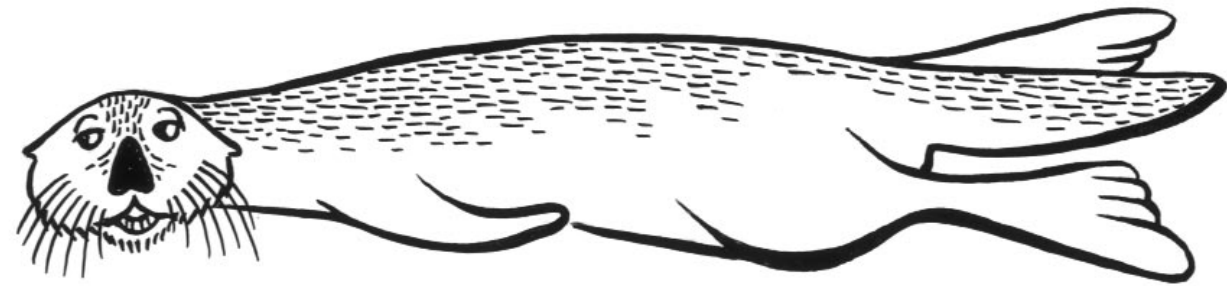
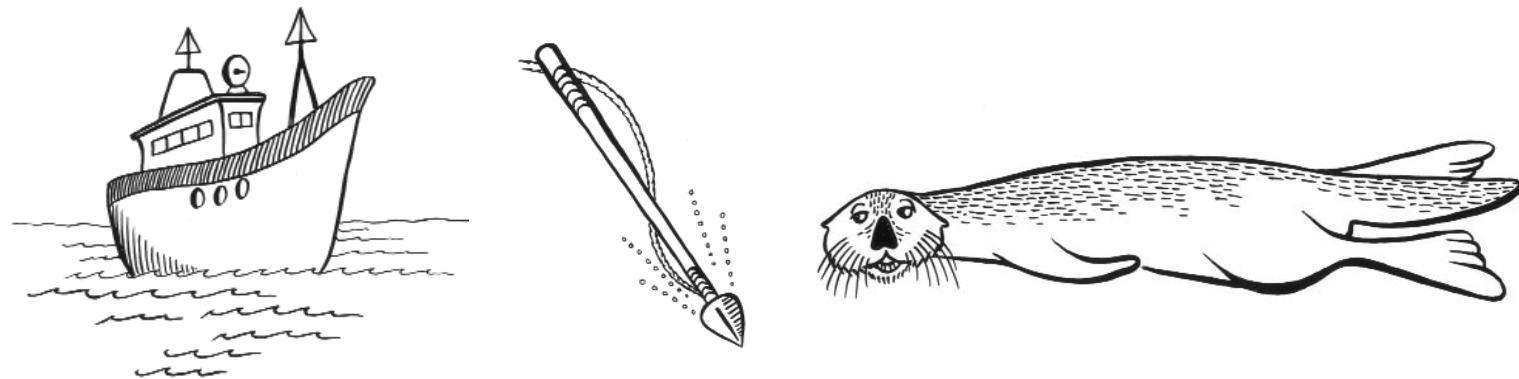


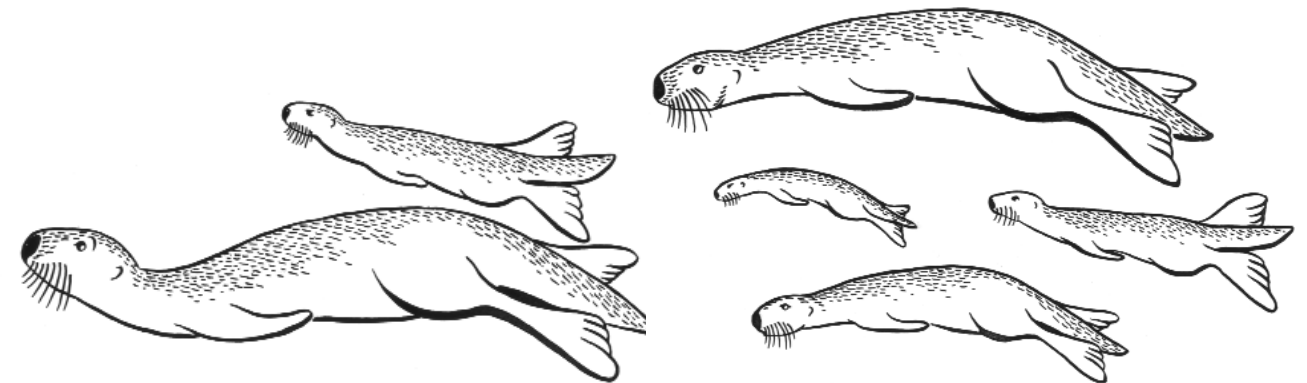
# SEA OTTERS IN PERIL



The sea otter, one of the most captivating of creatures, has endured more than a century of threats.



In the early 1900s, decimated by the spears and guns of hunters bent on turning them into fur coats and hats, sea otters almost became extinct.



They made a remarkable comeback only to face new dangers:



Pesticides and other toxins washed into the ocean from our farms and fields poison sea otters.



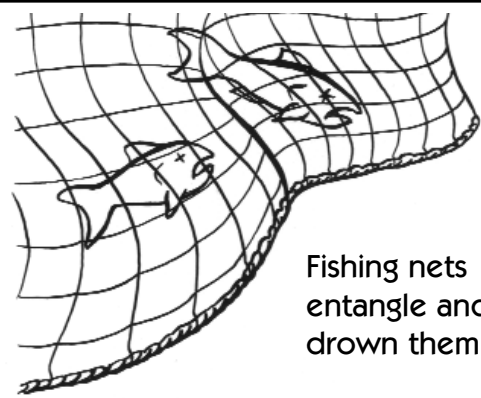
Disease — possibly spread by pet wastes carried into the sea by runoff and sewage — weakens and kills them.



Oil spills foul their fur, food and waters.



Fishermen who think sea otters are eating all the fish sometimes shoot them..

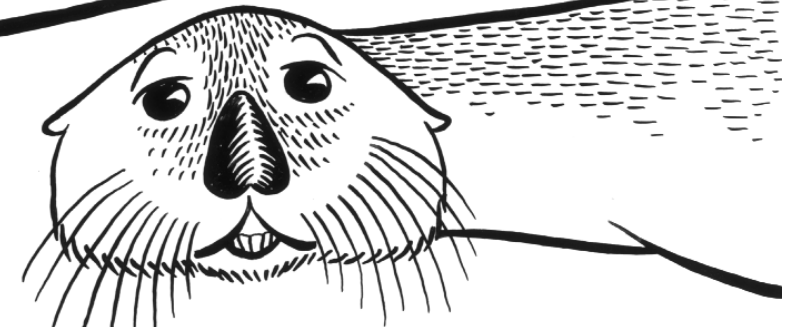


Fishing nets entangle and drown them.

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We must stop these threats to sea otters before it's too late.



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