SLOPE ROCKFISH* FOUND OFF THE CALIFORNIA COAST

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**SLOPE ROCKFISH** Common coastwide

**SPLITNOSE ROCKFISH**
- Prominent bony knobs just below upper lip
- Top view of head
- Common coastwide

**DARKBLOTCHED ROCKFISH**
- Dark blotches on back
- Common coastwide

**BANK ROCKFISH**
- "Red Widow"
- Black speckling on back; black color in fin membranes
- Common coastwide; northern specimens lighter in color

**AURORA ROCKFISH**
- Shallow bony knobs, or none at all
- Top view of head
- Common coastwide

**BLACKGILL ROCKFISH**
- Jet-black color on gill membranes
- Common coastwide

**REDBANDED ROCKFISH**
- First bar slants BACK toward pectoral fin
- Common north of San Francisco

**PACIFIC OCEAN PERCH**
- Large knob that protrudes forward
- Vague blotches on back
- Uncommon

**SHARPCHIN ROCKFISH**
- V-shaped blotch on gill cover
- Vague blotches on back
- Common coastwide

**ROUGHEYE ROCKFISH**
- --Spiny ridge below eye; diffuse speckling on back
- --Found coastwide but very uncommon

**SHORTRAKER ROCKFISH**
- --Vague reddish-orange bars on back
- --Rare; found north of Fort Bragg

**YELLOWMOUTH ROCKFISH**
- --Yellow and black blotches inside mouth
- --Rare; found north of Fort Bragg

*Eleven fish of genus Sebastes, as defined in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Parts 600 and 660 (1/5/2001). For additional groundfish regulations or changes to existing regulations, please refer to the U.S. Federal Register or visit www.nwr.noaa.gov.