

*Metapenaeopsis goodei* (Smith, 1885)  
Velvet Shrimp

Order Decapoda  
Suborder Dendrobranchiata  
Family Penaeidae

References used: Williams (1984), Abele and Kim (1986)

**Diagnostic characters:** Rostrum with teeth on dorsal margin only; telson tridentate, fixed spine on each side of tip; carapace without transverse or longitudinal sutures; thelycum of female with median plate lacking marginal and coiled strips, anterior part of median plate long; petasma of male with distoventral projection simple, cleft into 2 unequal lobes, right lobe noticeably larger than left; body pubescent, white, mottled with red.

**Habitat:** Found over a variety of bottom types from surface to 329 meters.

**Range:** North Carolina through Florida Straits and eastern Gulf of Mexico; Bermuda; Caribbean; South American coast to Brazil.

**Remarks:** Distinguished from *Parapenaeus* by lack of transverse and longitudinal sutures on carapace.

