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