



Selected Nearshore Fishes of California

The Species Pursuant to Regulation Section 1.90

Pale blotches



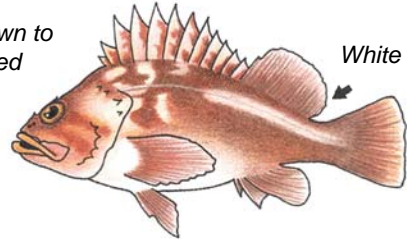
GOPHER ROCKFISH *Sebastes carnatus*

Range: Northern CA to central Baja CA

Depth: Shallow water to 180 ft.

Grows to: 16.7 in.

Dark brown to orange-red



White band

COPPER ROCKFISH *Sebastes caurinus*

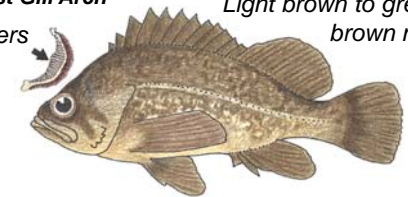
Range: Alaska to central Baja CA

Depth: Shallow water to 600 ft.

Grows to: 22.9 in.

1st Gill Arch

Long gill rakers



Light brown to greenish-brown mottling

KELP ROCKFISH *Sebastes atrovirens*

Range: Northern CA to central Baja CA

Depth: Shallow water to 150 ft.

Grows to: 16.7 in.

Yellow blotches



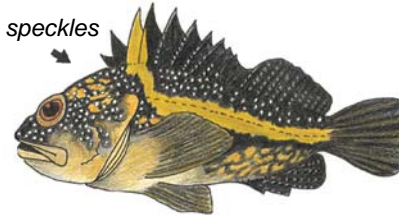
BLACK-AND-YELLOW ROCKFISH *Sebastes chrysomelas*

Range: Northern CA to central Baja CA

Depth: Intertidal to 50 ft.

Grows to: 15.25 in.

Bluish-white speckles



CHINA ROCKFISH *Sebastes nebulosus*

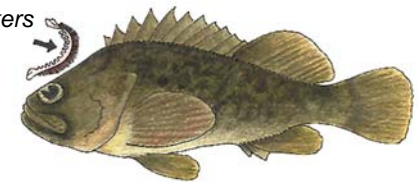
Range: Alaska to southern CA

Depth: 10 - 420 ft.

Grows to: 17 in.

1st Gill Arch

Short gill rakers



GRASS ROCKFISH *Sebastes rastrelliger*

Range: Oregon to central Baja CA

Depth: Intertidal to 150 ft.

Grows to: 22 in.

Dark bars on body

Pink lips



TREEFISH *Sebastes serriceps*

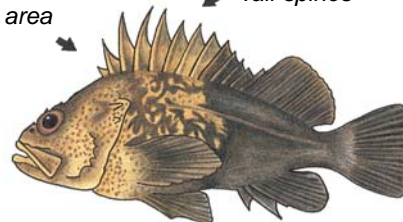
Range: Central CA to central Baja CA

Depth: Shallow water to 150 ft.

Grows to: 16 in.

Large mottled orange area

Tall spines



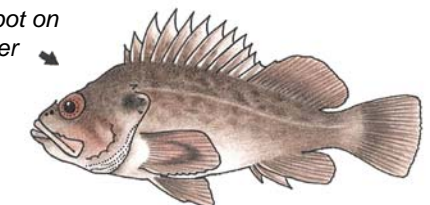
QUILLBACK ROCKFISH *Sebastes maliger*

Range: Alaska to central CA

Depth: Shallow water to 900 ft.

Grows to: 24 in.

Dark spot on gill cover



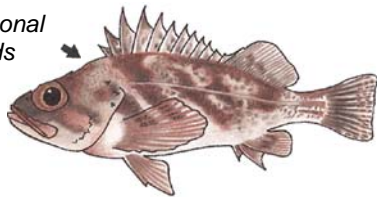
BROWN ROCKFISH *Sebastes auriculatus*

Range: Alaska to central Baja CA

Depth: Shallow water to 420 ft.

Grows to: 21.5 in.

Diagonal bands



CALICO ROCKFISH *Sebastes dallii*

Range: Central CA to central Baja CA

Depth: 60 - 840 ft.

Grows to: 10 in.

All Anglers: Limits, minimum sizes, and other regulations exist for various species. Please check the California Fishing Regulations for specifics. These 19 species are subject to change.

Additional Identification References:

-DFG Fish Bulletin 157: Miller & Lea, 1972

-Petersen Field Guide Series #28,

Eschmeyer et al., 1983

Contact Information:

-Web site www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd/

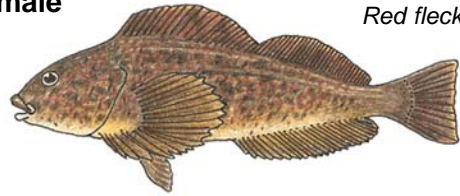
Groundfish hotline (831) 649-2801



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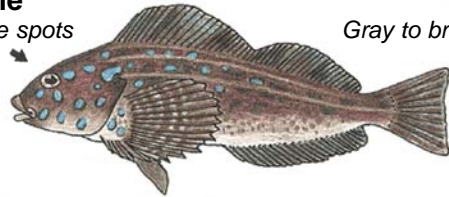
Female



Red flecking

Male

Blue spots



Gray to brown

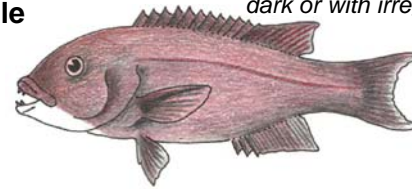
KELP GREENLING *Hexagrammos decagrammus*

Range: Alaska to southern CA

Depth: Shallow water to 150 ft.

Grows to: 21 in.

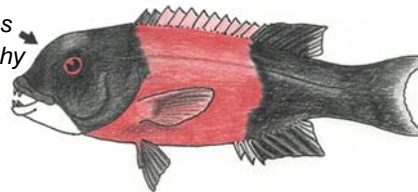
Female



Brownish red to rose, sometimes very dark or with irregular bars

Male

Sometimes with a fleshy lump on head

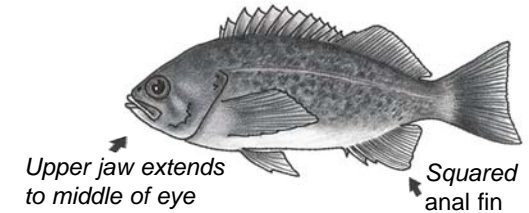


CALIFORNIA SHEEPHEAD *Semicossyphus pulcher*

Range: Central CA to Gulf of CA

Depth: Shallow water to 180 ft.

Grows to: 36 in.



Upper jaw extends to middle of eye

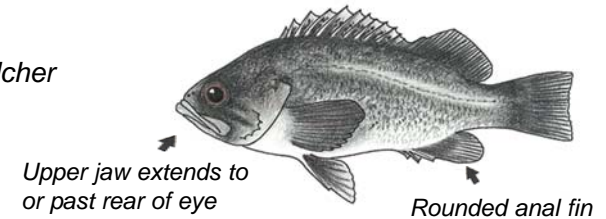
Squared anal fin

BLUE ROCKFISH *Sebastes mystinus*

Range: Alaska to northern Baja CA

Depth: Shallow water to 1800 ft.

Grows to: 21 in.



Upper jaw extends to or past rear of eye

Rounded anal fin

BLACK ROCKFISH *Sebastes melanops*

Range: Alaska to southern CA

Depth: Shallow water to 1200 ft.

Grows to: 25.5 in.



Greenish to brown with darker mottling and often red blotches on head and sides

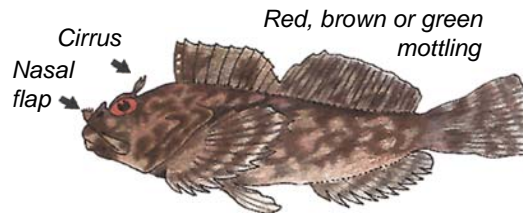
Cirrus

ROCK GREENLING *Hexagrammos lagocephalus*

Range: Bering Sea to central CA

Depth: Intertidal and shallow rocky areas

Grows to: 24 in.



Red, brown or green mottling

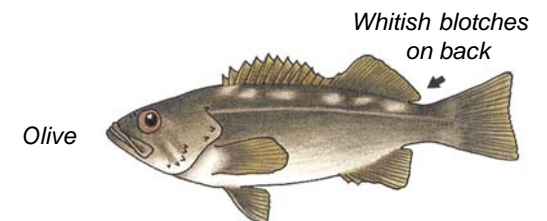
Cirrus
Nasal flap

CABEZON *Scorpaenichthys marmoratus*

Range: Alaska to central Baja CA

Depth: Intertidal to 250 ft.

Grows to: 39 in.



Whitish blotches on back

Olive

OLIVE ROCKFISH *Sebastes serranoides*

Range: Northern CA to central Baja CA

Depth: Shallow water to 480 ft.

Grows to: 24 in.



Lumpy ridge on head

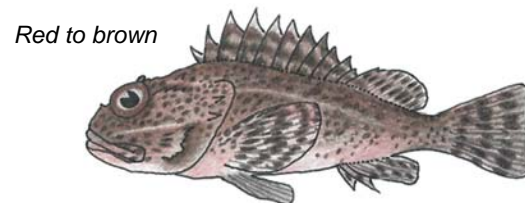
Black, olive or gray with rusty blotches along the body

MONKEYFACE PRICKLEBACK *Cebidichthys violaceus*

Range: Southern Oregon to north-central Baja CA

Depth: Shallow water to 80 ft.

Grows to: 30 in.



Red to brown

CALIFORNIA SCORPIONFISH *Scorpaena guttata*

Range: Central CA to Gulf of CA

Depth: Shallow water to 600 ft.

Grows to: 17 in.

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