

# ***Tidepool Sculpin***



## **INVERTEBRATE**

*Oligocottus maculosus*

*diet: ambush predator - worms, shrimp and other crustaceans*

*size: about 9cm (3-4 in) long*

*Habitat: Found in all tide pools at Haystack Rock and Needles but highly camouflaged with their coloration.*

*Watch how fast these fish swim away as you approach the tidepool. Sculpins lack scales but have spines to help protect them. Typically live about 5 years.*

***Fun Fact: they have an amazing sense of smell and can return to their “home” tidepool if trapped away from it.***