

CRABDOMEN GUIDE

Individual abdomens can vary in shape and color, but this guide covers the typical shape associated with each sex.

SHORE CRABS

Q Female



Purple Shore Crab - HENU (Hemigrapsus nudus) HAIRY SHORE CRAB - HEOR (Hemigrapsus oregonensis)

JUVENILE FEMALE VS. FEMINIZED MALE











Immature female

Prepuberty *female* Record these crabs by their true sex

Feminized male

OTHER CRABS

Q Female

Male

Q Female

Male

EUROPEAN GREEN CRAB - CAMA Carcinus maenas











DUNGENESS CRAB - MEMA Cancer (Metacarcinus) magister





GRACEFUL CRAB - MEGR Cancer (Metacarcinus) gracilis





HAIRY HELMET CRAB - TECH Telmessus cheiragonus





SPIDER CRABS - SPID Multiple species grouped from the family Majidae



