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Crabdomen ID Guide



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<p>Helmet <i>Telmessus cheiragonus</i></p>		
<p>Pygmy Rock <i>Cancer oregonensis</i></p>		
<p>Graceful Kelp <i>Pugettia gracilis</i></p>		
<p>Graceful Decorator <i>Oregonia gracilis</i></p>	 <p>fashionably decorated, often ID not possible</p>	



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Dungeness <i>Cancer magister</i>	A photograph of the dorsal view of a male Dungeness crab carapace, showing a broad, flat shape with a distinct central keel and a wide, shallow notch at the front.	A photograph of the dorsal view of a female Dungeness crab carapace, which is narrower and more rounded than the male's, with a prominent central keel.	
Lyre <i>Hyas coarctatus</i>	A photograph of the dorsal view of a male Lyre crab carapace, characterized by its extremely wide, flattened shape and a central keel that is wider than it is tall.	A photograph of the dorsal view of a female Lyre crab carapace, which is narrower and more rounded than the male's, with a central keel that is taller than it is wide.	
Tanner <i>Chionoecetes bairdi</i>	A photograph of the dorsal view of a male Tanner crab carapace, showing a broad, flat shape with a central keel and a wide, shallow notch at the front.	no image available	
Hairy <i>Hapalogaster mertensii</i>	A photograph of a hairy crab (Hapalogaster mertensii) on a dark surface. The crab is covered in long, spiky hairs and has a rounded, dome-shaped carapace.		males and females look similar, often ID not possible