



Help support rockfish conservation in British Columbia

There are approximately 38 species of BC rockfish and some are susceptible to overfishing. Rockfish Conservation Areas (RCAs) help protect inshore rockfish populations in BC from fishing mortality.



These rockfish are listed as species of Special Concern under Canada's *Species at Risk Act* (SARA). Use this guide to help correctly identify them and always report your catch.

* I.D. differs by life stage, see back for details

INSHORE BENTHIC



Brown *Sebastes auriculatus*



China *Sebastes nebulosus*



Copper *Sebastes caurinus*



Quillback *Sebastes maliger*



Tiger *Sebastes nigrocinctus*

To prevent unintended or illegal rockfish catch avoid RCAs and areas with high rockfish concentrations.

your catch counts



MIDWATER



Black *Sebastes melanops*



Deacon *Sebastes diaconus*



Yellowtail *Sebastes flavidus*



Widow *Sebastes saxicola*



Bocaccio *Sebastes paucispinis* *



Silvergray *Sebastes brevispinis*



DEEP BENTHIC



Adult

Yelloweye *Sebastes reberimus* *



Juvenile



Canary *Sebastes pinnigers*



Vermillion *Sebastes miniatus*

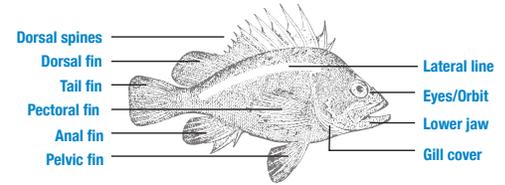


Rougheye/Blackspotted Complex
Sebastes aleutianus/melanostictus

To prevent rockfish barotrauma, release unintended catch with a descending device.

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Key I.D. features



SPECIES	MAX. LENGTH CMS	COLOUR SPECTRUM	DESCRIPTION
Brown	56		Brown/tan; pink/white Dark blotches; dark blotch on gill cover; pink to white fins
China	45		Black/blue; yellow/white Black body speckled with yellow and white; yellow 3rd dorsal fin; yellow line extends from 3rd dorsal fin
Copper	66		Olive/brown; copper/yellow Dark or light variations; 2 bands radiate from eyes; pink or yellow blotches; 2/3 lateral line is pale; dorsal fins light with dark membranes
Quillback	64		Black/brown; orange/yellow Dark freckles on head or throat; yellowish saddle markings do not extend to tail; high, deeply notched dorsal fin
Tiger	61		Red/white; black/brown Dark or light variations; ridges between eyes; 2 dark bands radiate from eyes; fins with pink to white tips; 5 dark vertical bars from dorsal fin to belly
Black	69		Blue/black Elongated body with black speckles; white or grey belly; white or grey blotches between dorsal fin and lateral line
Deacon	53		Blue/black; pink/white Dark stripes on forehead; dark speckles on sides; blue tipped pelvic fins
Yellowtail	66		Olive/green/brown Narrow, light lateral line; may have pale spots on back; fins with yellow tinge; anal fin edge almost vertical
Widow	59		Golden-brown/brown Rough ridges above eyes; small mouth; light lateral line; fins with black membranes; pectoral fin extends past pelvic fin; anal fin angles up toward tail
Bocaccio*	91		Adult: Orange/red; olive/pink with light lateral line; Juvenile: usually light bronze with speckling over sides and back; slightly concave between mouth and dorsal fin
Silvergray	71		Grey/silver; grey/pink Large mouth; dark lips; light lateral line
Yelloweye*	91		Adult: Yellow/red; Bright yellow eyes; rough ridges above eyes; fins may be black at tips Juvenile: Dark red with 2 white stripes and may have white vertical band at base of tail fin
Canary	76		Orange/yellow/grey 3 orange bands radiate from eyes; mottled orange to yellow on light grey; pale lateral line; pointed orange fins with white leading edge
Vermillion	76		Bright red/grey 3 orange bands radiate from eyes; speckled with grey; prominent vertical line; rounded pelvic and anal fins, usually with black edges

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Keep an eye out for this species of Special Concern!

Rougheye/Blackspotted Complex is often misidentified as a Shortraker Rockfish which looks similar. Living up to 140 years of age, this SARA-listed species of Special Concern is possibly the longest lived fish species on earth and it needs your protection.

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Total length: Up to 80 centimeters — that's almost 3 feet!

Unique features: 2–10 spines below the eyes and long thin gill rakers on the first gill arch

Color spectrum underwater: Pink, tan or brownish; may have brown or bronze blotches or saddles

Color spectrum above the surface: Pink or bright red with black or grey blotches.

Protect this significant species—always record and report unintended catch.

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