

Maa-nulth Domestic Fisheries Catch Book



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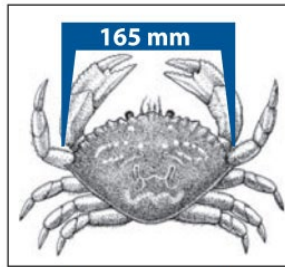


Responsibilities of Maa-nulth Harvesters When Fishing for Domestic Purposes

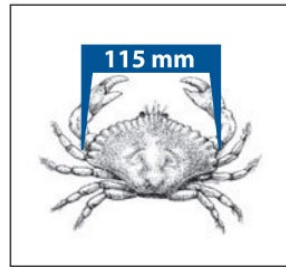
1. A Maa-nulth First Nations (MFN) harvester has the right to harvest fish and aquatic plants in accordance with the Maa-nulth Treaty and Maa-nulth Protocol in the Domestic Fishing Area (see maps).
2. In order to fish, a MFN member must obtain a harvesting license from their Nation's Fisheries Department. This license is the property of the Maa-nulth Nation and is not transferrable, it must always be carried while fishing and produced on request of an enforcement officer.
3. License holders must comply with the Maa-nulth Treaty, Maa-nulth Harvest Documents, the Maa-nulth Resources Harvesting Act with its Fisheries Regulation, the MFN Fishing Plan and all orders and directives given by their Nation's Fisheries Manager.
4. Fish harvested under this Fishing Right *cannot be sold* but may be traded and bartered with other aboriginal people of Canada.
5. If a fish harvesting license is suspended, the person must cease fishing immediately and return the license to their Nation's Fisheries Manager within 5 business days of the notice of cancellation.
6. Maa-nulth harvesters must keep their catch in such a manner that the species, number, weight, and size of fish can be readily determined until arrival at a landing site, unless consumed or used as bait prior to landing.

7. If a Maa-nulth harvester catches a fish for which the possession or retention is prohibited by an order of the MFN Fisheries Manager, the fish must be released with the least harm possible where it was caught.
8. When the Maa-nulth annual allocation for a species is attained, the Maa-nulth Nation's Fisheries Manager will notify all harvesters to stop fishing for that species.
9. Maa-nulth harvesters are required to record the Date, Gear, Location, Species and Number and/or Weight for their weekly catch on the Weekly Catch Report Form and deliver this form (by paper copy, email, or telephone) to their Nation's Fisheries Department before 16:00 the following Monday.
10. All Weekly Catch Report Forms must be delivered in paper copy to the member Nation's Fisheries Department by the end of fishing season.
11. If Maa-nulth harvesters intend to fish outside of their Nation's traditional territory, they must inform their fishery manager in advance so they can perform proper protocol with the host Nation.
12. Vessels fishing for domestic food fish must be registered with the Nation's Fisheries Department, must be compliant with the applicable marine safety legislation, and must display a current Maa-nulth Nation flag. One fishing license number must be painted or otherwise securely affixed to a tag, float, or buoy, always attached to unattended fishing gear and be legible and readily visible. The numerals must not be less than 75mm (3") in height and in a color that contrasts with their background.

13. There is no harvesting of Salmon less than 30 cm in nose-fork length, Male Dungeness Crab less than 16.5 cm and male Red Rock Crab less than 11.5 cm in crab shell width. *All Female Crabs must be released.*



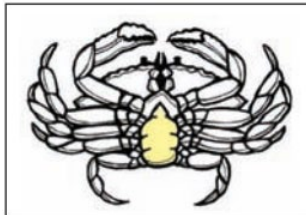
Dungeness crab



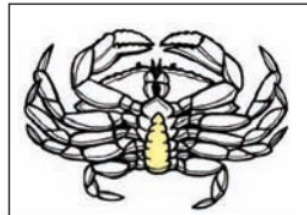
Red rock crab

Dungeness Crab: White-tipped claws, brownish-shell

Red Rock Crab: Black-tipped claws, reddish shell; shell much wider than long



Female



Male

14. Bivalve Shellfish Harvest Areas are designated within each Nations' *Hahuulthi* (orange dots on MDFA maps).

Detailed maps are in the Maa-nulth Final Agreement Appendix P (p. 494) and from the Lands Departments of the Maa-nulth Nation Governments.

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/natural-resource-stewardship/consulting-with-first-nations/first-nations-negotiations/first-nations-a-z-listing/maa-nulth-first-nations>

Reporting of Harvest Shows **Respect** for the *Self-Governing and Law-Making Authority* of the Maa-nulth Nations

Harvest Information Will Be Entered in to *The Maa-nulth Electronic Reporting Program* in Co-Management with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada & BC Fish and Wildlife Branch

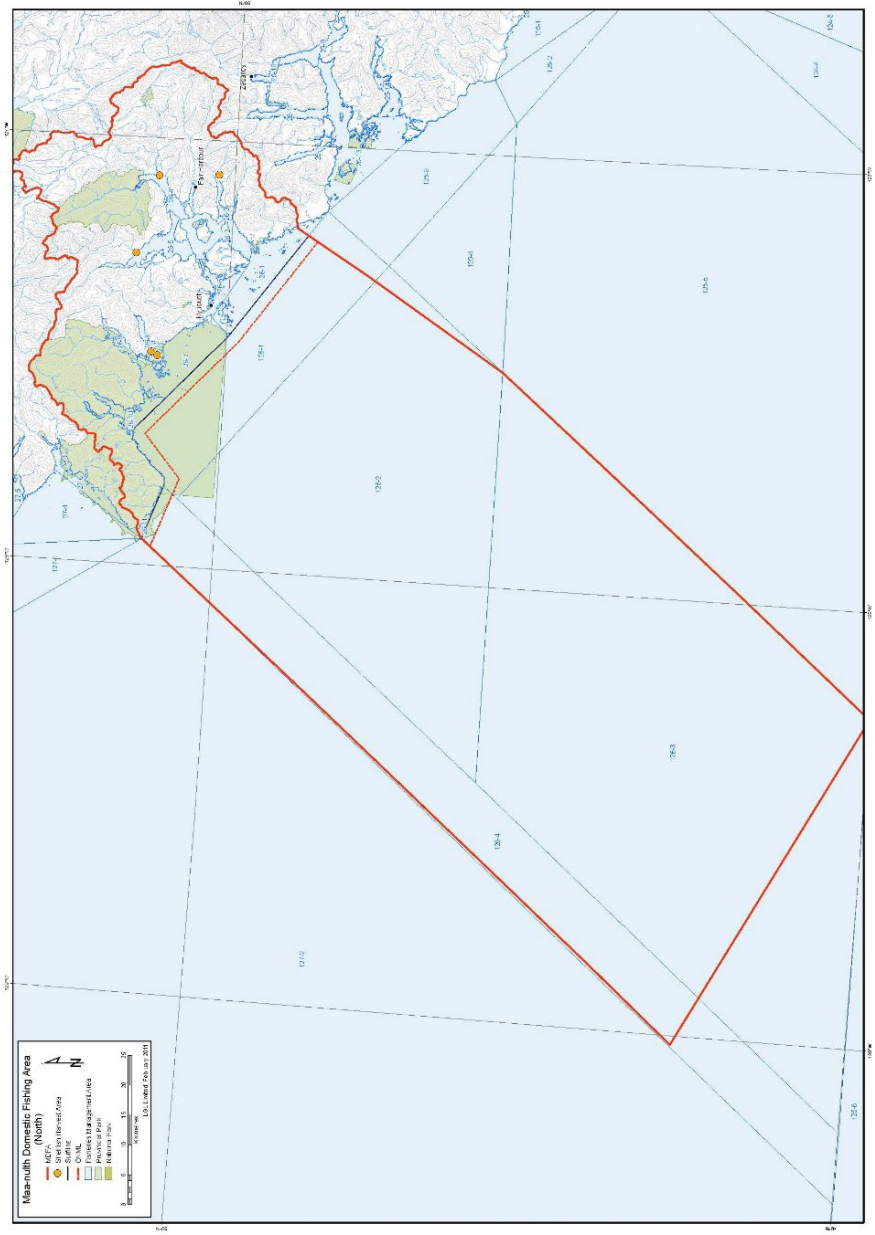
This Information Assists to:

- Demonstrate Maa-nulth's Traditional Role in Managing Resources
- Properly Participate in Managing The Resources
- Estimate Populations with Catch per Unit Effort
 - Harvesters should report even when they are not successful in harvesting fish
- Track Fish Species Allocated Under The Treaty
 - Ensures access to full potential of Treaty Benefits
 - These species have a harvest limit, protected under the Treaty
- Track Unallocated Fish Species For Evidence Of Use And Harvest
 - These may be allocated in the future, based on average reported harvest (e.g. Crab, Urchin, Chiton, Prawn)

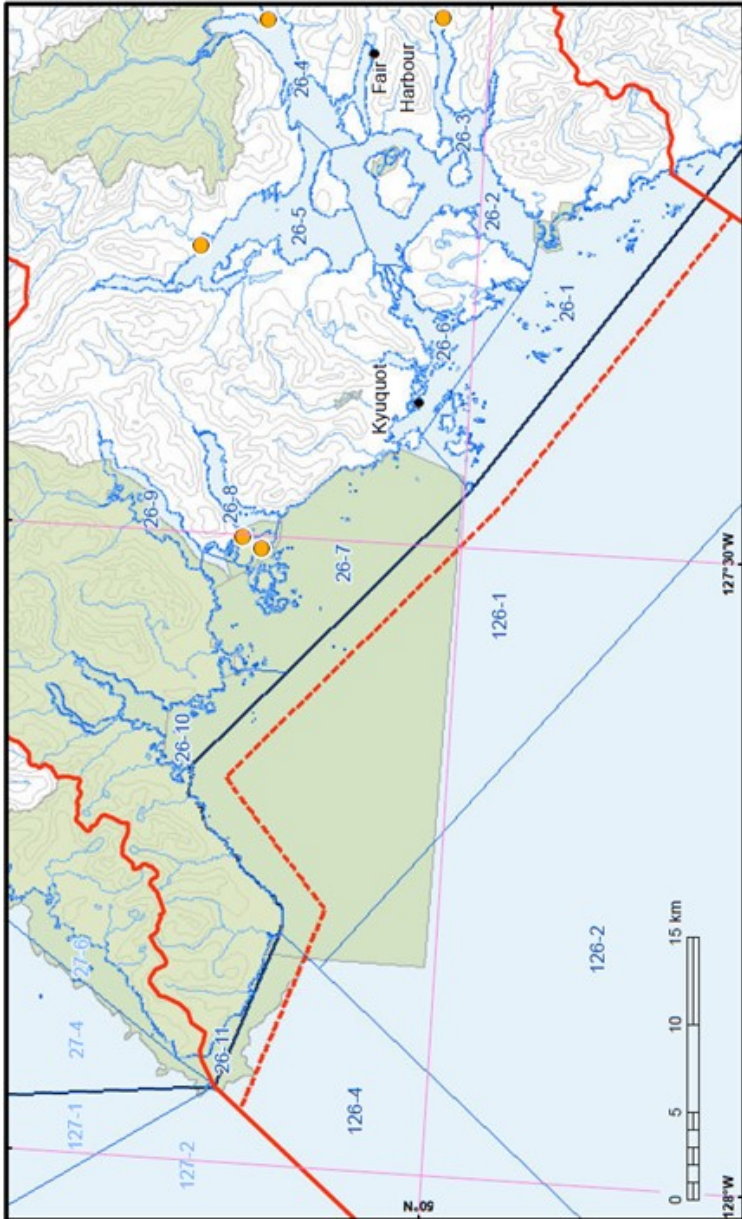
Allocated Fish

Suuḥaa (Chinook)	Puuʔi (Halibut)
Miʔaat (Sockeye)	Sablefish
Cuw`it (Coho)	Rockfish
Čaapi (Pink)	Groundfish
Hinkuuʔas (Chum)	Intertidal Bivalves
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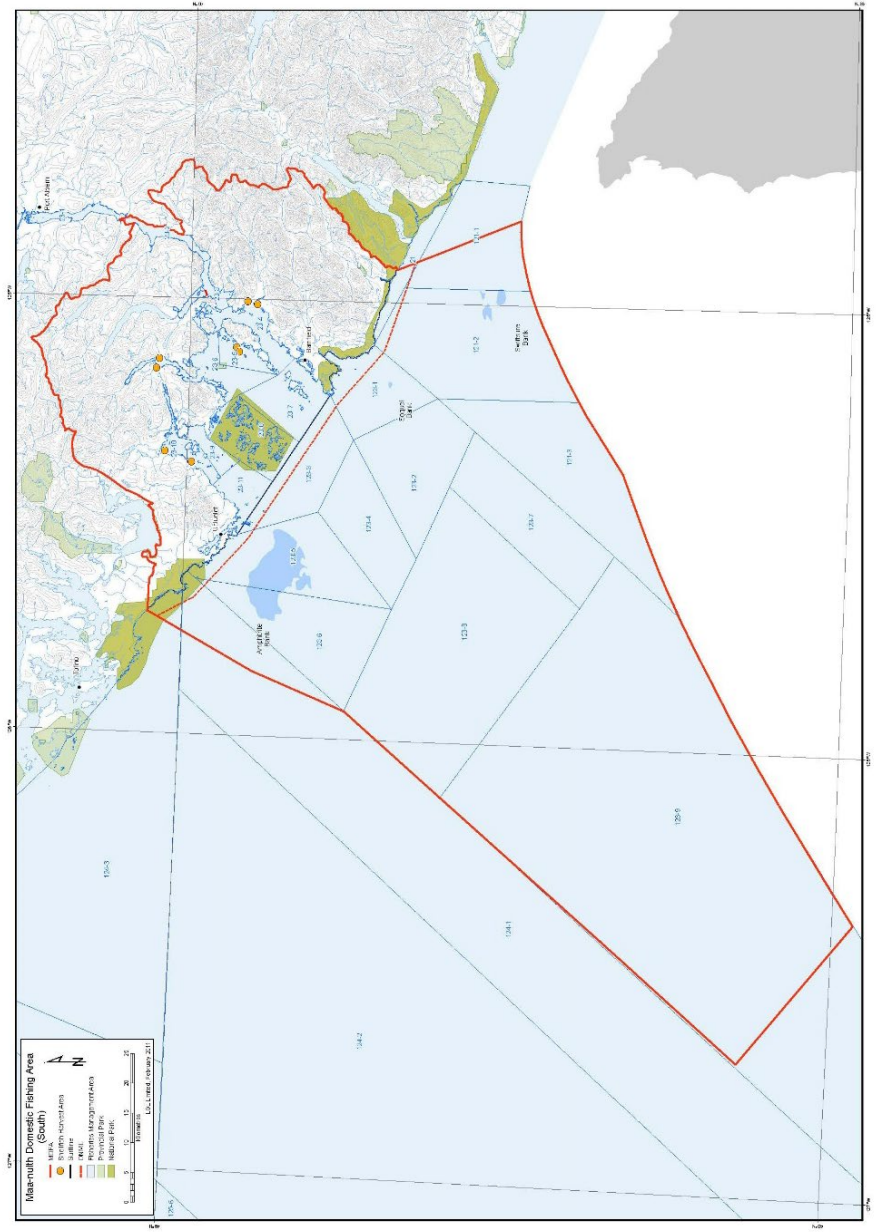
Maa-nulth Domestic Fishing Area - North



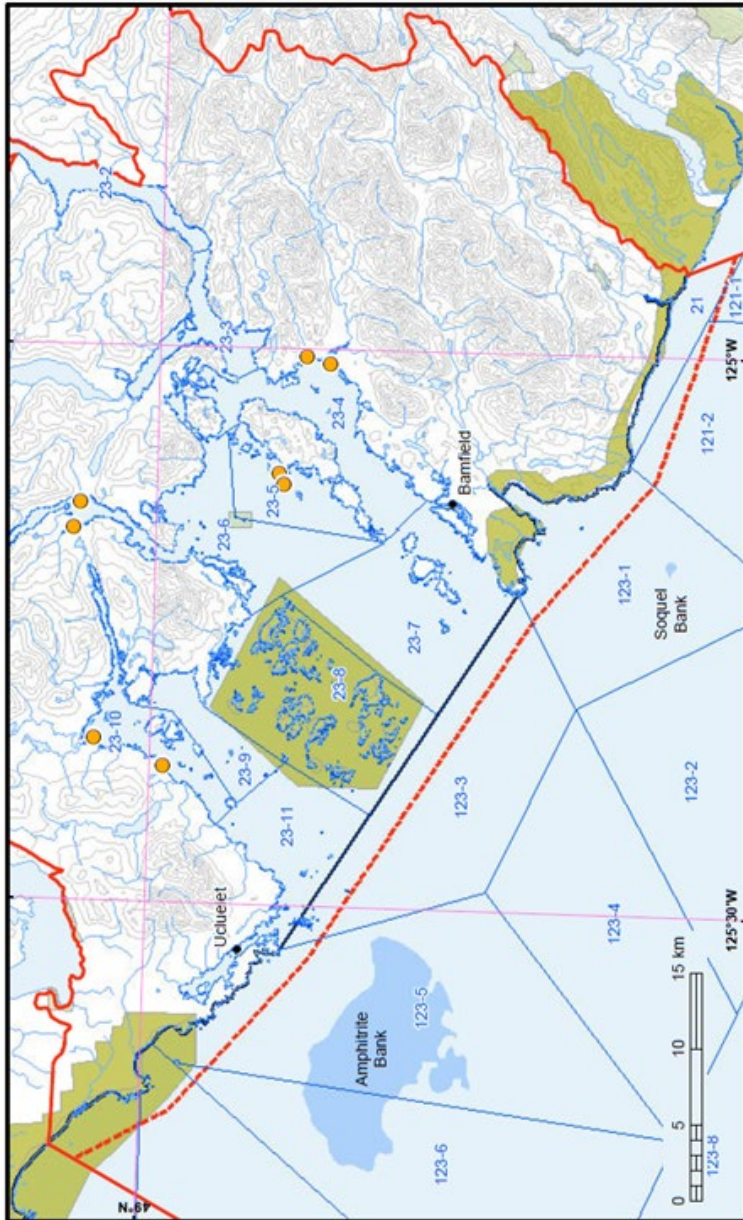
Area 26 Shellfish Harvest Areas (Orange Dots)



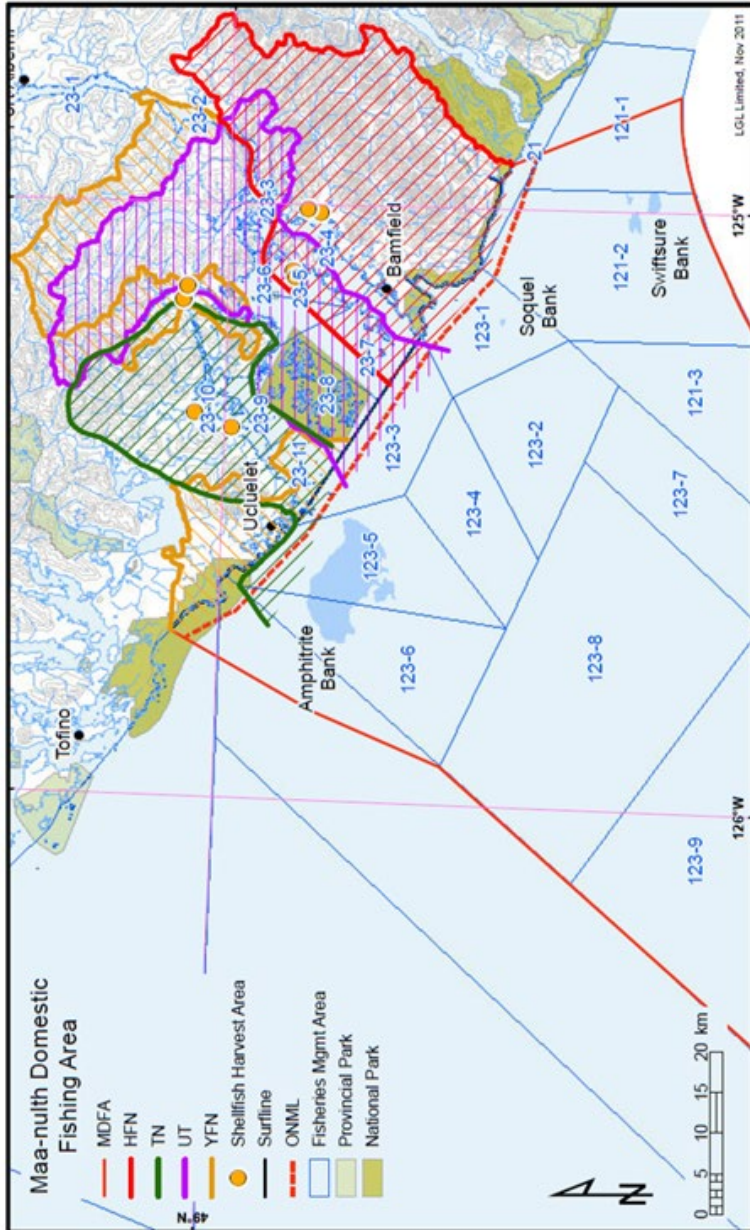
Maa-nulth Domestic Fishing Area - South



Area 23 Shellfish Harvest Areas (Orange Dots)



Southern Maa-nulth Nation Hahuulthi



GUIDE TO FILLING OUT THE WEEKLY CATCH FORM

Date: Start and End - The days that fishing occurred. Please record as Month-Day (e.g., 'June 22'.)

Sub-area # - DFO Statistical Sub-Area as on maps provided. For intertidal bivalves, record the beach name.

Seaward / Landward – Indicate if you are fishing inside or outside of the surf line / One Nautical Mile Limit (the line one nautical mile seaward of the surf line - the dashed red line on the maps). Salmon only.

Applies to sub-areas: 121-1, 121-2, 123-1, 123-3, 123-5, 123-6, 124-1, 124-3, 126-1,126-4

Gear: Type and Amount - What method you used to fish (e.g., troll, angling, gillnet, trap, hand-picking) and how much gear you used (e.g., 5 traps, 20 hooks, 100 fathoms gillnet).

Hours Fished - Hours spent fishing, gathering, or having gear set in the water. Do not include travel time to and from fishing grounds.

Species - Record species to the best of your knowledge (e.g., Coho salmon; littleneck clam; Dungeness crab). There may be several different names for some species - Use the one you know best.

Catch: Kept and Released - How much you caught and kept, and that you caught and released (e.g., female crabs, softshell crabs, undersized chinook). See 'Preferred Units & Statuses' table.

Units - e.g., pieces, pounds, kilograms.

Status - If units are in lbs. or kg, indicate what you weighed.

Comments - Add anything to clarify your report or additional information such as: adipose clipped salmon, mutations, water conditions, # of fish weighed.

Indicate if you harvested inside a **National or Provincial Park**.

PREFERRED UNITS AND STATUSES FOR EACH SPECIES		
Species	Catch Units	Status
salmon	pieces*	whole
herring, halibut, rockfish, lingcod, groundfish, sablefish	lbs or kg**	dressed head-off, dressed head-on, whole
herring roe	lbs or kg	spawn on bough or kelp
sea cucumber	lbs or kg	whole, split
crabs	pieces	-
prawns, shrimp	pieces, lbs or kg	whole, tailed
bivalves and other shellfish	pieces, lbs or kg, container and size	-
* lbs or kg acceptable ** pieces acceptable		

HALIBUT LENGTH - WEIGHT TABLE

*Converts length of whole fish to weight of dressed,
head-off fish*

Length (inches)	Weight (lbs)	Length (inches)	Weight (lbs)	Length (inches)	Weight (lbs)
20	2.3	46	34.6	72	147.7
21	2.7	47	37.1	73	154.5
22	3.2	48	39.7	74	161.5
23	3.7	49	42.5	75	168.6
24	4.2	50	45.3	76	176
25	4.8	51	48.3	77	183.7
26	5.4	52	51.5	78	191.5
27	6.2	53	54.8	79	199.6
28	6.9	54	58.2	80	207.9
29	7.8	55	61.7	81	216.4
30	8.7	56	65.4	82	225.2
31	9.6	57	69.3	83	234.2
32	10.7	58	73.3	84	243.5
33	11.8	59	77.5	85	253
34	13	60	81.8	86	262.7
35	14.3	61	86.3	87	272.8
36	15.6	62	91	88	283.1
37	17.1	63	95.9	89	293.6
38	18.6	64	100.9	90	304.4
39	20.3	65	106.1	91	315.5
40	22	66	111.5	92	326.9
41	23.8	67	117	93	338.6
42	25.8	68	122.8	94	350.5
43	27.8	69	128.7	95	362.7
44	30	70	134.9	96	375.3
45	32.2	71	141.2		

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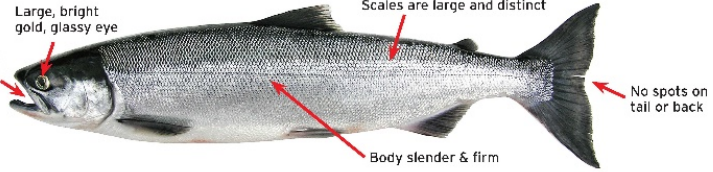
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Sockeye

Mouth is white with a white gum line

Large, bright gold, glassy eye

Scales are large and distinct

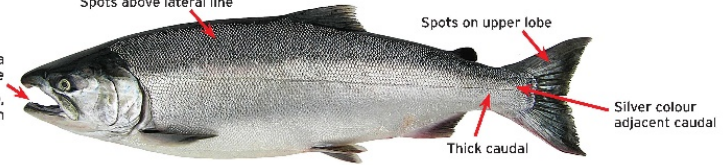


Coho

Mouth is light with a white gum line
Medium size, sharp teeth

Spots above lateral line

Spots on upper lobe

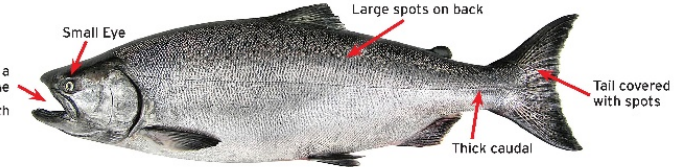


Chinook (Spring)

Mouth is dark with a black gum line
Large, sharp teeth

Small Eye

Large spots on back



Pink

Mouth is white with a black gum line
Almost toothless

Small scales

Large oval spots on both lobes of tail
No silver on tail

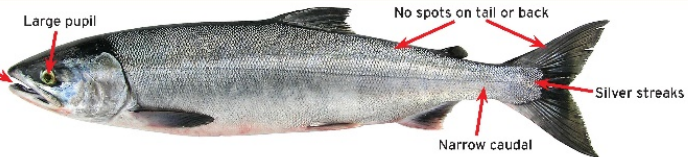


Chum

Mouth is white with a white gum line
Well developed teeth

Large pupil

No spots on tail or back



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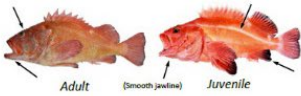
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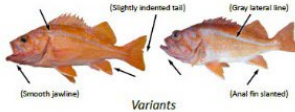
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Yelloweye Rockfish



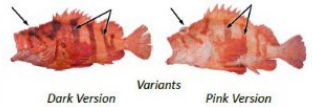
Bright yellow eye and raspy ridges above eye.
Fins usually have black edges.
Juveniles have 1 or 2 white stripes along side of body.

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.

Copper Rockfish



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

Bocaccio



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.

Quillback Rockfish



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

China Rockfish



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

Yellowtail Rockfish



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

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.

Lingcod



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

Cabezon



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

Kelp Greenling-Male



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

Kelp Greenling-Female



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