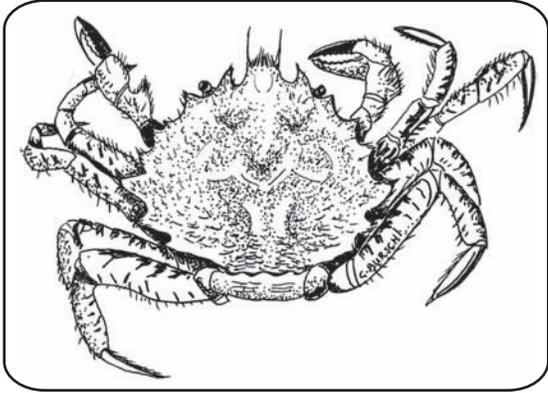




Crab identification guide

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Helmet or horse crab

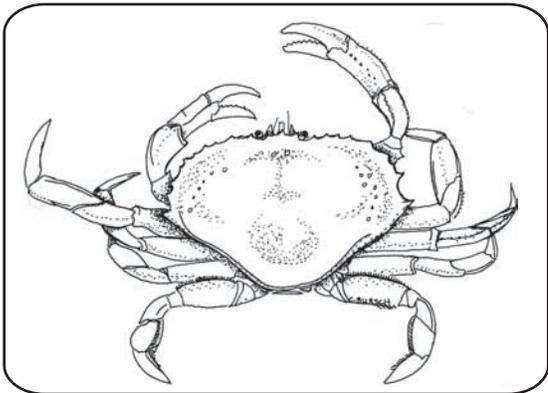
Telmessus cheiragonus

Six large jagged teeth on each side of the carapace

Entire body covered with stiff bristly hairs

Frontal area protrudes past eyes

Up to 10 cm across carapace



Dungeness crab

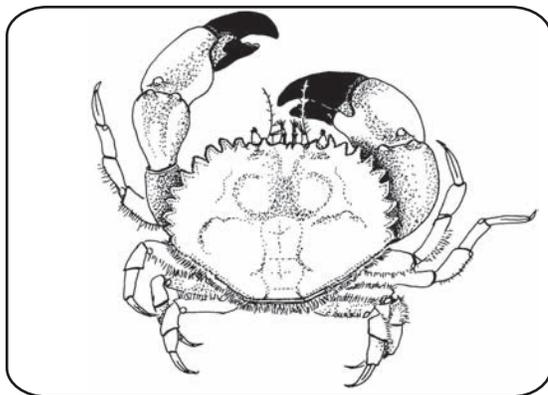
Cancer magister

Broadly oval, uneven carapace with ten teeth, widest at the 10th and final tooth

Narrow frontal area with five unequal teeth

Light-colored leg tips

Up to 25 cm across carapace



Pygmy cancer crab

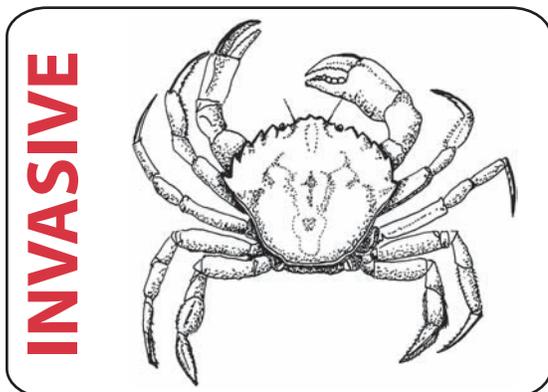
Cancer oregonensis

Large claws, tips black

Carapace nearly circular in outline, widest at 7th or 8th tooth

Legs very hairy

Up to 3.8 cm across carapace



European green crab

Carcinus maenas

Five teeth on each side of the carapace

Three rounded lobes between eyes

May or may not be green in color



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