

## Atlantic Ocean Drainage



### Leatherback Sea Turtle

(*Dermochelys coriacea*)

- 5 points – It can be deadly for me when I mistake your discarded plastic bags for my favourite food—jellyfish.
- 4 points – I am often found in summer off Nova Scotia and in the Gulf of St. Lawrence.
- 3 points – I am the world's largest reptile, and the rarest.
- 2 points – My name describes how my "shell" differs from that of other turtles.
- 1 point – (Show picture)

**"Life Lines":** Pick up litter. Support the Nova Scotia Leatherback Turtle Working Group ([www.seaturtle.ca](http://www.seaturtle.ca)).



### Atlantic Salmon (*Salmo salar*)

- 5 points – I am threatened by acid rain, pesticides, and sewage pollution in rivers, and by competition from fish-farm escapees.
- 4 points – I spend some of my adult life in the Atlantic Ocean, but begin and end my life in coastal rivers.
- 3 points – Anglers love to fish for me.
- 2 points – Unlike other similar species that often die after spawning, I return to the ocean immediately before winter or I remain in a stream until spring.
- 1 point – (Show picture)

**"Life Lines":** Avoid toxic cleaners. Encourage municipalities to properly treat sewage. Restore natural vegetation along a river or stream.



### Kelp (*Laminaria sp.*)

- 5 points – I am threatened by over-harvesting by humans, coastal pollution (primarily oil and sewage), and dredging in shallow coastal waters.
- 4 points – I collect energy from the sun.
- 3 points – Large numbers of my kind attach with our "holdfasts" to rocks in shallow water, creating ocean "forests."
- 2 points – I provide food and health food supplements to people.
- 1 point – (Show picture)

**"Life Lines":** Ensure your community properly treats sewage. Reduce your use of oil products. Limit your use of this ocean product.

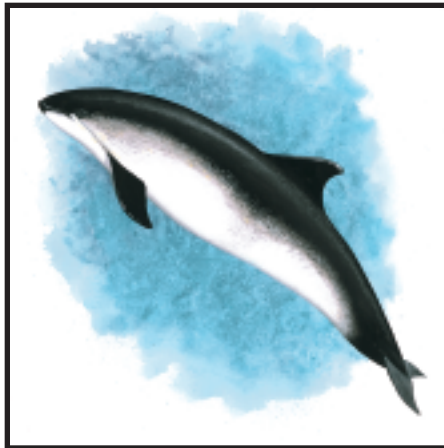


### Piping Plover

(*Charadrius melodus*)

- 5 points – Once over-hunted for my feathers (for hats), now I'm threatened by development and motorized traffic on beaches.
- 4 points – I need quiet beaches for nesting and raising my chicks.
- 3 points – I eat marine worms, crustaceans, and insects I pluck from the sand.
- 2 points – I'm an excellent flyer, but like to run along beaches.
- 1 point – (Show picture)

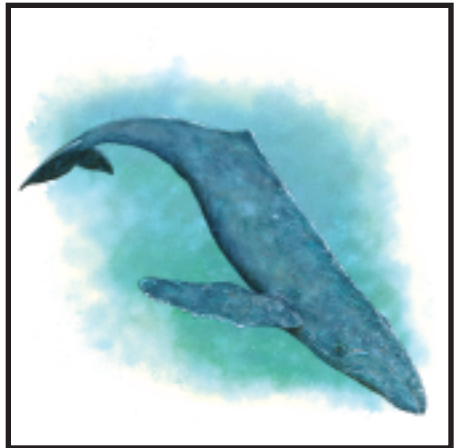
**"Life Lines":** Keep beaches clean. Don't let dogs and cats roam uncontrolled. Leave nesting plovers in peace. Keep beaches natural and undisturbed.



### Harbour Porpoise (*Phocoena phocoena*)

- 5 points – Being accidentally caught by commercial fisherman (bycatch), especially in bottom-set gill nets, has put me on the threatened list.
- 4 points – I inhabit shallow ocean waters on both coasts of North America.
- 3 points – You might find me feeding on small fish or squid. When young, I eat shrimp.
- 2 points – I am one of the world's smallest cetaceans (a marine mammal with a hairless body and a blowhole for breathing).
- 1 point – (Show picture)

**"Life Lines":** Ask for laws to control fishing methods. Look for the "dolphin friendly" logo on seafood packages.



### Blue Whale (*Balaenoptera musculus*)

- 5 points – I was over-hunted nearly to extinction by humans, but now my numbers are slowly increasing.
- 4 points – I roam all the oceans of the world, with largest populations in the North Atlantic (including the Gulf of St. Lawrence) and North Pacific.
- 3 points – I eat up to 4,000 kilograms a day of tiny plankton and krill (like shrimp).
- 2 points – I am the largest animal ever.
- 1 point – (Show picture)

**"Life Lines":** Help keep oceans clean by avoiding use of toxic cleaners, pesticides, and fertilizers at home and school.