










California Lookalikes

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Black 'n' Blue	
	<p>Blue Rockfish – Worry lines on forehead, tear streaks from crying because he's feeling "Blue". Bluish color, sharp angled anal fin.</p>
	<p>Black Rockfish – Smooth forehead with no lines, dark area under dorsal fin with light colored blotches. Black on silver background.</p>
The Three Amigos	
	<p>Gopher Rockfish - White "Gopher" hole on dorsal. White mark on front of dorsal fin that spreads onto body. All white markings have distinct edges to them. Fins have yellow/brown color to them. Mottled down to belly.</p>
	<p>Copper Rockfish – Thick white line along lateral line that goes mid-body to tail. Fins are light colored, belly is white. White markings don't have distinct edges. "Copper" tubing halfway back. Thick white line. Light underbelly.</p>
	<p>Black and Yellow Rockfish - Not common, look for Black and Yellow spots, and pattern on tail.</p>
Step up to the Bar	
	<p>Pile Perch – "Dock piling" on back doesn't go all the way to its belly. Deeply forked tail. White dot where pile meets dorsal fin.</p>
	<p>Sargo – SoCal fish. Backwards S shape on gill. Black bar is tallest part of fish. Dark and well defined bar.</p>

	<p>Rubberlip Perch – Large lips, botox injections. Similar to Pile perch, but tail not forked. Wider bodied. Bar can be very faint.</p>
<p>Those Stripey Guys</p>	
	<p>Black Perch – Thin, dark bars, black moustache, blue lining to anal fin, large scales near pectoral fin.</p>
	<p>Rainbow Perch – Bars look like drips from the Sherman-Williams paint sign, fatter at the top, thinner at the bottom, and not going all the way down. Iridescent colors. Flat underbelly, bright blue trim on ventral fins.</p>
	<p>Zebra Perch – SoCal fish. Thick bodied fish with many black bars on sides. White underbelly. Seachub family.</p>
<p>Pesky, Rotten, Good-for-Nothing, Little dudes</p>	
	<p>Coralline Sculpin – Longer snout, large lips, flattened cirri.</p>
	<p>Snubnose Sculpin – Blunt snout, large rough scales on back.</p>
	<p>Scalyhead Sculpin – Cirri on forehead. Several cirri at mouth. White dot at base of tail.</p>