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Worksheet: How Harmful Is It?

Instructions: Decide how harmful each type of marine debris would be if it came into contact with the animals, people, vessels and habitats listed below. Write the number that best reflects your opinion in the appropriate box. (For example, if you think fishing line would be very harmful to a seal, write the number “3” in the spaced provided.) When you have completed the chart, calculate the subtotals for each type of debris. Then calculate the grand totals at the bottom of the page.

- 1 = rarely or never harmful
- 2 = sometimes harmful
- 3 = very harmful

Animal	Fishing Line	Paper Cup	Lobster Trap	Six-Pack Ring	Nurdles	Plastic Bag	Broken Glass Bottle	Lost Fishing Net
Crab or Lobster								
Fish								
Sea turtle								
Gull								
Seal								
Subtotal								

People	Fishing Line	Paper Cup	Lobster Trap	Six-Pack Ring	Nurdles	Plastic Bag	Broken Glass Bottle	Lost Fishing Net
Beachgoer								
Boater								
Scuba Diver								
Fisherman								
Subtotal								

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Vessels	Fishing Line	Paper Cup	Lobster Trap	Six-Pack Ring	Nurdles	Plastic Bag	Broken Glass Bottle	Lost Fishing Net
Motor Boat								
Kayak								
Jet Ski								
Sailboat								
Subtotal								

Natural Enviroments	Fishing Line	Paper Cup	Lobster Trap	Six-Pack Ring	Nurdles	Plastic Bag	Broken Glass Bottle	Lost Fishing Net
Sandy Beach								
Kelp Forest								
Mussel Bed								
Open Ocean								
Salt Marsh								
Subtotal								

GRAND TOTAL								
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