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Words To Know

Ammocoete - (am-o-seat): Larval stage of the lamprey life cycle. The stage of the lamprey's life cycle that follows the hatching of eggs.

Anadromous - (a-nad-ro-mus): Fish that hatch and rear in fresh water, migrate to the ocean (salt water) to grow and mature, and migrate back to fresh water to spawn and reproduce.

Anticoagulant - (an-ti-co-ag-u-lant): A substance that hinders the clotting of blood.

Cartilage - (kahrt-l-ig): A tough, elastic, fibrous connective tissue found in various parts of the body, such as the joints and outer ear.

Macrophthalmia - (ma-crop-thal-mi-uh): The stage of the Pacific lamprey's life cycle during which migration to the ocean occurs.

Metamorphosis - (met-uh-mor-fuh-sis): The rapid transformation from the larval to the adult form that occurs in the life cycle of many animals similar to changing from a tadpole to a frog, or from a caterpillar to a butterfly.

Parasite - (par-uh-site): An animal or plant that lives in or on a host (another animal or plant); it obtains nourishment from the host without benefiting the host.



Words To Know (cont.)

Predator - (pred-uh-tuhr): An animal that eats other animals

Prey - (pray): An animal that is eaten by other animals

Smolt - (smOlt): A juvenile anadromous fish that has undergone physical changes to prepare for life in salt water.

Spawn - (spawn): The act of reproduction of fishes. The mixing of the sperm of a male fish and the eggs of a female fish.

Species - (spee-seez): A group of organisms that are capable of reproducing fertile offspring