Directions

• Choose one fish to identify from the Texas State Aquarium’s Mesoamerican Reef during a live Aquavision program or on page 2
• Starting with the first couplet on the key, decide which statement best describes the fish
• Go to the number at the end of that statement
• Continue working through the couplets until you reach a fish name

1. A) Caudal fin is forked (V-shaped) ....................................... Go to 4
   B) Caudal fin is not forked .............................................. Go to 2

2. A) Long, pointed dorsal fin .............................................. Go to 3
   B) Rounded dorsal fin .................................................. Filefish

3. A) Elongated body .........................Spanish Hogfish
   B) Rounded body .........................Angelfish

4. A) Has two barbels (“whiskers”) under mouth ..................... Goatfish
   B) Does not have barbels under mouth ............................... Go to 5

5. A) Very large, prominent eyes ........................................... Squirrelfish
   B) Normal eye size ...................................................... Go to 6

6. A) Striped body ......................................................... Grunt
   B) Solid color body .................................................... Creole fish

Further Resources:

Fishbase.org
Iucnredlist.org

Texas State Aquarium: www.texasstateaquarium.org