

Sucker and Whitefish

This tale shows how Sucker got his fat lips and Whitefish became small mouthed. We also learn why Sucker is so hard to catch and Whitefish is so easy.

Once, in a certain place, there lived many different beings. Crawling beings as well as four-footed animals were to be found there. Between these lived Sucker and Whitefish, who were good friends.

One day, a child got married, and the time came for Sucker and Whitefish to go wedding trading. They took almost everything from the house and took it to the host's place. When they got there, the host made some porridge and set it in front of each of them. Sucker took a half-burned log with charcoal and used it as a spoon to sip the porridge. At that instant, his mouth became thick and bulged out from the great heat of the porridge and spoon. While eating he said, "It takes five pack loads of wood to cook me, not just a little, but five whole pack loads."

Whitefish, on the other hand, drank the soup with a straw. As he ate happily, he said, "I can be cooked with anything, a straw or anything that will burn. Even a small piece of wood will do. I will cook in a short time."

When they finished eating, the two friends went home.

This is why the suckerfish has a thick, turned out mouth, and why the whitefish has just a small, pointed mouth. One ate porridge with a burning stick, and the other ate it with a straw.

Whenever you have a whitefish, it will cook with just a small amount of fire. However, with the sucker, you must cook it a lot and use lots of fire. Even then, it barely cools. These two fish have been this way ever since that time.