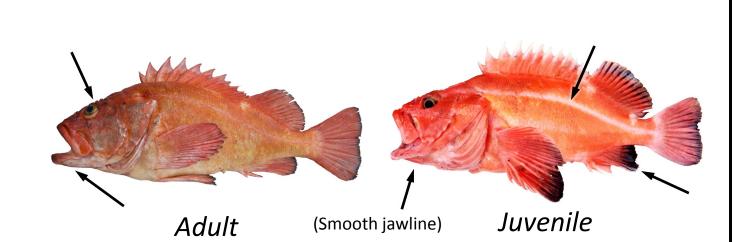
# IDENTIFICATION OF COMMON GROUNDFISH SPECIES

(of Washington, Oregon and Northern California)

Anglers are responsible for knowing current fishing regulations, which can change frequently. Check the state website for up-to-date information.

# Yelloweye Rockfish



Bright yellow eye and raspy ridges above eye.

Fins usually have black edges.

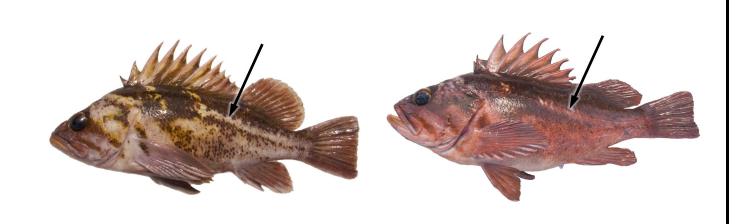
Juveniles have 1 or 2 white stripes along side of body.

# **Vermilion Rockfish**



Lower jawline rough to touch. Body reddish and mottled with gray. Anal fin rounded.

# **Copper Rockfish**



Variants

Light colored band along the last 2/3 of lateral line.

#### **Quillback Rockfish**



Variants

Freckles on head and/or throat. Yellowish saddle markings do not extend to tail.

### **Widow Rockfish**



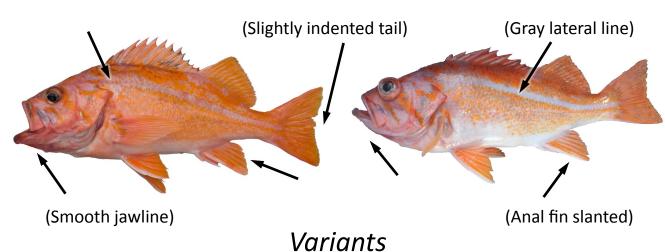
Small mouth, anal fin slanted posteriorly.

#### Cabezon



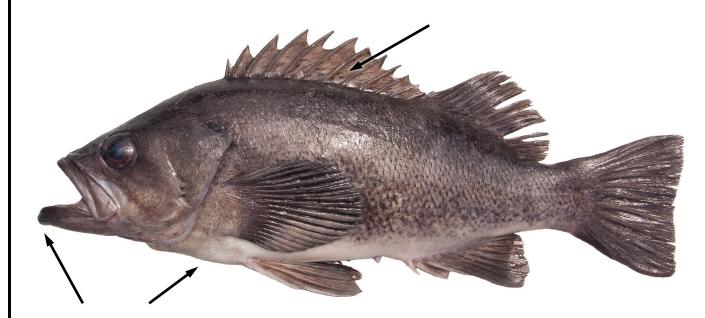
Flap of skin above eye and on snout. Huge mouth, small teeth. Body marbled. Smooth skin.

### **Canary Rockfish**



Typically three stripes across side of head and gill plate. Body orange mottled with gray.

#### **Black Rockfish**



Large mouth. Body mottled with gray. White belly. Black spots on the dorsal membrane.

## Bocaccio



Large mouth extending upwards.
Slightly concave between mouth and dorsal fin.
Body orange, olive or brown.

#### **China Rockfish**



Broad yellow stripe starting on dorsal fin, along lateral line. Yellowish white freckles.

# **Brown Rockfish**



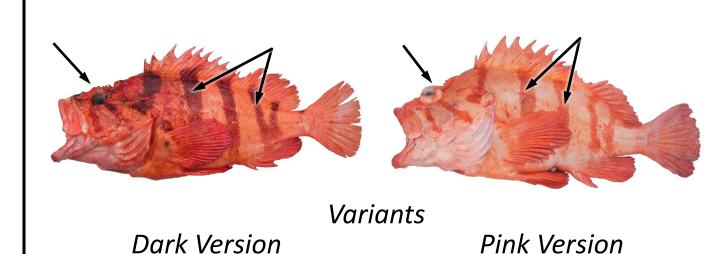
Dark brown patch or spot on gill cover. Underside of throat and lower jaw pinkish. Fins may be pinkish.

## **Kelp Greenling-Male**



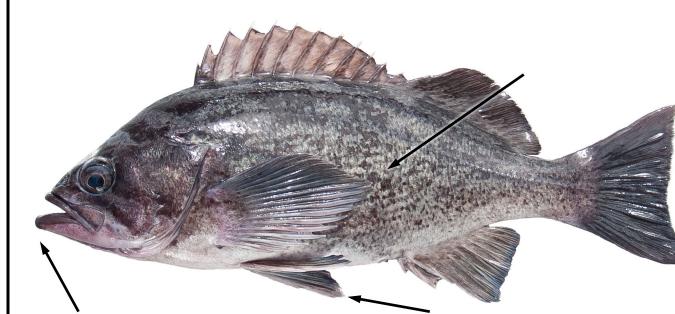
Small mouth, small teeth. Blue spots may be faint except when breeding, when they become almost neon. Smooth skin.

## **Tiger Rockfish**



Strong ridges between eyes. 5 or 6 vertical bars on body.

# **Deacon Rockfish**



Small mouth with extended lower lip. Vague stripes across forehead. Blue-tipped pelvic fins. Many small speckles covering sides of body.

#### **Blue Rockfish**



Small mouth. Vague stripes across forehead. Blue-tipped pelvic fins. Large angular blotches on sides of body.

# Yellowtail Rockfish



Fins yellowish, large mouth.

May have pale patches or spots on back.

May be confused with Olive Rockfish.

## Lingcod



Large mouth and large teeth. Deep notch in long dorsal fin. Elongated body. Smooth skin.

## **Kelp Greenling-Female**



Small mouth, small teeth. Reddish spots. Smooth skin.





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