

ALASKA SHELLFISH



Blue mussel

Fragile black/blue shell,
Long and thin pointed at hinge
Attached to a hard surface



Razor clam

Long oval fragile shells
Unable to close shells



Butter clam

Often heavy thick shell,
Only circular grooves
on shell surface



Pinkneck clam (Surf clam)

Can be very large, thick heavy shell,
Brownish/olive colored shell layer that
is partially eroded, pink neck (siphon)



Pacific littleneck clam

Shape similar to butter clam,
Often smaller, has two types of
grooves on the shell surface (circular
and radial) forming a cross etched pattern



Heart cockle

Two types of grooved on
shell surface (shallow circular
and deep radial gooves
Often found surface of beach