

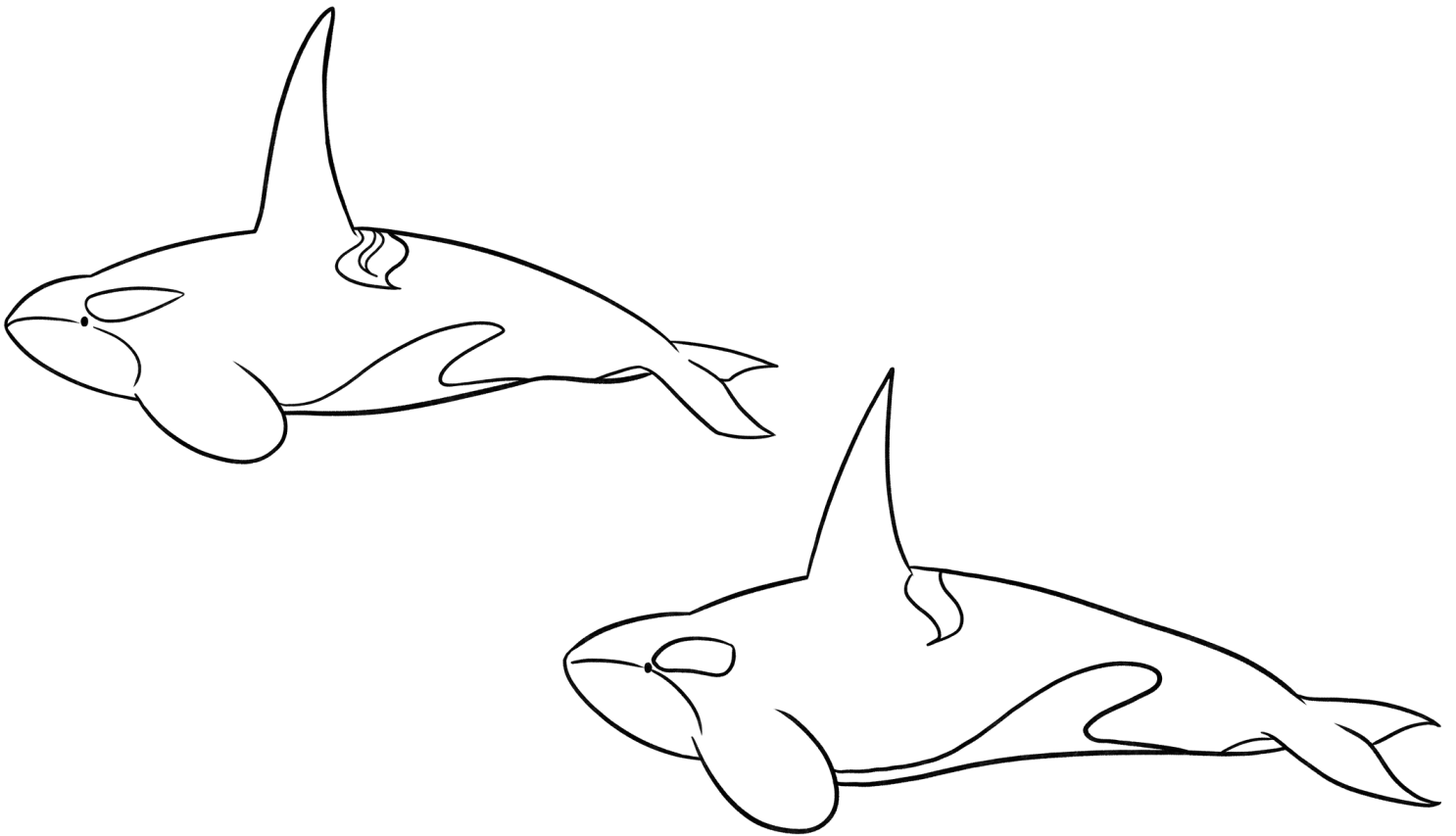
**The Southern Resident
Killer Whale
Activity Booklet!**



Spot the Difference!

Killer whales, also known as orcas, have patterns on their bodies behind their dorsal fins called “saddle patches”. Like our fingerprints, every killer whale's saddle patch as well as its dorsal fin is special. It is extremely helpful in identifying who is who!

Circle the differences between both killer whales!

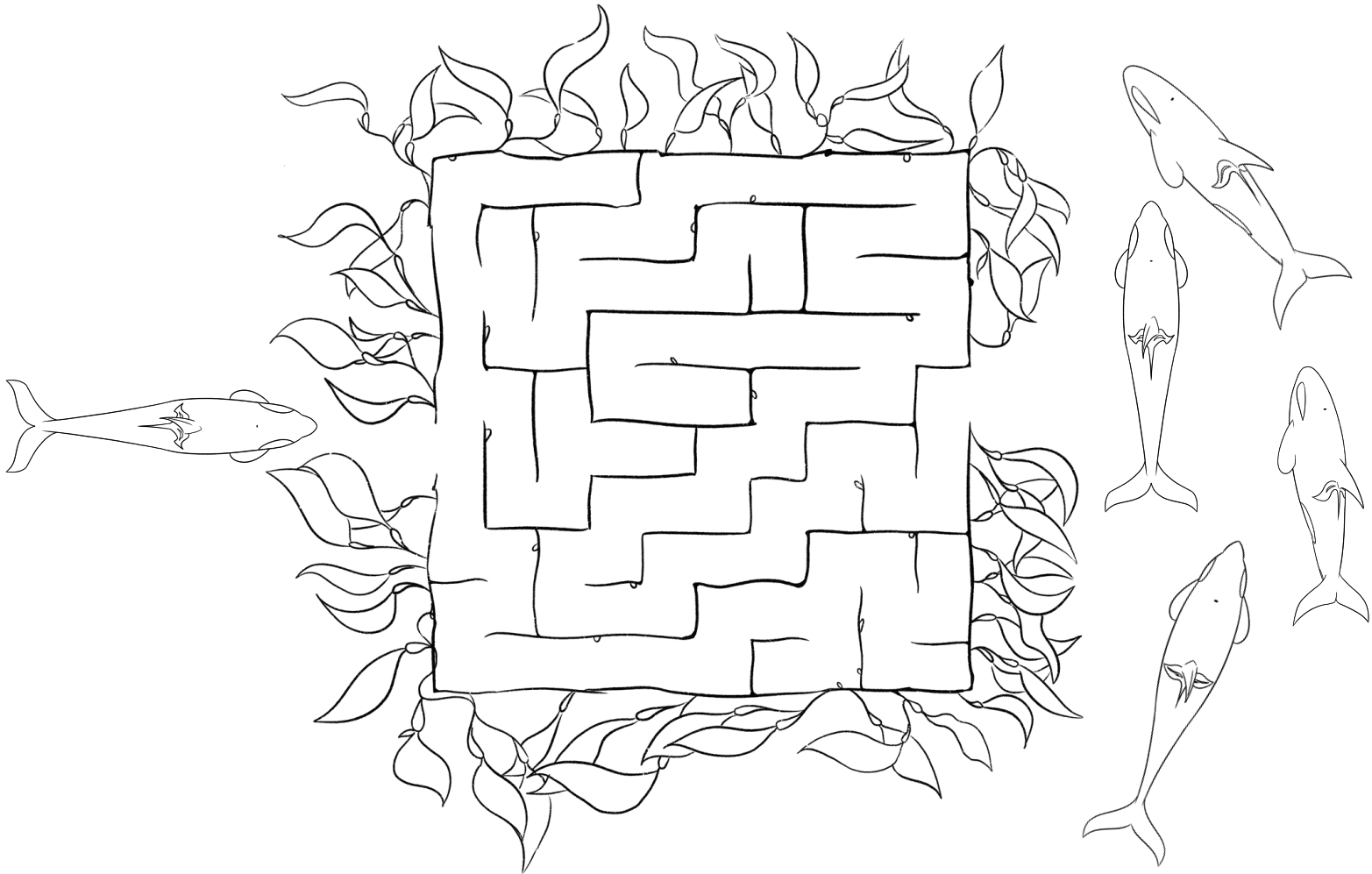


Did You Know?

There are many ecotypes of killer whales all around the world. One population, the Southern Resident killer whale, is extremely endangered. This ecotype spends most of its time in the oceans of Washington, Oregon, and California. Being able to tell the difference between each killer whale is crucial to helping their population thrive!

Suttles' Maze

Suttles the Orca wants to rejoin her pod, but a maze of kelp stands in her way! Draw a way out for her through the kelp forest.

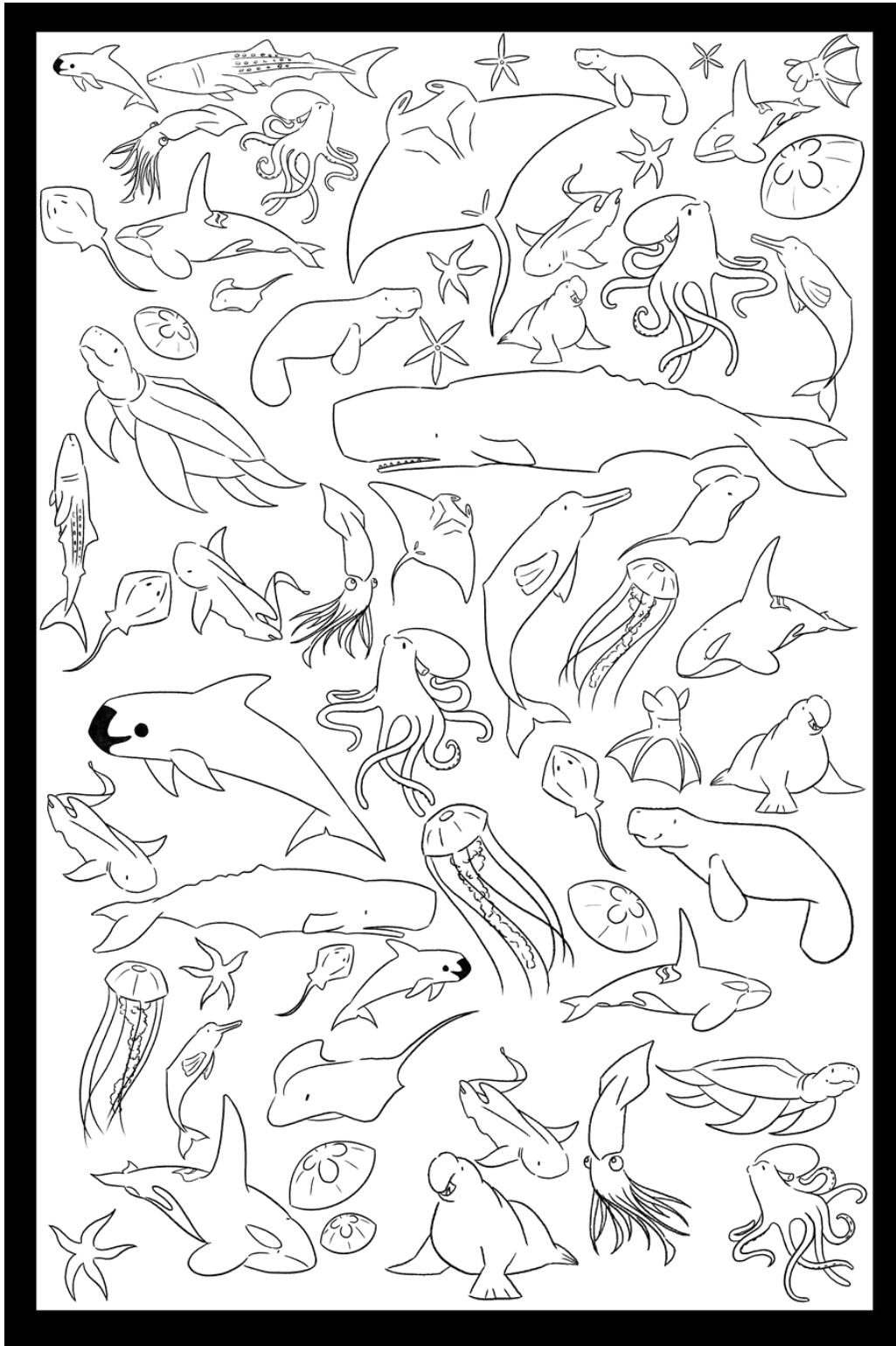


Did You Know?

Southern Resident killer whales are having trouble thriving due to human activities, such as overfishing, pollution, climate change, and loud boats. These killer whales eat Chinook salmon, so when their food is taken, their population decreases. Plus, boats swimming by are too loud for them to hunt, and pollution is causing illness.

I Spy With My Little Eye...

How many Southern Resident killer whales can you spot?

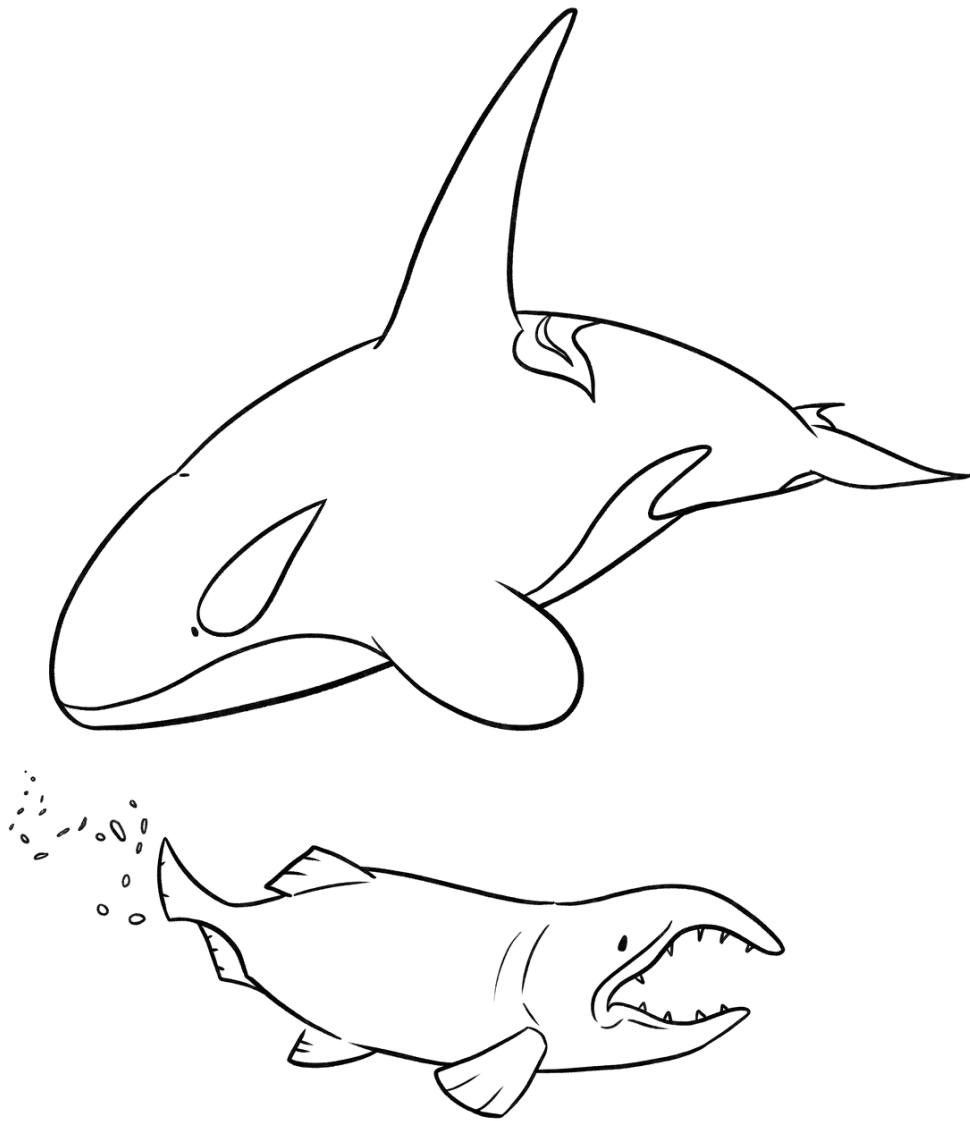


Did You Know?

Resident Orcas love to play in kelp! This is called "kelping".

A Delicious Meal

Different populations of killer whales eat different things depending on where they live. Some eat marine mammals, sharks, or fish. For Southern Resident killer whales, they eat fish; specifically, Chinook salmon. However, Chinook salmon are endangered, just like Southern Resident killer whales.



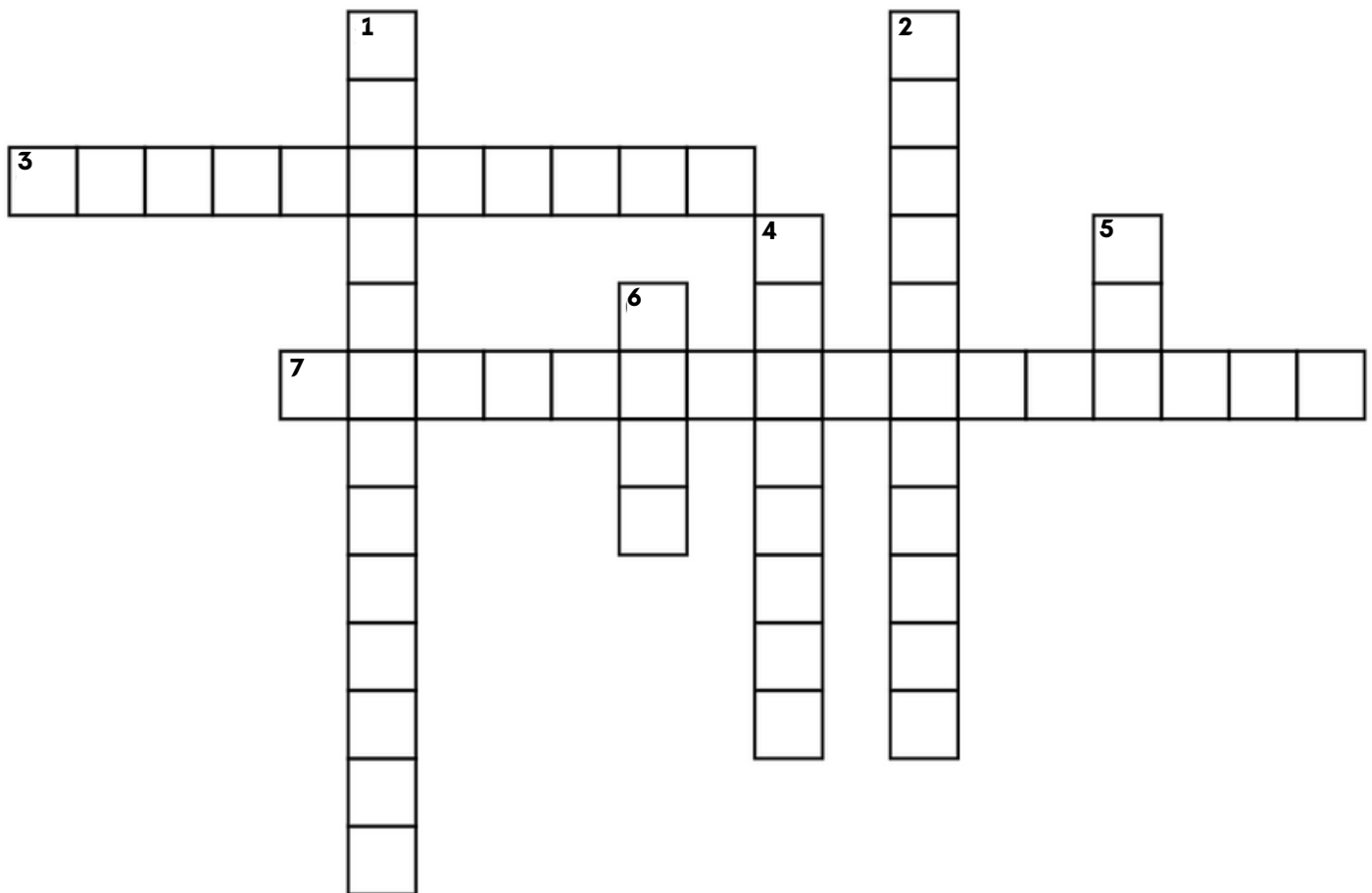
Did You Know?

A group of orcas is called a pod!

Killer Whale Crossword Puzzle!

What have you learned? Let's find out!

Fill out this crossword puzzle based on the information in this booklet.



DOWN:

1. The type of fish Southern Resident killer whales eat.
2. A way of telling killer whales apart.
4. The zone in the ocean where orcas live.
5. A group of orcas is called...
6. What orcas love to play in.

ACROSS:

3. Another word for humans taking too many fish.
7. The population of killer whales that this booklet is about! (Hint: What's their name?)

How You Can Help Southern Resident Killer Whales!

Southern Resident killer whales are endangered and in need of help! Even the smallest things matter. Heres some ways you can help!

1. Reduce plastic use

For example:

Instead of using plastic utensils, straws, or bags, use reusable/biodegradable alternatives. Such as metal utensils.

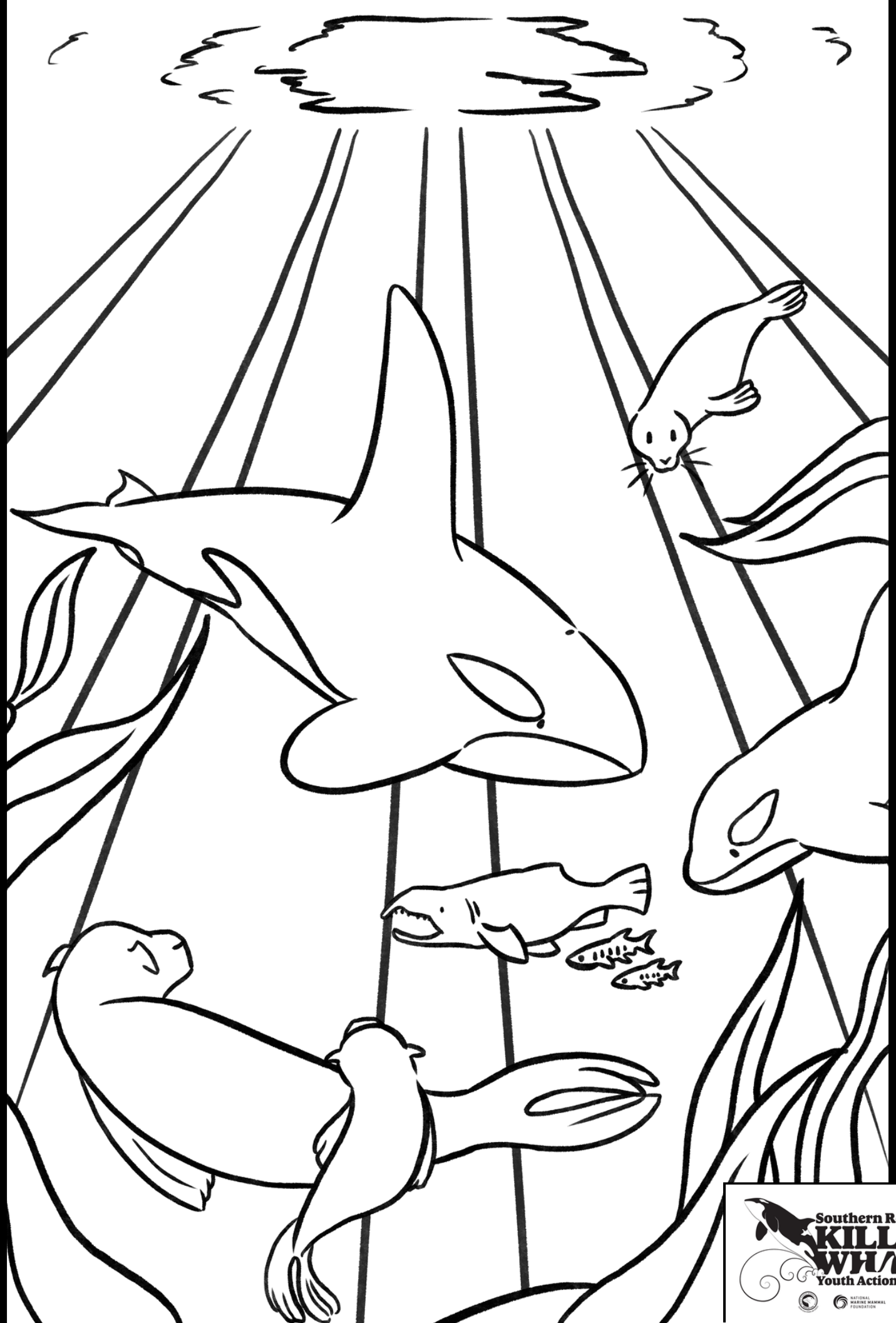
2. Use eco-friendly cleaning supplies

Instead of using toxic chemicals, these supplies use eco-friendly ingredients that reduce pollution, a main contributor to the decreasing population of Southern Resident Killer Whales.

3. Reduce carbon emmissions

Turning off lights when leaving a room, recycling, and saving energy are things that reduce carbon emissions. This helps with climate change.

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