

MARINE MAMMAL WORKSHEET

Answer the following questions about marine mammals during your trip to the Marine Mammal Center.

1. Name 3 differences between Seals and Sea Lions. Complete the following chart on seals and sea lions.

2. What are the major diseases contracted by California sea lions in this area? Is this in any way caused by human impact?

3. What is the busiest season at CMMC and Why?

4. Examine the skeletons in the Visitor Center. Are there any similarities between the sea lion skeleton and a human skeleton? What word(s) can you use to describe/explain this similarity?

5. What should you do if you spot a marine mammal on the beach?

6. Write a paragraph on whether you think a place like the CMMC should exist. Are we only saving animals, which were meant to die through natural selection? Or is this interference justified? Support your answer with facts learned on your visit.

SEALS VS. SEA LIONS: A COMPARISON