

Nearshore Rockfish of California

Pursuant to California Code of Regulations Title 14, Sections 1.91(a)(1) and 28.55



Blue Rockfish

2 to 4 dark bands around front of head



Upper jaw extends to mid-eye

Slanted anal fin

Black Rockfish

Black spots on the dorsal fin membrane



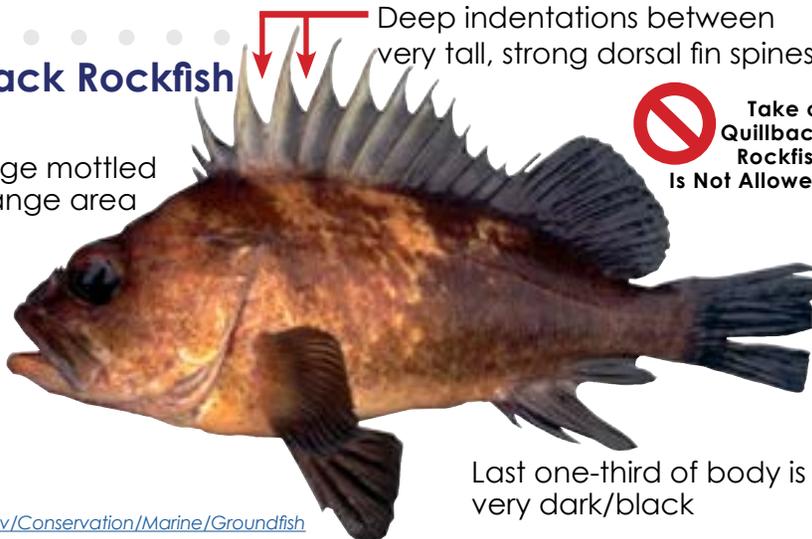
Upper jaw extends to back of eye

Rounded anal fin

Quillback Rockfish

Deep indentations between very tall, strong dorsal fin spines

Large mottled orange area



Take of Quillback Rockfish Is Not Allowed

Last one-third of body is very dark/black

5 to 6 vertical black bars



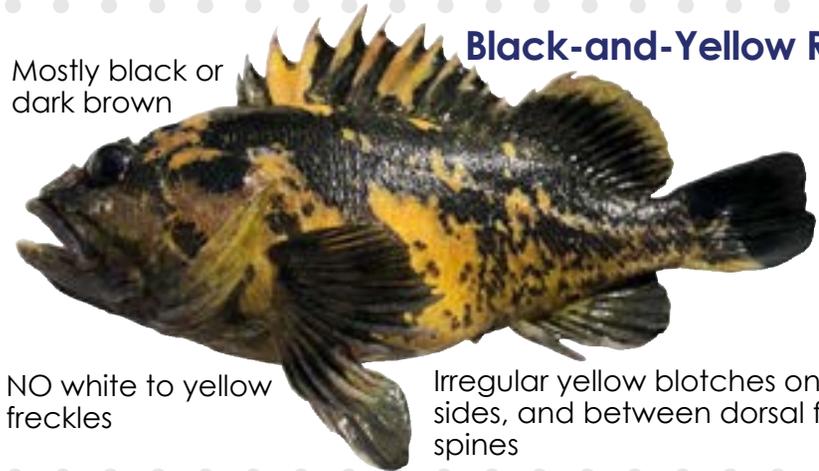
Treefish

Pink lips

Yellowish to dark olive

Mostly black or dark brown

Black-and-Yellow Rockfish

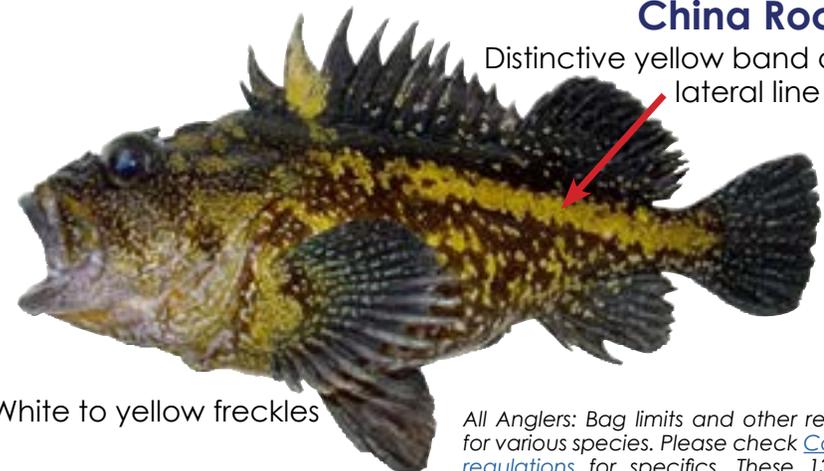


NO white to yellow freckles

Irregular yellow blotches on back, sides, and between dorsal fin spines

China Rockfish

Distinctive yellow band on lateral line



White to yellow freckles

All Anglers: Bag limits and other regulations exist for various species. Please check [California fishing regulations](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Marine/Groundfish) for specifics. These 13 species are subject to change.

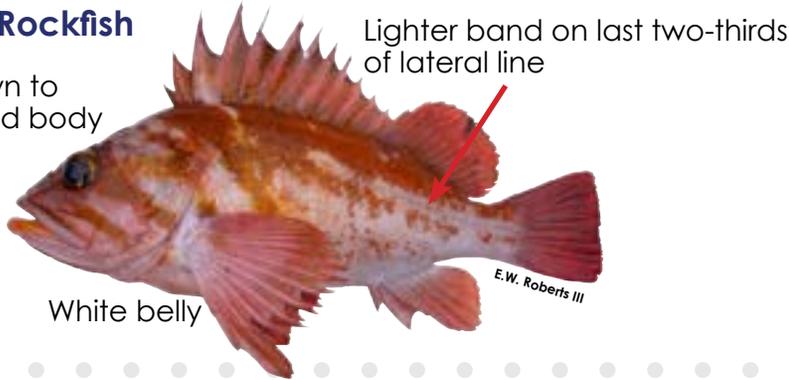
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Copper Rockfish

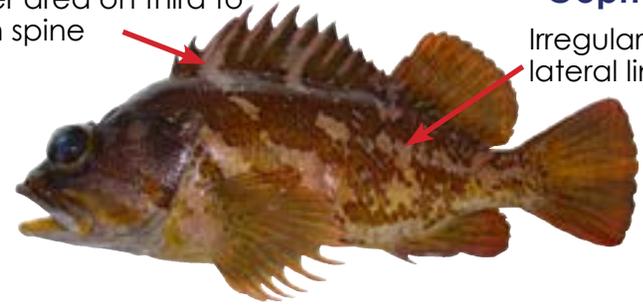
Dark brown to orange-red body



White belly

Lighter band on last two-thirds of lateral line

Lighter area on third to fourth spine



Gopher Rockfish

Irregular band on lateral line

Pink to gray blotches

Brown Rockfish

Dark spot on edge of gill cover



Fins may be pink

Underside of throat and jaw pinkish

Diagonal bands on body



Calico Rockfish

Light greenish-yellow body

Tail membranes are brown or greenish-brown

Grass Rockfish

Mottled green, black, or gray on sides



Sloping forehead

Kelp Rockfish



Light brown to greenish-brown mottling

Long (white) gill rakers on first gill arch



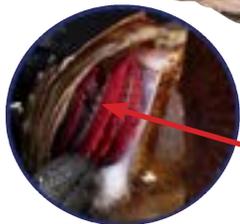
Fins are olive to bright yellow



Light olive-gray on sides

Olive Rockfish

Nine soft anal fin rays



Short (white) gill rakers on first gill arch