

## Tunicate (solitary) - *Boltenia villosa*

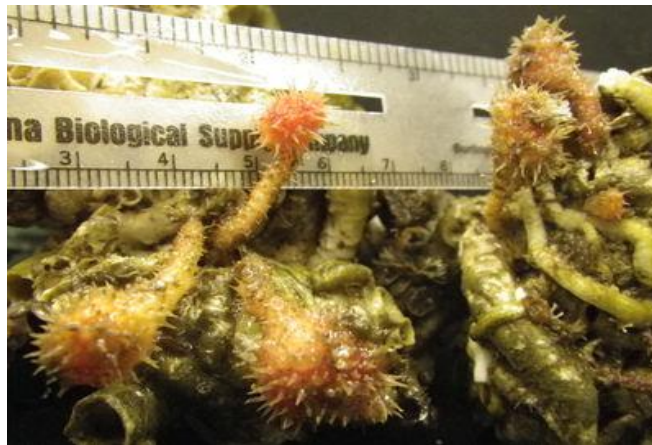
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	Small, solitary tunicate with stalked, hairy body. The stalk can be long relative to size of tunicate.
<b>RANGE</b>	Alaska to California
<b>SIZE</b>	Up to 3 cm wide and 10 cm long
<b>STATUS</b>	Native
<b>COLOR</b>	Orange, red or brown and aperators often red
<b>HABITAT</b>	Among colonies of tubeworms that grow on submerged man-made structures or hard substrates.
<b>TIDAL HEIGHT</b>	Lower intertidal to 100 m subtidal.
<b>SALINITY</b>	15.2 to 33.3 ppt (Homer & Seldovia harbor range)
<b>TEMPERATURE</b>	neg 2.3 to 14.9 C (Homer & Seldovia harbor range)
<b>SIMILAR SPECIES</b>	<i>Halocynthia igaboja</i> , but the latter is not stalked, is more densely covered with long spines and can get quite large. Another species of the genus, <i>B. ovifera</i> which is stalked but does not have the spiny tunic, is circumpolar and may be in Alaska but we have no records at present.



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