



#### **86. SCHNEIDER (*Alburnoides bipunctatus*)**

**IDENTIFICATION:** The lateral line, which is edged by a double row of dark spots, is typical of the Schneider. Since only few Schneider are found fishing laws grant them all-year protection.

**HABITAT:** The Schneider is a school fish. In lakes, it prefers to stay close to the water surface. Schneider stocks are usually small. Due to the pollution and canalization of running waters, some stocks have been extremely reduced or have disappeared. Improving the quality of the water and restoring brooks and smaller rivers close to nature has helped stocks to replenish in recent years.

**FOOD:** In running waters, the Schneider feeds on small animals found on the bottom. In lakes, it feeds on "Anflugnahrung" close to the water surface.