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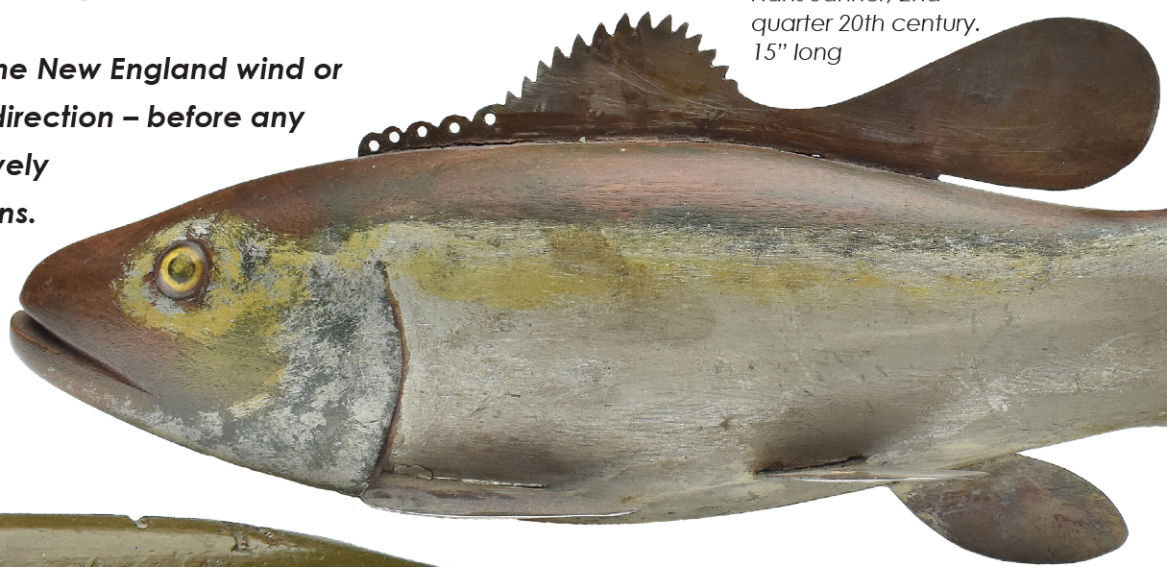
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Hans Janner, 2nd quarter 20th century.
17.5" long

A thousand years before the first American quilt was created as protection against the chill night; before the first American whirlingig played against the New England wind or the first American weathervane showed its direction – before any of these things, fish decoys were being actively used for ice spearfishing by Native Americans. From Alaska throughout the Midwest, the Middle Atlantic region, New England, and Canada, men have spearfished for bass, sturgeon, muskellunge, carp, trout, pike and numerous other species.



Hans Janner, 2nd quarter 20th century.
15" long



Ted Vandenbossche, circa 1900. 16" long

It is just in recent years that fish decoys have come to be recognized and appreciated as fine examples of American folk sculpture.

- "Beneath the Ice: The Art of the Spearfishing Decoy," Apfelbaum, Gottlieb, and Michaan.



Harry Seymour, 2nd half 19th century. 7.75" long



Hans Janner, 2nd quarter 20th century.
12" long

Arthur Burdett Frost. 10" x 13.25"



Alden Lassell Ripley. 14.25" x 20.5"



Charles Bergman

John Tax

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Part of a selection of cigar store trade figures from the Mark Goldman collection

