

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

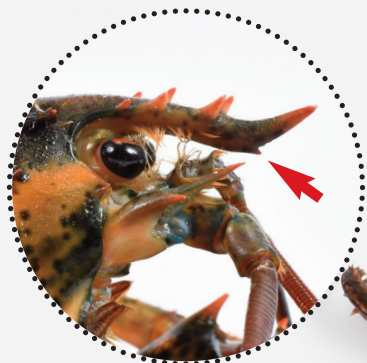
## AMERICAN LOBSTER

## 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.**



For more information including IFCA & MMO contact details

**Report to your local IFCA or MMO fisheries officers**

