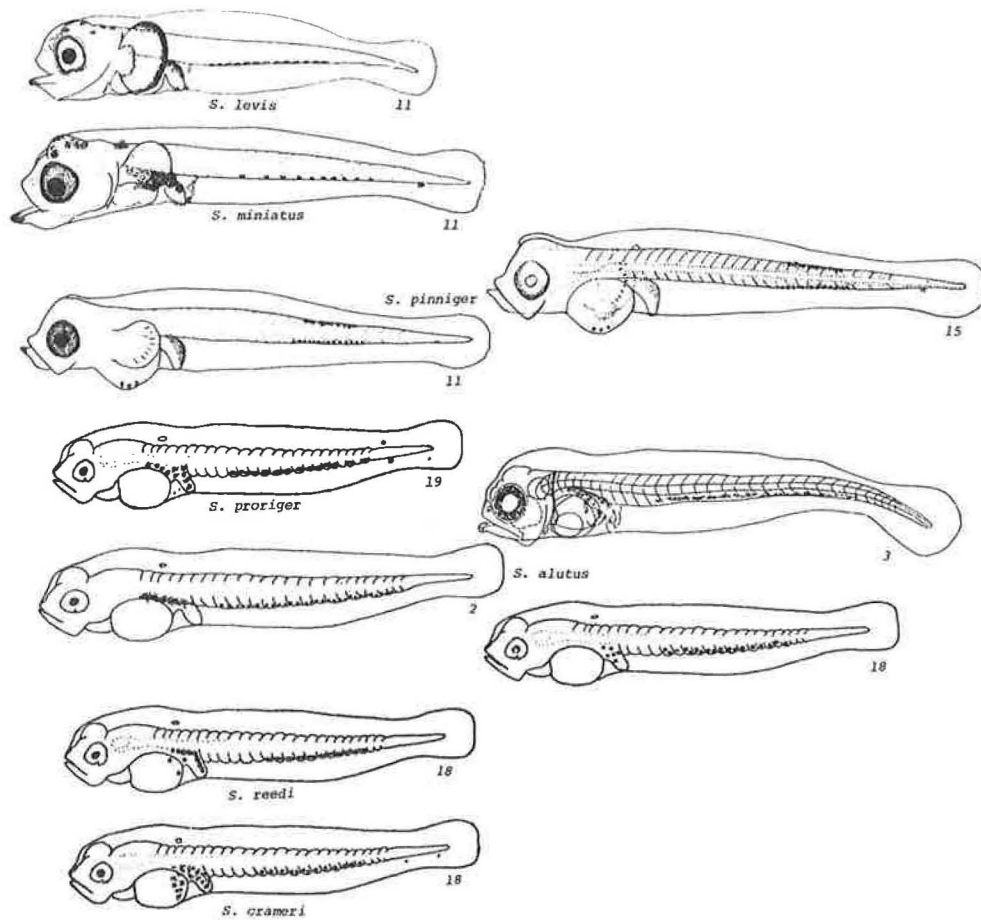


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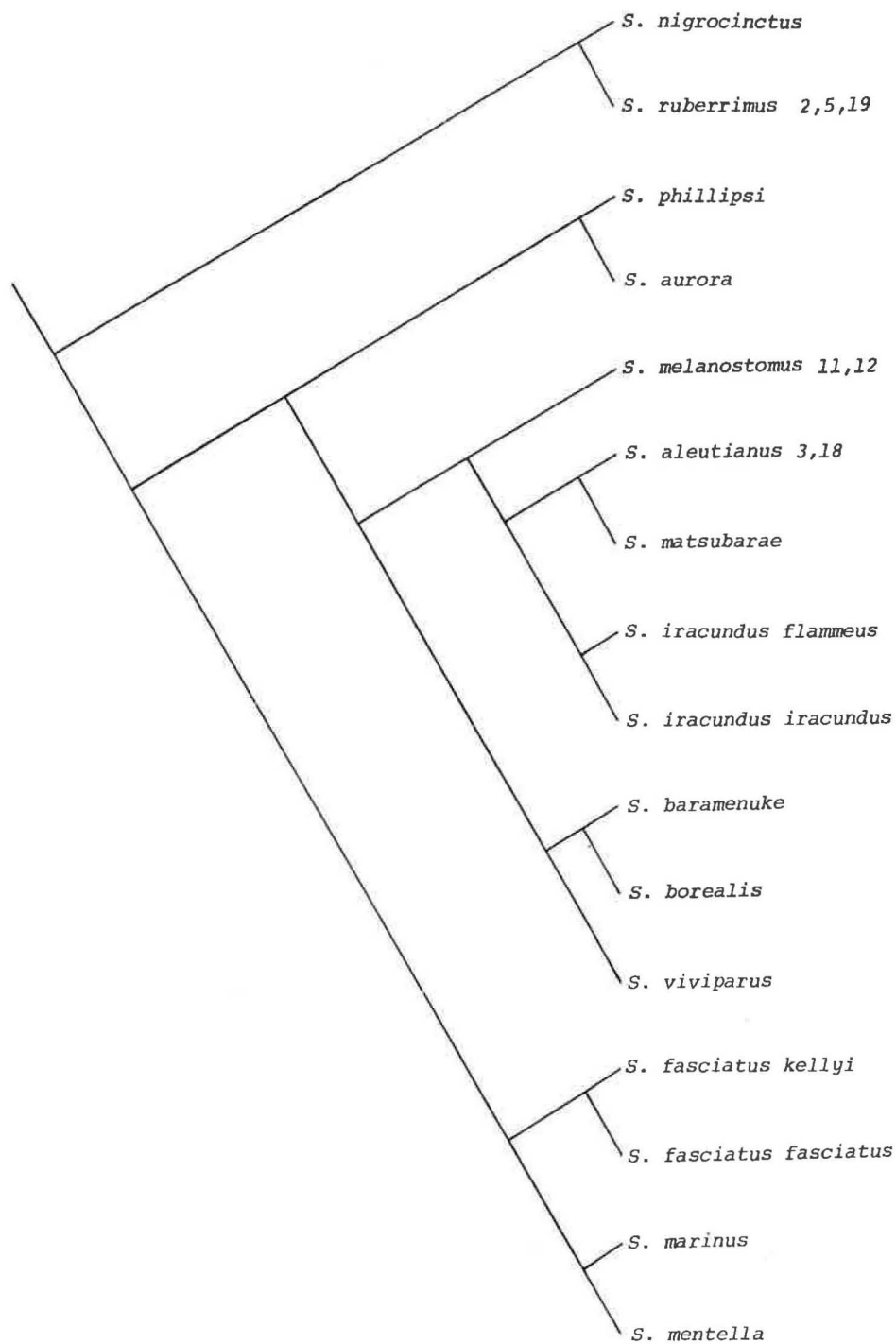


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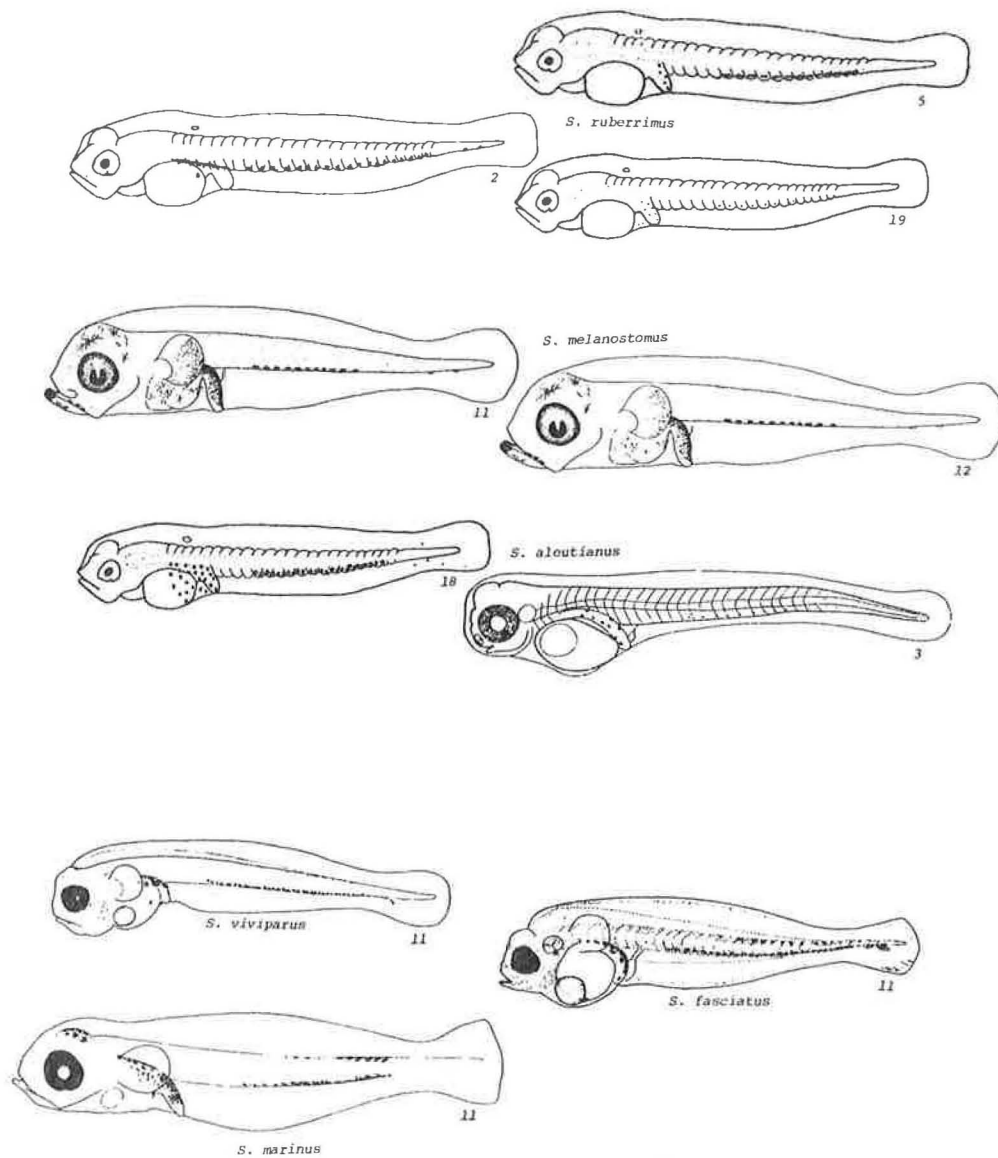


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