LENAPE NAMES OF FISH & WATER CREATURES

These are names and photographs of some of the fish known to the Lenape or Delaware Indians. The names for many kinds of fish the Lenape people knew when they lived on the east coast have been forgotten after several hundred years. In the first column there are links in blue that can be clicked to take you to the Lenape Talking Dictionary (www.talk-lenape.org) where you can hear the Lenape names. In the third column enclosed in " " is the literal translation of the Lenape name.

FISH

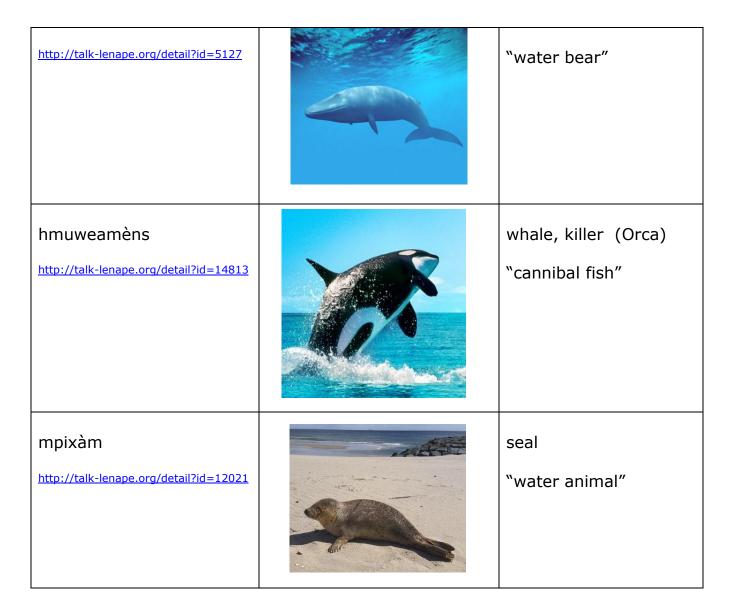
namès http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=5408	fish, any kind
wisamèkw http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=11274	catfish "fat fish"
shëwanamèkw http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=14131	shad "south fish"
namètëtàk http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=13992	minnows "little fishes"

sisilieomèkw http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=9636	buffalo fish
òpënchahke http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=7993	garfish
pàkchexwès http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=8176	sunfish
pèhpuhënàmèkw http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=8389	drum fish

shoxamèkw http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=9571		eel "slippery fish"
kwekonkale http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=3309		pike
lënamèkw http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=17592		chubsucker "common fish"
kahpahe http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=17591	En Vini	sturgeon (drawing by Herb and John Kraft)

WATER CREATURES

èhës http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=993	clam
sisawin http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=9632	oyster
shahëmwis http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=9282	crayfish
mahkakw http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=4205	leech
mpiàxkw	whale



THINGS USED IN FISHING

ahkwënikàn http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=110	fish net
nutamèns'hikàn	fish spear

http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=16664 place to fish amink http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=13351 fishing pole amànakw http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=378 amànatàkw http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=379 fishing line amàn http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=377 fish hook

èhamèt http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=949		fisherman
ameyok http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=14767		they fish 2017 Fishing tournament at Delaware Tribal Headquarters, Bartlesville, OK
answeyok http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=17590		they fish with nets; they seine
	FISHY PLACENAMES	
A <u>hsënamèsink</u> http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=16724	No Images in This Section	Cinnaminson, NJ "rocky place where there are fish"

Kwënamèsink http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=12347	Queonemysing, PA "Place of Long Fish"
Namèsi Sipu http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=5412	Fish Creek Located in Washington Co. Oklahoma, and in Clinton and Columbia counties in PA as Namescesepong.
Shahëmokink http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=9281	Shamokin, PA "place of crayfish"
Shoxamèkw http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=9571	Shackamak in Greene County, IN. "eel"

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