



## Reading Handout: Animal Tales



### **RING-BILLED GULL**

*Larus delawarensis*

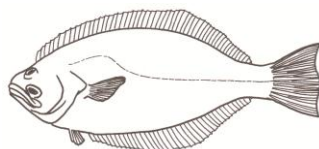
I am a scavenger. I look for food in the piles of seaweed and shells that wash up on the beach by the tides. If I can, I will eat food that has already been caught by someone or something else. I also like to eat fish eggs, which are round and clear.



### **CALIFORNIA SEA LION**

*Zalophus californianus*

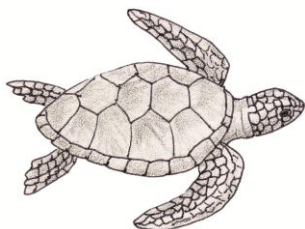
I like to splash in the water and I am curious about new things. I always investigate floating objects on the surface of the ocean. My nose is perfect for poking into things, but sometimes it can get stuck.



### **CALIFORNIA HALIBUT**

*Paralichthys californicus*

I live on the bottom of the ocean and camouflage with the sandy bottom. If a lot of smaller, silvery fish gather above me, I may swim up closer to see if I can eat them for lunch.



### **GREEN SEA TURTLE**

*Chelonia mydas*

I am a turtle that lives in the ocean. One of my favorite foods are sea jellies (jellyfish). Jellies float near the surface of the water and you can see right through them!



### **PACIFIC ROCK CRAB**

*Romaleon antennarius*

I walk along the bottom of the ocean searching for food. Sometimes I find a meal inside a wooden crate resting on the ocean floor, but once I get into the crate, I cannot get out again.