To Buy Fresh Kosher Fish in Non-Kosher Store

To buy fresh kosher fish in a non-kosher store:

- If the fish is whole and has scales, it is kosher and you may buy it as it is.
- If the fish has already been cut, skinned, and/or filleted and there are no non-kosher fish in the store, you may buy it as kosher.
- If you want to have the fish cut, skinned, and/or filleted and there are non-*kosher* fish in the store, have the counter-person wash off the cutting board and knife with soap and water before preparing the fish and you may buy the fish as *kosher*.
- If the fish has already been cut (and there are non-*kosher* fish in the store such that there might have been non-*kosher* fish oil on the knife or cutting board), just scrape off a tiny layer from the cut surface of the fish.

NOTE
You may eat a skinned fish that you can positively identify from the flesh as *kosher*.

EXAMPLE
ALL salmon are *kosher* and may be eaten if they can be identified.

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