

IF YOU CATCH AN AMERICAN LOBSTER... RETAIN & REPORT

AMERICAN LOBSTER

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES

EUROPEAN LOBSTER



Location:
Underside claw
Distinctions:
Orange-red



Location:
Head
Distinctions:
Spines tipped red
Ventral tooth present



Location:
Back & neck
Distinctions:
Larger, orange, reddish,
dark green or black
speckles



Location:
Underside claw
Distinctions:
Cream



Location:
Head
Distinctions:
Spines tipped white
No ventral tooth



Location:
Back & neck
Distinctions:
Smaller, blue to
dark blue

Occasionally American lobsters find their way into our waters. This poses a risk of disease, outcompeting and interbreeding.

Please keep all potential American lobsters or hybrids and report them asap.

Report to your local Marine Scotland Compliance Fishery Office or the UK Fisheries Monitoring Centre on 0131 271 9700 (operational 24/7) or email UKFMC@gov.scot