









## Port Hardy Fish ID





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### Greenling Family




	<p><b>Kelp Greenling – Male</b> – Brown/bluish body base color, with baby blue spots near the front. Baby blue is for boys. Rarely sit still, always moving.</p>
	<p><b>Kelp Greenling – Female</b> – Definitely the better-looking of the two, wears her evenly spaced yellow dots and yellow fins nicely. 😊 Rarely sit still, often moving around.</p>
	<p><b>Painted Greenling</b> – 6 red bars on side, thin tapering snout, two pairs of cirri on forehead. Think of the red bars as being painted on. Usually sit still, and if disturbed, will swim a short distance and settle down again.</p>
	<p><b>Lingcod</b> – Usually found overlooking the reef on a perch. Long torpedo-shaped body, with dog print type markings. Often found with their mouths slightly open, showing their teeth.</p>

### Scorpionfish Family

	<p><b>Black Rockfish</b> – Schooling midwater fish, dark area under dorsal fin, with large light spots contained inside it.</p>
	<p><b>Yellowtail Rockfish</b> – Schooling midwater fish, often mixed in with black rockfish. Very similar to Blacks, but with yellow fins and yellow coloration on body.</p>

	<p><b>Copper Rockfish</b> – Light colored fins, light colored belly. Body can be copper red, to yellow brown, to dark brown. Look for the “copper pipe” marking halfway on the back that goes to the tail. Often hover above reef a bit with a few other Coppers.</p>
	<p><b>Quillback Rockfish</b> – Deeply notched dorsal fin, yellow and chocolate brown mixed blotches, back half of fish (including back dorsal and the anal fin) are completely dark. Think of dipping the quill pen into the dark ink well on the back. Will hover above the rocks and boulders a little bit.</p>
	<p><b>China Rockfish</b> – Black speckled body, with bright yellow undertones. Look for the Nike swoosh (from dorsal to tail) – and Nikes are made in China. Solitary on reef, sitting in cracks and under boulders.</p>
	<p><b>Tiger Rockfish</b> – Tiger ‘stripes’ (which are really called BARS in fish geek language). Shy, solitary on the reef, often retreat when you shine a light on them or get near.</p>

## ***Sculpin Family***

	<p><b>Longfin Sculpin</b> – Very common, small (2-4”) and found on rocks and boulders. Torpedo shaped, look for the LONG yellow anal fin. Confucius say: White lines on chin, Longfin Sculpin.</p>
	<p><b>Scalyhead Sculpin</b> – Also very common small Sculpin. Look for the large white dot at the base of the tail, and teeny cirri on the head.</p>
	<p><b>Red Irish Lord</b> – shine light on this larger Sculpin (8” or so) to see shades of red, pink, maroon, etc. Look for the mustache on the lord, and the row of scales that go around the dorsal fin, the ‘cape’ that the lord wears.</p>