Fabulous Fish Fins
Dorsal Fin

- Helps fish turn and keep upright when turning abruptly
- Defense

Has two dorsal fins
• Helps with stability, like a keel on a boat
Caudal Fin

- Give power to propel fish through water
- Acts like rudder to help fish steer
- Forked tail is the fastest, rounded the slowest

Heart-shaped - Bluegill
Forked – Rainbow Trout
Rounded - Burbot
Square - Flathead Catfish
Pelvic Fin

- Help balance the fish
- Keep fish level and prevent it from rolling
- Fish sometimes rest by sitting on their pelvic fins
Pectoral Fin

- Help steer and control depth
- Often have a wrist-like function
- Offer maneuverability
Adipose Fin

- Found on members of the salmon and catfish families
- Believed to help reduce drag and improve swimming efficiency