

Parapenaeus politus Smith, 1881
Rose Shrimp

Order Decapoda
Suborder Dendrobranchiata
Family Penaeidae

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

Diagnostic characters: Integument smooth, not setose; carapace with low carina extending almost to posterior margin and bearing epigastric spine some distance behind rostrum; rostrum arched, dorsal margin usually with 7 teeth, ventral margin heavily ciliated; branchiostegal spine present behind anterior margin of carapace; rostrum increasing in length with variable development of unarmed tip in older shrimp.

Habitat: Soft mud or muddy sand bottoms from 27 to 330 meters or more.

Range: Massachusetts through Gulf of Mexico to Venezuela.



Smooth carapace,
no setae

Red tipped tails