**CORALS:**

**WARM WATER VS. COLD WATER**
Most people associate corals with warm, tropical waters—but did you know that a stunning variety of corals live off the coast in the decidedly chilly waters of the Pacific Northwest?

### Warm-water corals:
- Build reefs
- Most species need clear water so light can reach the photosynthetic algae that provide nourishment
- Live closer to the surface
- Require water temperature of more than 64 degrees F

### Cold-water corals:
- Generally do not build reefs
- Do not need sunlight to survive; they feed on plankton and organic particles
- Are found at depths ranging from 10 feet to over 6,000 feet
- Live in temperatures as low as 39 degrees

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**You can see both warm—and cold-water corals at the Seattle Aquarium!**