



Rockfish Identification



Common Rockfish Species Found in Alaska

Pelagic Rockfish:

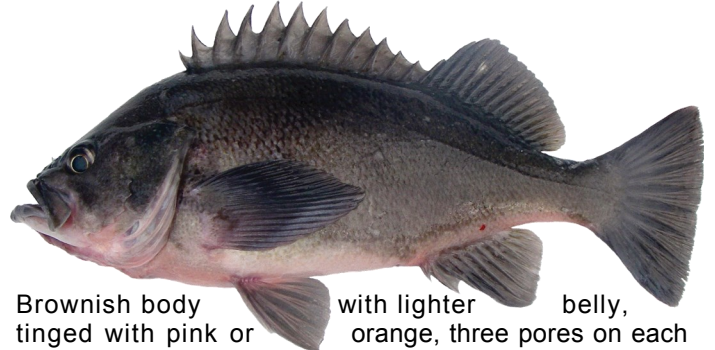
Six pelagic species of rockfish are often found mid-water in schools, close to rocky structures. These fish are moderately long-lived (most fish are 7-30 years old).

Dark Rockfish^{††}



Uniform black to dark brown body with slightly lighter belly, three pores on each side of lower jaw, sides just above anal fin darkly colored. Length to 23 inches.

Dusky Rockfish^{††}



Brownish body with lighter belly, tinged with pink or orange, three pores on each side of lower jaw, sides just above anal fin lightly colored, two dark bars on each cheek. Length to 24 inches.

Yellowtail Rockfish[†]



Olive green to greenish brown with lighter under-side; fins distinctly yellowish green. Length to 26 inches.

Widow Rockfish[†]



This is a relatively slim species in various shades of brown or brass that lighten towards the belly. Length to 23 inches.

Black Rockfish[†]



(Black Bass); Dark gray to black with white belly. Usually uniform in color, but may have lighter patches along back. No pores on lower jaw. Length to 25 inches.