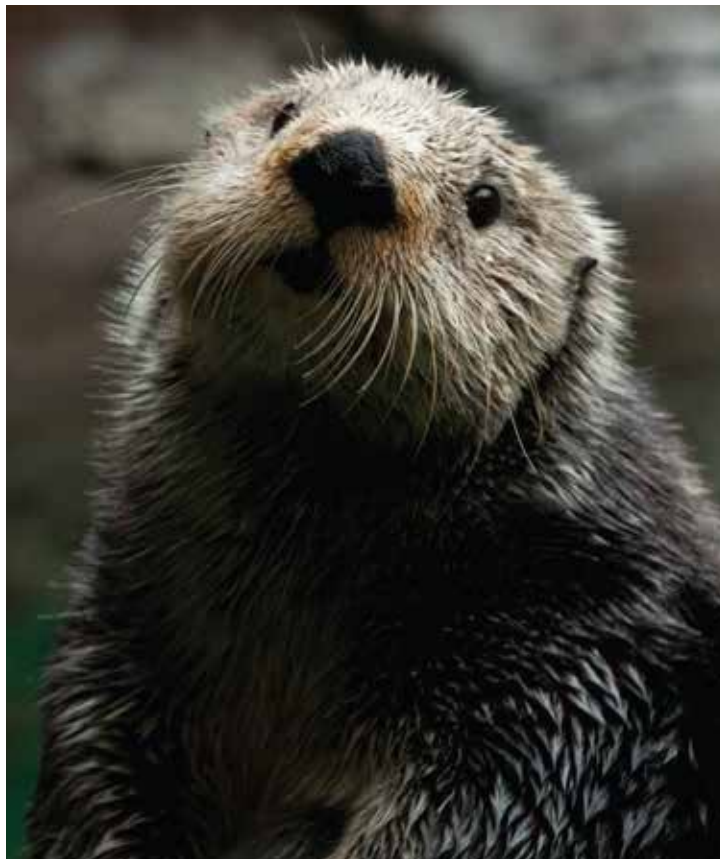


# Is it a **river otter** or a **sea otter**?

## River otters and sea otters

belong to the weasel family and may be found living in the same habitat. Use these clues to help you decide:

River otter	vs.	Sea otter
10–30 lbs.	<b>WEIGHT</b>	50–100 lbs.
Rounded	<b>TAIL</b>	Flattened
Uniform front and rear feet	<b>FEET</b>	Rear feet are modified flippers
On stomach	<b>SWIMS</b>	On back
Salt or freshwater	<b>HABITAT</b>	Only in salt water
On shore in dens	<b>RESTS</b>	In water near kelp beds



# Is it a **river otter** or a **sea otter**?

**River otters and sea otters** belong to the weasel family and may be found living in the same habitat. Use these clues to help you decide:

## River otter

**WEIGHT:** 10–30 lbs.

**TAIL:** Rounded

**FEET:** Uniform front and rear feet

**SWIMS:** On stomach

**HABITAT:** Salt or freshwater

**RESTS:** On shore in dens

## Sea otter

**WEIGHT:** 50–100 lbs.

**TAIL:** Flattened

**FEET:** Rear feet are modified flippers

**SWIMS:** On back

**HABITAT:** Only in salt water

**RESTS:** In water near kelp beds

