



Guide to nearshore fish of Kachemak Bay

(some selected species)



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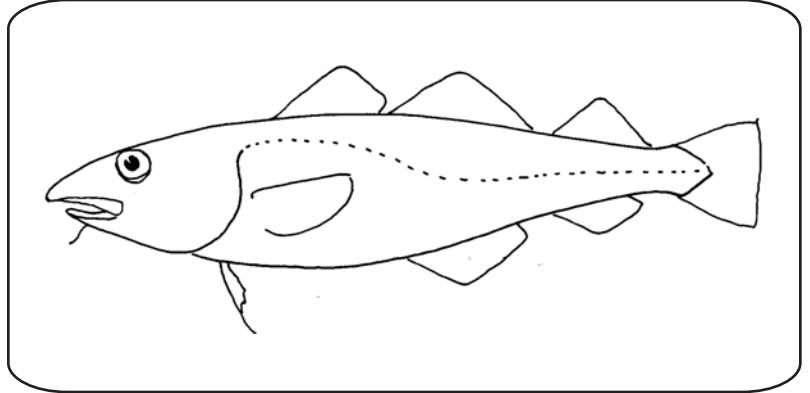
Gadus macrocephalus

3 dorsal fins. 2 anal fins.

Nose sticks out further than lower jaw.

Barbel as long as entire eye is wide.

Length up to 39 inches.



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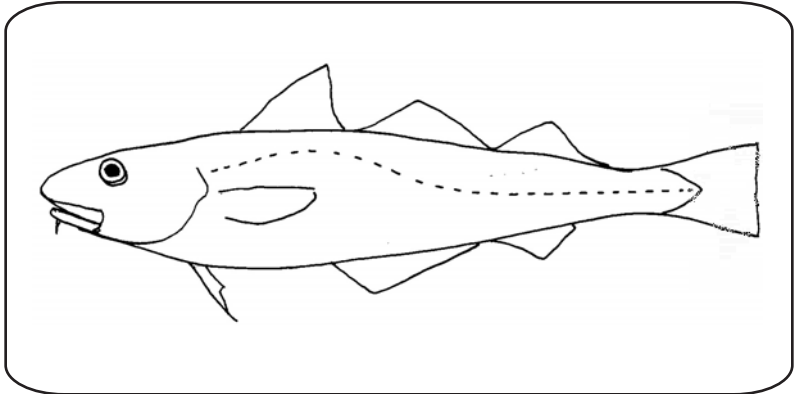
Microgadus proximus

3 dorsal fins. 2 anal fins.

Nose sticks out further than lower jaw.

Barbel as long as eye pupil is wide.

Length up to 12 inches.



GREENLINGS

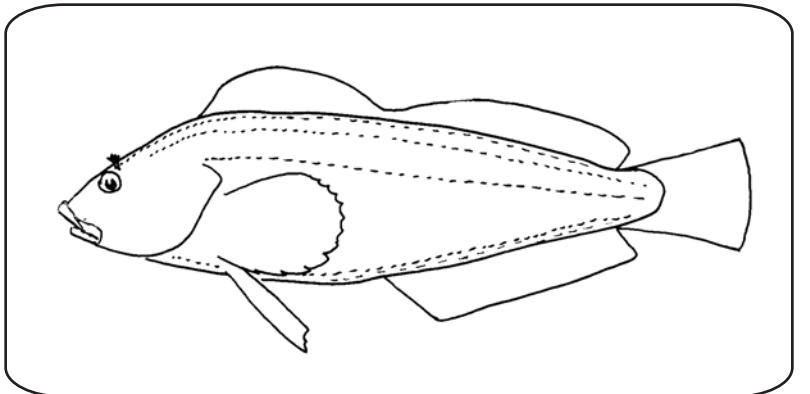
Hexagrammidae family

1 long dorsal fin with a notch midway.

Large round pectoral fins. 1 anal fin.

5 lateral lines. Length up to 24".

Can be very colorful, red or blue spots.



SNAILFISH

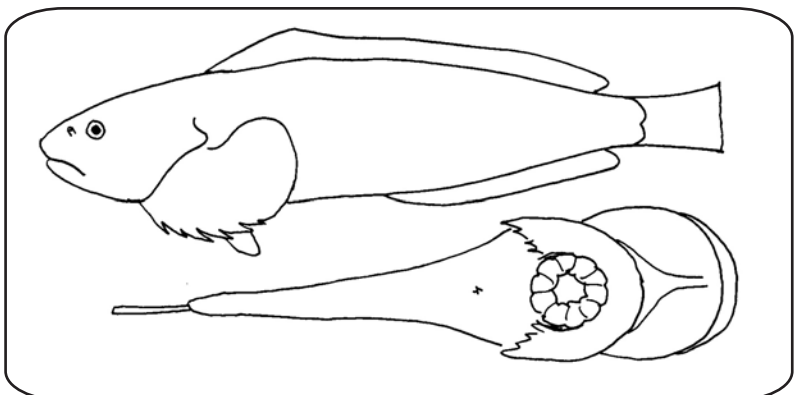
Clycpteridae family

Disc on belly like a suction cup.

Short, stout body tapers to small tail.

No scales or lateral line.

Length up to 12 inches.





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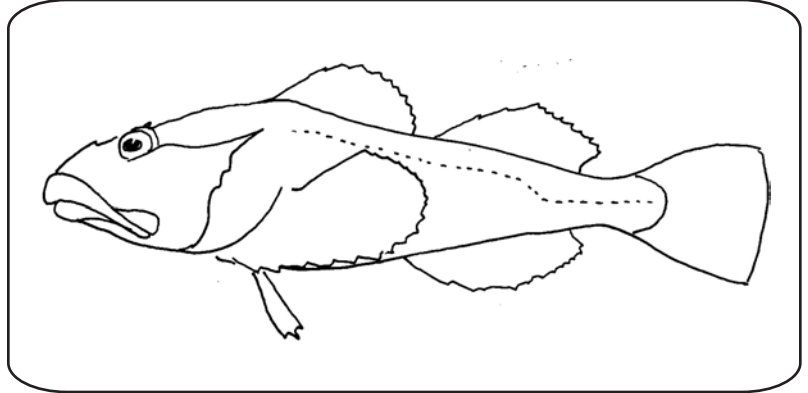
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GREAT SCULPIN

Myoxocephalus polyacanthocephalus

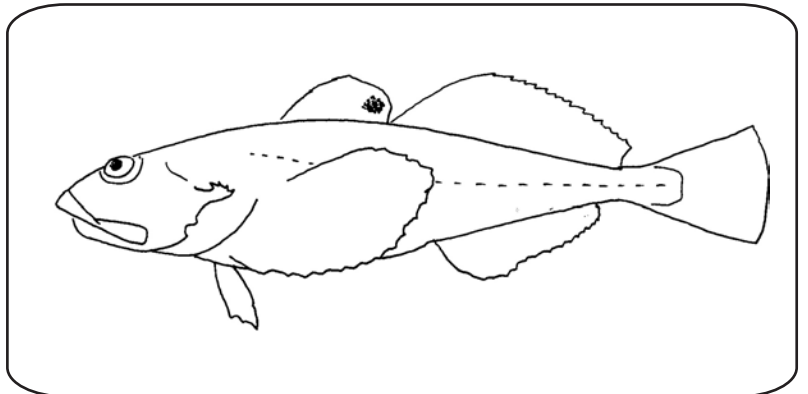
Large head and mouth. 2 dorsal fins.
Large, straight spines on side of head.
Length up to 30 inches.
* There are many different sculpin.



PACIFIC STAGHORN SCULPIN

Leptocottus armatus

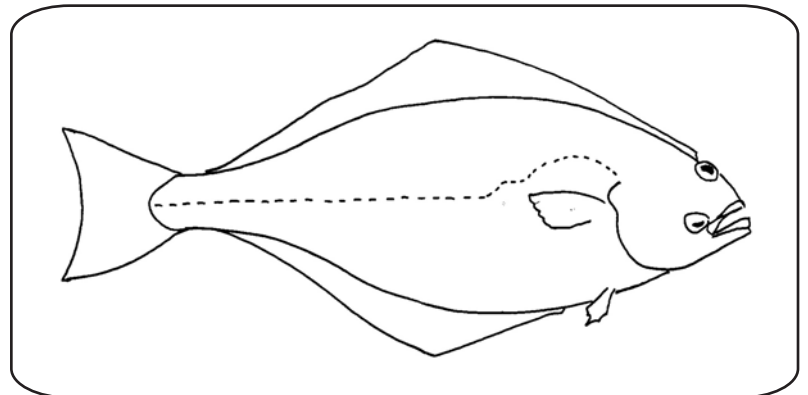
Large head and mouth. No scales.
Antlerlike spines on head.
2 dorsal fins. Black spot on first dorsal.
Length up to 18 inches.



PACIFIC HALIBUT

Hippoglossus stenolepis

Dark on top, clean white on bottom.
Tail slightly forked or crescent-shaped.
Lateral line arched.
* There are many different flounders.



STARRY FLOUNDER

Platichthys stellatus

Dark on top, creamy white on bottom.
Very rough skin.
Dark colored bands on fins.
Spine hidden near anus.

