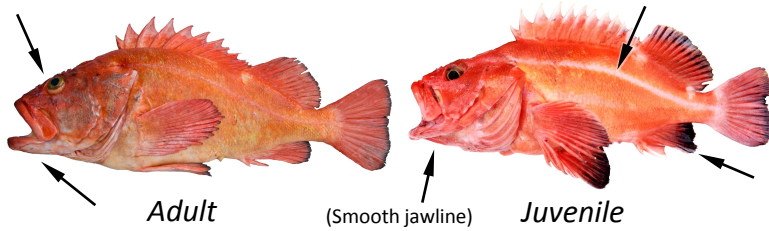


# IDENTIFICATION OF COMMON GROUND FISH SPECIES

(of Washington, Oregon and Northern California)

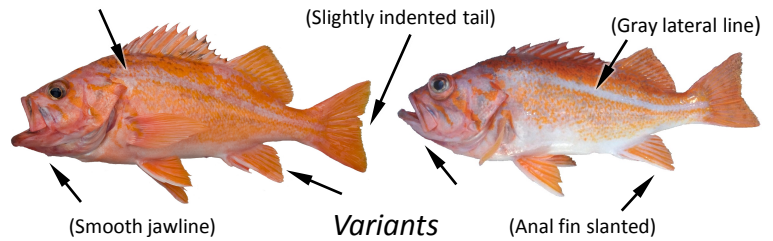
Anglers are responsible for knowing current fishing regulations, which can change frequently. Check the state website for up-to-date information.

## Yelloweye Rockfish



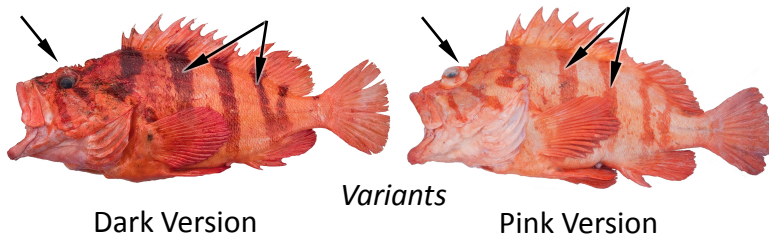
Bright yellow eye and raspy ridges above eye.  
Fins usually have black edges.  
Juveniles have 1 or 2 white stripes along side of body.

## Canary Rockfish



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

## Tiger Rockfish



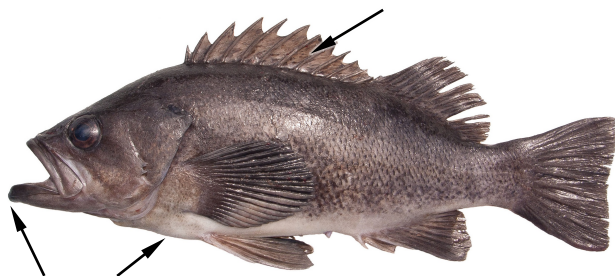
Strong ridges between eyes.  
5 or 6 vertical bars on body.

## Vermilion Rockfish



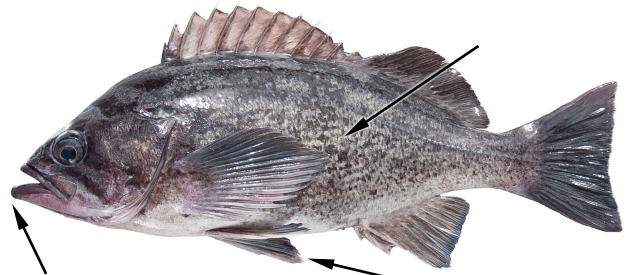
Lower jawline rough to touch. Body reddish and mottled with gray. Anal fin rounded.

## Black Rockfish



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

## Deacon Rockfish



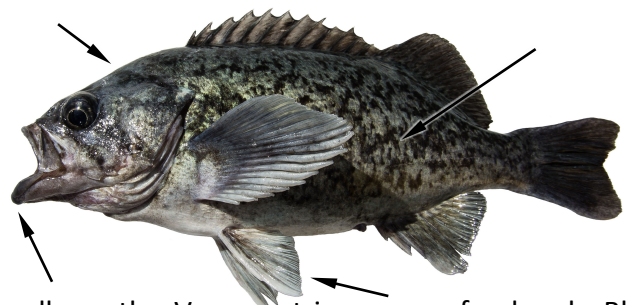
Small mouth with extended lower lip. Vague stripes across forehead.  
Blue-tipped pelvic fins. Many small speckles covering sides of body.

## Bocaccio Rockfish



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

## Blue Rockfish



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

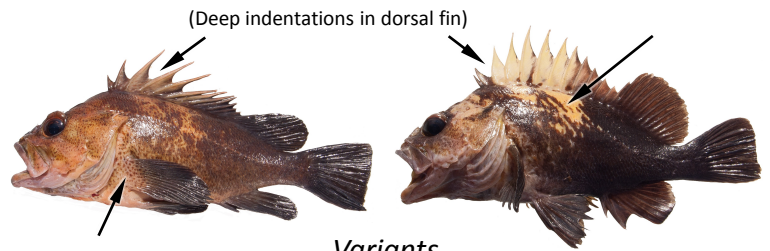
## Copper Rockfish



*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.

## Yellowtail Rockfish



Fins yellowish, large mouth. May have pale patches or spots on back. May be confused with Olive Rockfish.

## China Rockfish



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

## Widow Rockfish



Small mouth, anal fin slanted posteriorly.

## Brown Rockfish



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

## Kelp Greenling



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

## Cabezon



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

## Lingcod



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

