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So how does a lobster turn bright blue?

A genetic defect has been found that causes a blue lobster to produce an excessive amount of p...

It has been suggested that more than 'one in a million' lobsters born are blue, but many do not.

The blue lobster is truly another gift from Mother Nature that most people never see. Many pro...

Taxonomy of Homarus americanus:

Kingdom: Animalia

Phylum: Arthropoda

Class: Crustacea

Order: Decapoda

Suborder: Macrura reptantia

Family: Nephrodidae

Genus: Homarus

Species: americanus

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