

STELLER SEA LION



Conservation Status:
Endangered

Scientific Classification

Class: Mammalia

Order: Pinnipedia

Family: Otariidae

Genus: *Eumetopias*

Species: *jubatus*



FAST FACTS

Weight: 770 - 3,000 pounds
with males being larger than females

Length: 9 - 12 feet

Life Span: 20 years

Gestation: 9 months

Number of young: 1

Range: Northwestern California into Alaska's Bering Sea to the Bering Straits. They can also be found in areas around Russia and Japan.

Diet: Carnivore, eats fish, squid and octopus

DID YOU KNOW?

- Sea lions produce loud roars. This helps explain where the name sea lion originates from. Males of some sea lion species even grow manes around their necks!
- Marine mammals, like the sea lion, have a slower heart rate while diving. A sea lion's heart rate may average 95 beats per minute, but may slow to 20 beats per minute while diving. A slower heart rate allows them to conserve oxygen while under water.

Ecology & Conservation

Sea lions were once hunted for their skin and oil. At one time their whiskers were even used for pipe cleaners. Many populations of sea lions were wiped out because of this. Sea lions are now protected by the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 which made it illegal to hunt or harass any marine mammal in U.S. waters.