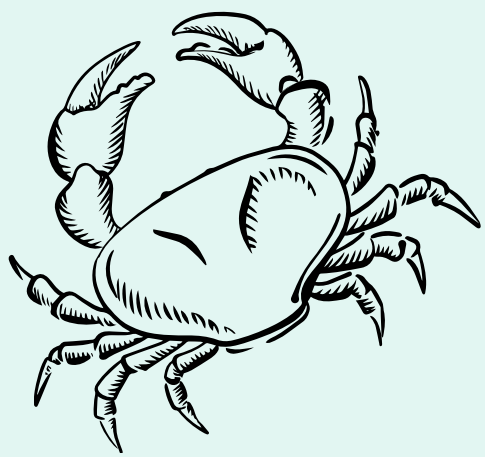


Decapods

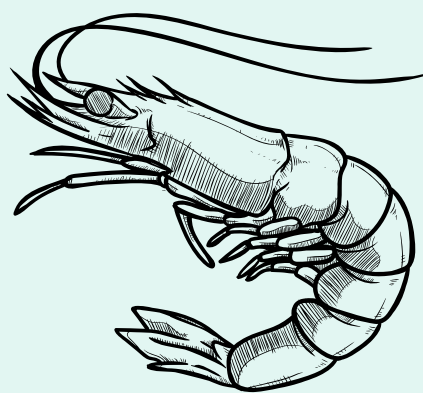
The Pacific Northwest is home to hundreds of species of decapods. Decapods are an order of crustaceans which includes crayfish, crabs, lobsters, prawns, and shrimp. Decapod means "ten footed", but members of this group can have up to 38 appendages. Most decapods are scavengers and crabs account for over half of all described species.



True Crabs

Crabs are found in all the world's oceans, in fresh water, and on land.

They are generally covered with a thick exoskeleton, have a very short projecting tail and have a single pair of pincers.



Shrimp

Shrimp have elongated bodies and short legs. There are thousands of species adapted to a wide range of habitats.

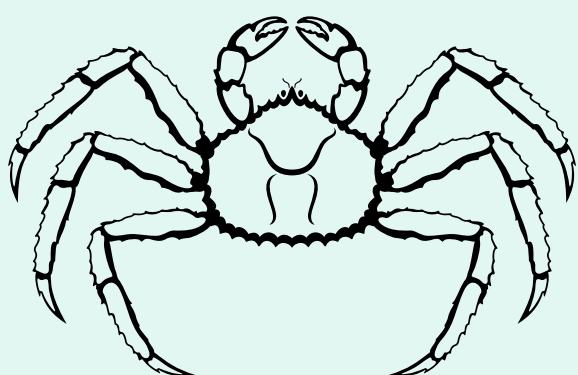
They primarily swim, and only use their legs to perch on top of rock and algae.



Hermit Crabs

Hermit crabs are not true crabs but rather Anomura.

They are specially adapted to occupy empty scavenged mollusk shells to protect their fragile exoskeletons.



King Crabs

King crabs are not true crabs in the family Lithodidae.

They are primarily found living in cold water and are a commonly fished species.