

CRAB TEAM ID GUIDE



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Filled, yellow triangles indicate organisms likely encountered in molt/shore survey

EUROPEAN GREEN CRAB - CAMA

Carcinus maenas

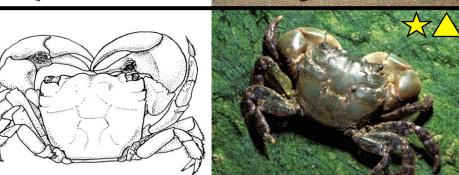
- Carapace: oval to 90mm; 5 prominent marginal teeth, 3 rostral bumps
- Claws: not rounded
- Walking legs: last pair slightly flattened
- Color: green, brown, reddish, typically with orange joints



HAIRY SHORE CRAB - HEOR

Hemigrapsus oregonensis

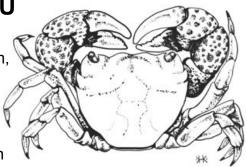
- Carapace: square to 50mm; 3 forwardpointing marginal teeth, 2 rostral bumps
- Claws: rounded, often w/ fleshy tufts, typically no spots
- · Walking legs: with fine sparse hairs
- · Color: variable, green, brown, yellow, white



PURPLE SHORE CRAB - HENU

Hemigrapsus nudus

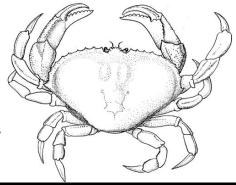
- Carapace: as HEOR above, but to 60mm, marginal teeth rounded slightly inward, 2 rostral bumps less pronounced
- Claws: as HEOR, but often with spots
- Walking legs: no hairs
- Color: variable, purple, red, yellow, green





DUNGENESS CRAB - MEMACancer (Metacarcinus) magister

- Carapace: oval to 230mm; 10 marginal teeth and widest at 10th tooth
- Claws: serrations on outside of dactyl
- Walking legs: Long light-colored with hairs
- Color: light reddish-brown to purple

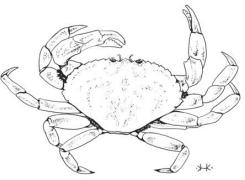




GRACEFUL CRAB - MEGR

Cancer (Metacarcinus) gracilis

- Carapace: oval to 115mm; 10 marginal teeth and widest at 9th tooth
- Claws: no serrations on outside of dactyl
- Walking legs: Long purplish hairless
- · Color: light reddish-brown to purple



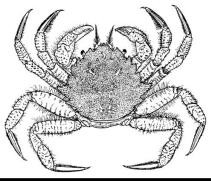




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HAIRY HELMET CRAB - TECH Telmessus cheiragonus

- Carapace: diamond to 100mm; 6 prominent marginal teeth widest at the 5th; hairy
- Claws: small similar to walking legs; hairy
- Walking legs: long and hairy
- Color: olive green to yellow; orange-brown hairs

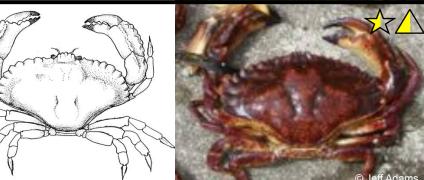




RED ROCK CRAB - CAPR Cancer productus

 Carapace: fan to 200mm; 10 rounded marginal teeth, 5 bumps on protruding rostrum

- Claws: large with black tips
- Walking legs: small and thin
- Color: red to brown; variable patterns in juveniles including stripes and blotches



SPIDER CRABS - SPID

Multiple species grouped from the family Majidae: (eg, *Pugettia producta, P. gracilis, Scyra acutifrons*)

- Carapace: longer front-back than wide with rostrum protruding far beyond eyes
- · Claws: long and thin
- Walking legs: long with sharp tips
- Color: variable, dark green to reddish brown; "kelp colored"





HAIRY HERMIT CRAB - PAHI Pagurus hirsutiusculus

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- Banded antennae
- Typically hairs cover legs
- Often in small shells, often abandons shell when disturbed



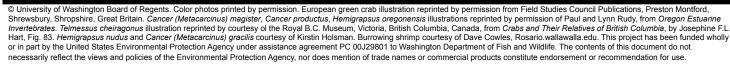


GRAINY HERMIT CRAB - PAGR

Pagurus granosimanus

- White to blue tubercules on claws and legs, giving a "grainy" appearance
- Orange, unbanded antennae
- Often inhabits very large shells, will not abandon shell when disturbed







BLACK-CLAWED CRAB - LOBE Lophopanopeus bellus

- Carapace to 40mm; Pentagonal with 3 marginal teeth
- Large, black-tipped claws
- Hairs on walking legs
- Grevish-purple with white and brown



BROKENBACK SHRIMP - BROK A

Multiple species from the families Pandalidae and Hyppolytidae

- Laterally compressed
- Prominent rostrum
- "broken" back
- Small indistinct claws
- Long walking legs
- Color variable



PYGMY ROCK CRAB - GLOR

Cancer (Glebocarcinus) oregonensis

- · Carapace to 53mm; circular with 10 marginal teeth, widest at 7th
- · Large, black-tipped claws
- Hairy walking legs
- · Color brownish red



SAND SHRIMP - SAND

Multiple species from the family Crangonidae



- · Dorso-ventrally compressed
- Indistinct rostrum
- Flattened back
- Small subchelate claws
- Short walking legs
- Color "sandy"



PEA CRAB - PEAS

Multiple species from the family Pinnotheridae

- Carapace to 11mm; oblong oval; smooth with no marginal teeth; no rostrum
- · Claws small and indistinct
- Color variable



BURROWING SHRIMP - BURR Multiple species of infraorder Thalassinidea

- Dorso-ventrally compressed
- Large abdomen with broad tail fan
- Hairy walking legs
- · Color pale white, pink, or grey

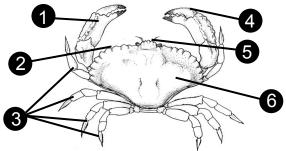


PORCELAIN CRAB - PORC

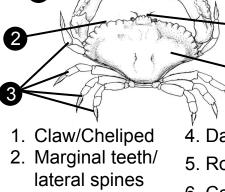
Multiple species from the family Porcellanidae

- · Carapace to 19mm; circular; no marginal teeth
- Dorso-ventrally flattened
- 3 pairs of walking leas
- Flattened claws
- Long antennae





- 3. Walking legs
- 4. Dactyl
- 5. Rostrum
- 6. Carapace





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STAGHORN SCULPIN - LEAR

Leptocottus armatus

- Flattened body; large head
- Large "antler-like" spines in front of gill covers
- Large lobe-shaped pectoral fins with stripes
- Up to 460mm (~18")

TIDEPOOL SCULPIN - OLMAOligocottus maculosus

- · Large head with long slender body
- 5 saddle patches on body
- Small forked spine on gill cover
- Up to 90mm (~3.5")

SHINER PERCH - CYAG *Cymatogaster aggregata*

- · Deep-bodied, narrow "football" shape
- Color greenish-black and silver sides with 3 broad yellow vertical bars
- Up to 203mm (~8")

THREE-SPINED STICKLEBACK - GAAC Gasterosteus aculeatus

- Three spines on front of dorsal fin
- · Pair of spines in pelvic fins
- · Color greenish silver
- Up to 75mm (~3')

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Starry flounder – PLST Platichthys stellatus

- Flatfish with oval body and pointy head
- Can be right- or left- eyed
- Blind side is white, eyed side is olive dark brown
- Dorsal, anal, and caudal fins with wide black bars
- Light and/or dark spots, and bumpy tubercules
- Up to 910mm



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