Name _____

South Carolina Aquarium 3rd – 5th Grade Scavenger Hunt

The South Carolina Aquarium is designed to show you the habitats of South Carolina from the Mountains to the Sea. Enjoy your journey through our state!

The Great Hall



Draw a line from the name of each South Carolina region to the region's location on the map above.

What is the name of the ocean that borders South Carolina?

Draw a small circle on the map where your home is located. In what region do you live?

The Mountains

River Otter exhibit:

Name 2 body parts or behaviors that river otters have to help them survive (adaptations): 1.

2.

Are river otters producers or consumers? Explain your answer.

Piedmont *Piedmont River exhibit:* Why did scientists think that the Robust Redhorse was extinct?



Shifting Shorelines exhibit:

After studying the shifting shorelines exhibit and watching the map change, explain why fossilized shark's teeth can be found in the Coastal Plain region.

Coastal Plain

Brownwater Swamp and Blackwater Swamp exhibits:

(Producer)

What makes a Brownwater Swamp brown?	What makes a Blackwater Swamp black?

Carolina Bay exhibit:

Can you find an organism in this exhibit that is both a producer and a consumer? What is it and how can it be both a producer and consumer?

Alligator exhibit:

Create a Coastal Plain food chain by filling in the missing pieces.

(Apex Consumer)

Saltmarsh

Find one example of each of these groups. Draw a picture and name the organism.

Vertebrate	Invertebrate	Plant
(animal with a backbone)	(animal without a backbone)	

(Consumer)

Name 2 functions of a saltmarsh.

1.

2.

Coast

Camouflage exhibit:

Name one animal in this exhibit that uses camouflage. Why does it camouflage?

Sea Turtle exhibit:

List 2 differences between sea turtles and freshwater turtles (revisit the Mt. Bog exhibit to see freshwater turtles).

1.

2.

Ocean

Great Ocean Tank exhibit:

Draw a line to match the adaptation to the animal.

Adaptation	Animal
Body covered in slime so this animal can easily get in and out of the holes and crevices of rocks and reefs	Loggerhead Sea Turtle
Predator with a forked shape tail that allows it to swim fast in the open ocean	Porcupine Fish
This animal can triple its size to discourage predators	Green Moray Eel
Large flippers and hard body help to protect this animal from predators	Sandbar Shark

Wrap-up

Now that you have travelled through the state of South Carolina, list 3 things you can do to protect South Carolina habitats and the animals that live there.

1.

2.